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## MFSC BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 14, 2008

### **2007-2008 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (present if checked):**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Klier – President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Duane Boswell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Chamberlain – Vice President  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Morabito |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Ward – Treasurer   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Passeno   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant - Secretary                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna Ronan   |

**GUESTS:** Sue Bakke, Karen Boswell, Laura Colsia, Glenn Hallett, Julie Kramer, Eline Moribito, June Turley, Ann Ward, Fran Santoro

MFSC President, Nancy Klier, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**MOTION:** Accept the unrestricted minutes from the November meeting as submitted was made by Ray Passeno with second by Doug Ward. There was a call to approve the December board minutes as submitted – Ray Passeno moved with second by Nancy Klier. Approved unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nancy Klier will send out a copy of the action item list to all members that have been appointed action items. Each responsible person shall drive completion of the action item or submit to Nancy an new date to complete by.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Doug Ward presented the report (see attached). The current report includes basic skills group lessons and practice ice sessions. The report indicates we are moving in a positive direction. Club losses for the current year are now at \$15,629 with the anticipated budget for Winter session they are projecting a gain of \$10,529 which places the club at a loss of \$5,100 at the end of Winter session.
- The finance committee has met three times so far. Things are going well and receiving good input.
- Our current club balance is \$17,037.96 which compares to previous years as a normal carrying account balance.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

- Paul Morabito and Duane Boswell will lead the effort as board members. Currently working on selection of three non-board members and reviewing the nomination process.
- *ACTION: Duane will send the names of three non-board members that will comprise the nominating committee to the board.*

## **ICE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- June Turley presented the ice committee report (see attached)
- Currently dealing with the issue of a cancelled ice time (January 11) that was not communicated to the club. Many people showed up to skate. It was suggested that if the City was enforcing their 10 day notification policy for cancellations then they should also follow the policy.
- Eline Morabito requested asked if the ice committee will be setting up off-ice sessions for the summer. This was identified as a task for CPI as the club has operated in the past. Eline additionally requested that the CPI and Ice Committee consider sending out the notice of Off-Ice class options with the General Ice request.
- Duane Boswell questioned why the Ice Committee is shutting down ice the week Midland schools are on break but not when other schools take Easter break. Asked if the Ice Committee knows the demographics of the Club since we seem to be giving those members who are in the Midland school system a break on ice while those outside of Midland schools end up losing.
- *ACTION: Nancy Klier to survey the club to determine which Spring break most skaters will be on to understand the impact to our skaters.*
- *ACTION: Ice Committee will use the survey data to determine what weeks ice should be cancelled and replaced with City Ice.*
- *ACTION: Ice Committee to request Jumps & Spins and City Ice to be scheduled late in the day/early evening during the scheduled breaks.*
- *The Ice Committee is in the process of determining summer school operation. They plan on having a finalized schedule in early March.*
- *ACTION: CPI to set up a coaches meeting for the Ice Committee to gather coaches input for summer school.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was a request for the board to approve funds for an external hard drive and firewire to store video and audio information gathered from MCTV. Paul Morabito offered to donate an external hard drive to the Club. Thank you Paul!
- Julie Krammer presented a fundraising idea to the board. The Cheer Team worked the picnic and concessions area at the Great Lakes Loons and felt this was a great opportunity for MFSC. She volunteered to be the contact person for the Club and Great Lake Loons and arrange for dates in which the Club could work the picnic area. Volunteers serve people that eat in the picnic area. Need 14 volunteers, no alcohol is served in this area, would need to work from 5:30 till 9:00PM typically.
- MOTION: Nancy Klier moved that the Club support this fund raising effort to provide service at the Great Lakes Loons picnic area. The volunteer opportunities will be offered to Basic Skills and Club members and time/dollars earned to be used as ice credits for club members, Basic Skills tuition, sync ice, or other club expenses. Julie Kramer to serve as the Great Lakes Loons fundraising chair. Paul Morabito seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- MOTION: Nancy Klier moved to approve funds up to \$150.00 to reimburse the cost of the holiday buffet provided to the rink personnel on behalf of the club with the idea that next year a call to general club membership to donate food for this purpose. Paul Morabito seconded; motion carried unanimously. NOTE that this good will has been received well by the rink personnel and they are very appreciative of the meal.

## **BASIC SKILLS REPORT:**

- Donna Ronan presented that the Basic Skills is through the first week of this session. Currently had 58 students on Sunday with several adults and hockey type students. Tuesday night currently has 32 registered skaters with anticipate additional walk-in registrations this week.
- Basic Skills is currently determining the Spring session class structure, when to schedule breaks, and other issues. Planning a committee meeting to be held within two weeks.
- The shared practice ice sessions are expected to generate more revenue as it is being offered to club members at a reduced rate. This is a low level free style session which does allow beginner dance. It also keeps flexibility for those basic skills skaters who seek more ice time and lends itself as a bridging session. Waiting to see how the Jan 25 sign-ups are before making final ice determination concerning cancellations.
- Home school program has a low enrollment currently. This may be due to the fact that several past skaters are now signed up for a 4 week skiing program. Donna to work with Sue Passeno to determine what the anticipated enrollment would be after the skiing session. Note that the skating session is treated as gym credits for these home schoolers.

#### **CPI REPORT**

- Karen Boswell presented the report (see attached).
- There seems to be an issue with coaches not communicating opportunities to their primary skaters. The CPI will remind the coaches that communication is key to their coaching role.
- *ACTION: CPI will send the draft of the new grievance procedures to the board prior to the next scheduled board meeting.*

#### **COMPETITION COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Ann Ward presented the report for the Competition Committee (see attached)
- We have five teams registered from Canada
- Working with the City and Fast Ice to get the mezzanine area set up electrically (lights and outlets) for hospitality area
- We will not be allowing skate bags in the stands or lobby area – area inside of the South rink will be used for bag storage.
- Committee will issue arm bands to indicate paying attendees.
- We have a total of 17 officials with two flying in from out of state (total expense of \$700.00. The committee had budgeted for two nights of stay for all officials however with the event ending around 3:30 anticipate most officials will leave immediately after the event.
- A total of \$8,230 is the anticipated profit before volunteer credits.
- Need about 20 volunteers per shift for Saturday and 10 volunteers for Friday night. A total of 250 total volunteer hours is required to make the event successful.
- Ann presented a proposal for volunteer credits (see attached).
- *MOTION:* Duane Boswell moved that the volunteer proposal submitted by the competition committee for Tri-State Synchronized Championship be supported as written. Doug Ward seconded and motion was approved unanimously.
- Don Korte has agreed to be the Midland FSC web master for the 2009 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Competition to be hosted by Midland.

#### **CPI BUSINESS OVERLOOKED:**

- Laura Colsia brought forth a proposal to hold a Grassroots to Champions (G2C) in Midland. She has been in contact with Audrey Wessinger who indicated she would be available the last weekend in May. There are no other G2C seminars scheduled in Michigan for 2008. It would be a seven hour seminar with three presenters and one additional day for private lessons. Seminar is limited to 60 people however, if there is greater interest it can be expanded to a four presenter seminar.
- *ACTION:* Since the rink is typically closed on the weekends during Spring, need the Ice Committee to contact the City and see if it is possible to hold on the last Saturday and Sunday in May (note that Memorial weekend would have been the previous weekend).

Paul Morabito moved to close the meeting.. Nancy Klier seconded. All in favor – public meeting closed at 8:50PM