**Vernon Speed Skating Club**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, March 12, 2018 @ 6:45pm at Kaltire Place, Vernon, BC**

In Attendance: Board Members – Diana Hall, Tony Benn, Eric Miller, Ian Stewart

Motion to call the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Adoption of Agenda: Tony Benn; second: Ian Stewart

Previous Minutes were read: Diana Hall

New Business -- Open Discussion:

Awards – division into two categories: Review of the awards and best options were discussed to determine the awards that would be separated into two categories. It was determined that Most Improved and Most Dedicated would be best to have both a L2T and a T2T recipient. Vote passed, all in favour; none opposed. Highest Achievement and Sportsmanship were reviewed as well, but were determined to be something more for a larger club membership base. Vote to postpone separation of these awards until numbers grow, all in favour; none opposed. Points for certain award determination was recognized by the Board as more suitable option versus subjective selection. Therefore, the Board voted all in favour; none opposed, for the present coaches: Tony and Mike, to develop a point system that works, moving into the future.

Mats: Discussion on the mat issue with respect to parent volunteers not stepping up to help set up and take down. It was identified from one coach that perhaps a no mats = no practice policy should be implemented. Ian asked how this would be if one parent showed up to help. Would the entire job be placed on this one parent? It was determined that a large, capital letters, in block font, and bold on the Parent Information Sheet, as well as, same on the Volunteer sign up sheet would be implemented, and the volunteer fee would include the participation of mat support at practices. All in favour; none opposed.

Financials – volunteer pay out: Discussion on the amount of volunteer pay out determined $1100. This led to further discussion about amount of money available to consider for other things. It was determined that if a rocker, for $3000, was purchased this year then no other expenditures can be made. Discussion around the purchase of the rocker led to having Diana talk to Mike about this equipment for further insight, and therefore discussion was tabled for the next meeting. Discussion around tax receipts for the fitness tax credit determined that there are no longer the program available and tax receipts are not necessary this year. Also, our fundraising amounts were revealed and it was determined that our Skate-a-thon is our best event. Eric suggested maybe combining two different fundraisers at the Funale since people will be available to buy. An idea for further consideration.

Trophy Case: It was discussed to figure out what to do with our Trophy case at Priest Valley Arena. It was determined to leave it there until we review our new arena at Kaltire. However, Tony and Eric said that they would go over to Priest Valley and change the lock, put up our new poster, and clean it up.

Coaching Expenses: Discussion continued from our previous meeting regarding the need for our club to cover coach expenses, and proper recognition of our coaches. This resulted in determining priorities with the purchase of the rocker. Ian stated that there is no money at this time to incur the expense or commitment to an expense to pay coaches. Diana mentioned the distractibility away from prioritizing coach expenses leading to focus in other directions, and therefore never approaching a solution to pay coaches. Eric would like to look at a recorded hourly report of time spent on coaching to determine a value toward payment. This discussion has been tabled for the next meeting and the determination of the purchase of the rocker, which would make available the funds to pay coaches.

Membership Fee Increase: It was discussed that there should be a 3% increase in fees next season to offset the cost of the increase in ice fees from Kaltire Place. A vote passed, all in favour; none opposed, to increase the fees by 3%.

Black out Dates: This means NO SKATE DAYS Modified Dates:

Sept 13, 15 Wed. Jan. 31 – 4:30-5:30pm

Oct 27 Wed. Feb. 7 – 4:30-5:30pm

Nov 15, 17, 24

Feb 2, 16

Mar 2

Elite Fridays: This means Elite skate on these Fridays only; all other Fridays are travel days to competitions.

Oct 6, 13

Nov 3

Dec 8, 15, 22

Jan 5, 26

AGM – April 4th to avoid conflict with spring break.

Open Floor – no new items

Date of Next Meeting: TBD after AGM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25pm

Fundraiser events: Dates to come:

Pizza Cards – September sell Try It Day Sept 20

Meat Orders – October & February Skate-a-thon Dec 4

Skate-a-thon – November sell Family Skate Dec 20

Fundscrip – Nov/Dec sell Last Day X-mas Dec 22

Funale Family Basket raffle -- January First Day back Jan 3

50/50 Funale – February Silverstar Jan 28 Funale Feb 10

Last skate day of season Mar 14

AGM – April 4