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## MFSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 8, 2007

### 2006-2007 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (present if checked):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Asiala                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Klier – President   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denise Baker               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Shuff                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Block – Treasurer    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Ward – Vice President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Hutchison – Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Westphal             |

GUESTS: Duane Boswell, Karen Boswell, Teri Haag, Kris Hallett, June Turley

MFSC President, Nancy Klier, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Judy Hutchison presented the meeting minutes from the December 11, 2006 Board meeting.

**MOTION:** Lisa Asiala moved to accept the minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Anne Shuff and approved unanimously

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Cindy Block presented year to date revenue and expenses, as well as copies of the current check register. No action required.

### GOVERNING COUNCIL

Delegate registration forms have been received from the USFS for the 2007 Governing Council Meeting in May in Reno.

**ACTION ITEM:** Send out broadcast note and put item on the website to ask for volunteers to be MFSC delegates to USFS.

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve delegate nominations at the February Board meeting in order to meet the 2/13/07 registration deadline.

### RECOGNITION REQUEST

Hedi Allis submitted a request asking that Cilla Jones be recognized for her long-standing contributions to MFSC.

**ACTION ITEM:** Judy Hutchison will check previous minutes to see if this request has been received previously. Board will determine appropriate recognition at the February Board meeting.

### BID PACKETS

Ann Ward presented a request to submit a bid to host the 2009 Eastern Great Lakes Regionals Competition (held October 2008). MFSC has bid twice previously and received complimentary comments to our proposal. Creation of the 2009 bid proposal will require minimal rework to the previous proposal.

- MOTION:** Lisa Asiala moved to approve the creation of a bid packet for the 2009 EGL Regionals Competition; the motion was seconded by Denise Baker and approved unanimously.
- ACTION ITEM:** Ann Ward will contact Ann Arbor FSC to get any available budget/details from them. She will present the bid packet for approval at the March Board meeting (the bid packet is due April 20<sup>th</sup>).

#### **SUPPORT FOR SYNCH NATIONALS:**

Hedi Allis submitted a request for support for Sectionals registration fees on behalf of the Turning Points.

- MOTION:** Denis Baker moved to approve \$500 to cover the Turning Points' registration fees for Sectionals; the motion was seconded by Ann Ward and approved unanimously.

#### **SUPPORT FOR REGIONALS COMPETITORS**

- ACTION ITEM:** Nancy Klier will send an email to the Booster Club (Eline Morabito) to determine recognition/support for competitors who attended regionals (historically \$50).
- ACTION ITEM:** Cindy Block will check the budget to determine amount and classification for support for Regionals competitors.

#### **SPRING EXHIBITION**

Kris Hallett asked to coordinate a Spring Exhibition. Denise Baker has asked Jim Morgan for ice times available for an April/May Sunday evening.

- ACTION ITEM:** Denise Baker will present available dates at the February Board meeting.

#### **SCHEDULING OF ANNUAL MEETING**

- ACTION ITEM:** Nancy Klier will check with the Sky Room for available dates (targeting the end of April)
- ACTION ITEM:** Nancy Klier will contact Fran Santoro for a description of activities required to host the Annual Meeting.
- ACTION ITEM:** Nancy Klier will provide this list to Judy Hutchison to post on the website and broadcast to the membership requesting volunteers.

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

5 Board positions will be voted upon at the annual meeting (4 two-year positions and 1 one-year position). Cindy Block volunteered to create/chair a Nominating Committee for Board approval at the February Board meeting. Ann Ward disagreed with that request.

- ACTION ITEM:** Anne Shuff will present a Nominating Committee to the Board for approval at the February Board meeting.

#### **SUMMER ICE SCHEDULE UPDATE**

Substantial input from the coaches was received prior to the creation of the proposed Summer School schedule. On behalf of the Ice Committee, Denise Baker presented a draft proposal for summer school schedule (the calendar does not include STARS or off-ice). The change in Midland Public Schools schedule to start after Labor Day allows the Summer School program to be expanded to 10 weeks.

- ACTION ITEM:** Board input on this schedule is requested by 1/15.
- ACTION ITEM:** The Ice Committee will meet with the coaches to discuss Board feedback, incorporate any feasible requests, and bring a finalized Summer Schedule to the February Board meeting for approval.

#### **LATE WINTER REGISTRATIONS**

The majority of registration forms have been received and the Later Winter session appears it will break even. At this point, no ice sessions will need to be cut for the Late Winter session.

**ACTION ITEM:** A broadcast communication will be sent to the membership stating that no sessions will be cancelled for Late Winter.

**ACTION ITEM:** A broadcast communication will be sent to the membership stating that skaters who receive a Moves lesson on the Monday dance session will be allowed to stay on that session after the conclusion of their lesson to practice moves or dance (no freeski allowed). This change is only applicable for those students who receive a Moves lesson on that session. Kris Hallett will notify the Board if this becomes disruptive to the Dance aspect of that session.

### **NATIONAL SKATING MONTH EVENT**

January is National Skating Month – the USFS is sending packet which should arrive before 1/13. MFSC will target to host a public event January 27 or 28.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lisa Asiala will talk to Jim Morgan to determine options for ice.

### **BYLAWS REVISION**

The Board needs to determine action items and a timeline of events for implementing revised Bylaws. Cindy Block volunteered to do a benchmarking review of other clubs' rules late in March. She stated the USFS template is not tailored to MFSC and objected to its use in the proposed bylaws. June Turley distributed a summary of 19 major changes from the current Constitution/Bylaws.

**ACTION ITEM:** The Board will present a timeline and plan of action at the February Board meeting.

### **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Ann Ward recapped the May 2005 Strategic Planning Session, hosted by Joy Buchanan who organized Board/coaches/members/chairs in a session led by a professional facilitator. The results of that meeting were the following priorities:

1. Grow the club
  - a. Learn to Skate
  - b. Increase % to club ice
  - c. Improve retention
2. Grow financial wherewithal (fundraising)

The 2006-2007 Board and guests brainstormed ideas for strategic development planning and determined the following top priorities demand primary Board focus for the remainder of the year.

- Morale
- Membership
- Fund Raising
- Move from fighting fires and towards support of skating programs

**ACTION ITEM:** The Board will meet once a month to brainstorm proposed action items for these defined priorities. The first meeting will be held on January 23 (12-1pm) at Lisa Asiala's house

**MOTION:** Nancy Klier moved to close the meeting to the public at 8:55pm; the motion was seconded by Judy Hutchison and approved unanimously.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 12 AT 7:00 p.m.**