Vernon Speedskating Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 10th 2017

Boston Pizza

**In attendance:** Diana Hall, Eric Miller, Emma McGinty, Ian Stewart, Tony Benn.

**Motion to call to order at 19:21** by Diana Hall

**Adoption of the agenda:** - Tony Benn

**Review of minutes from 2017 AGM:** Motion to accept the minutes – Eric Miller.

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Issue/Decision** | **Action/Due Date** |
| 1 | Policy for skater Subsidy. | Issue: The policy for skater subsidy needs to be amended to prevent misinterpretation: * Subsidy will be paid for days of competition only that the skater skates.
* If the skater, by no fault of their own is unable to skate their intended competition days (either because of injury or stronger competition) will remain eligible for the full competition subsidy.
* Any exceptions to the policy will be determined by the board on a case-by-case basis upon request of the competitor’s family.
 | **Diana** Will draft policy amendment for ratification by the board.(June 8th 2017)  |
| 2 | Funale/Interclub dates. | Issue: Kal Tire place is unavailable on 3rd February for the Funale/Interclub, the 10th February is Family’s Day weekend which was determined by members to be less convenient at the AGM.* The Funale/Interclub will take place on February 17th at Kal Tire Place.
 | **Peter** Please confirm booking/availability with KTP.(June 8th 2017) |
| 3 | BCSSA/SSC Fees. | Issue: BCSSA/SSC are increasing fees this year. This will make the total annual cost of the speedskating program less attractive especially to newcomers.* The club will provide a breakdown of fees and separate club fees from BCSSA/SSC fees.
 | **Diana**Will draft a new registration form detailing the breakdown of fees for ratification by the board.(June 8th 2017) |
| 4 | Membership Drive. | Issue: Membership is lower than the club would like with respect to long-term financial self-sustainment as well as the promotion of the sport of speed skating.* The club will pay for and place 3 banners in town to promote the club. Subject to permissions and cost these banners will be placed at: MacDonald Park, Kal Beach, Intersection at Venture.
 | **Tony**Will confirm with bylaw that the cost is $25/4 months to post banners. **Eric**Will approach a local company about the design and content of the banners to optimize campaign.(June 8th 2017) |
| 5 | Club dates. | The club’s notable dates are:* September 20th - Try-it Day
* December 16th – Skate-a-Thon
* December 21st – Last skate of 2017
* January 8th – First skate of 2018
* February 17th – Funale/Interclub
* March 15th – Last skate of season
* April 4th – AGM/Awards

Fundraising will be carried out during the following months:* October – Meat Orders
* December – Skate-a-Thon/Fundscrip
* January - Funale Family Baskets
* February – Meat Orders
* March - Fundscrip
 | **Tracy** **Everyone/Emma****Everyone****Tracy****Emma** |
| 6 | Funtastic/Intact/Gaming Grant. | Issue: The club has received $3500 in grant funds from Funtastic to purchase new mats. The club do not currently know how much storage will be made available once the new facility has been built at KTP.It has also very generously received an anonymous private donation of approximately $2000 to spend on the maintenance/growth of the club.The club needs to provide quotes for equipment in order to successfully apply for grants. | **Tony**confirm the cubic measurements for storage in the new facility once built to ensure we will be able to store the mats. **Mike** Get quotes for skates needed by the club.**Tony** Get quotes for new mat system**.**(June 8th 2017) |
| 7 | Financials moving forward | The Treasurer has decided that it is an unnecessary hassle to change the fiscal year end to April 30 and has elected to continue with the March 31st year end. |  |
| 8 | New registration Form. | A refund policy has been added to the parent info form. |  |
| 9 | Equipment management. | Issue: In order to properly maintain its equipment and fully comply with insurance, the club must:* make a full stock count
* label skates/mats
* draft a sign out sheet for all equipment
* Create a special event waiver
 | **Tony****Tony****Tony****Diana**(June 8th 2017) |
| 10 | Skating ability groups. | Issue: Skaters that qualify for Elite but (for many good reasons) elect not to register for Elite could produce an increased safety risk when training alongside skaters firmly placed within the Competitive and Recreational ability groupings. * Clarify policy at BCSSA and investigate why insurance is increased for Elite vs Competitive. With a view to changing club guidance upon the following outcomes:
	+ If Insurance is based on the amount of time the skater is expected to be on the ice (greater the time on ice = greater chance of an accident.) then the club will likely opt to ask faster skaters to train with the Elite group but only twice a week as per competitive schedule.
	+ If insurance is based on the speed of the skater (the faster the skater goes = greater the chance of accident) then the club will likely use previous recorded race times (if available) to determine the level of insurance the skater requires. The skater will skate alongside the Elite stream athletes for as many times per week as they are able.

A decision will be made based on the findings at the next board meeting. | **Diana**(June 8th 2017)Agenda Item |
| 11 | Club website | Issue: The website has served the club well but now needs to be updated.* The club will investigate the costs and benefit of hiring a professional designer.
 | **Eric**(June 8th 2017) |

**Date for next meeting:** June 8th at 7pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** **at 20:50**