

MFSC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2010
Midland Civic Arena

Board members present: Anne Shuff, Amy Wilkins, Sue Bakke, Jeannine Horny, Julie Kramer, Joy Buchanan

Board members absent: Bill Bartlett, Cathy Hadd

Members present: Duane Boswell, Kris Hallett, Denise Baker

The meeting was called to order by Anne Shuff at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting were approved and will be placed on the MFSC website.

Treasurer - Sue Bakke presented the June treasurer's report, followed by Sue Bakke and Anne Shuff presenting the proposed budget for 2010-2011, which generated much discussion. It was moved by Sue Bakke and seconded by Jeannine Horny to approve the 2010-2011 budget with the following changes:

- Fundraising would net \$5,000 in income
- Testing would break even financially
- The Post Office box would be eliminated

The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the approved budget and the June treasurer's report will be posted on the MFSC website. (Viewers of the June treasurer's report are asked to keep in mind that our fiscal year which ends April 30, does not match our membership year, which ends June 30, so some of the dollars do not reflect the current state of financial affairs.)

Ice Committee - Denise Baker presented the summer ice schedule, for which 29 Midland and two Mt. Pleasant skaters are registered. The Club has been able to offer more 60-minute sessions and more shared sessions, which helps the economic outlook for the Club. The Board showed enthusiasm for the numbers of skaters and Denise's ability to keep the ice sessions scheduled with the Club's financial interests in mind.

Basic Skills Update – Kris Hallett informed the Board that summer enrollment was down. She also indicated that the Fall program would be the same 50 minute slot, but there will be 30 minutes for a group lesson and then 20 minutes of shared club ice, where private lessons could be offered.

There is now a newsletter for Basic Skills and a more active website. Promotional activities will take place for the fall sessions, parochial schools in Midland have been approached about using skating as a gym opportunity, and there will be greater emphasis on recognition of progress to keep skaters/parents engaged.

Competition Committee – Duane Boswell indicated that MFSC was not awarded Tri-State Synchro competition, but that the Club was in the final round of three considered, so is well-positioned for approval at next year’s selection event.

MFSC will be placing a bid for Adult Nationals (400-600 skaters) on July 23, 2010 for an April 2011 event. Ice is available then, but we need to provide an additional 250 seats from what we have today. Duane will work with Fast Ice on that need.

Karen Boswell has been named to the Tri-States Competition Committee and is secretary of the Detroit Metro Council.

CPI Update – Duane Boswell presented new coach contracts, which will be implemented this year. Changes in wording for the Coach contract include:

“The MFSC Board of Directors limits dollar amount of (financial) assistance (for education) relative to resources available, and has set a limit of \$150 per coach for this contract year. Any violation of Relationship with other Clubs will cause forfeiture of reimbursement.”

“MFSC Coaches may provide instruction at other skating club rinks and will strive to service MFSC needs only when conflicts occur. Coaching at the Midland Civic Arena will be for MFSC only. It is understood that commitments made by a coach, as an independent contractor, must be honored. Availability for 50% of MFSC Club Ice and for a minimum of one day of Learn-to-Skate is desired. Priority for coaching MFSC skaters will be on MFSC ice. Other skating club/organization jackets may not be worn on MFSC ice while teaching or representing MFSC.”

A motion to approve these changes was made by Julie Kramer and seconded by Sue Bakke.

Changes for the ASI contract include:

“Instructors who wish to give private lessons must purchase personal liability insurance and submit to the MFSC proof of 40 hours of lesson observations with UFSC registered coaches and proof of insurance. Instructors who do submit documentation and receive approval from the MFSC board may give private lessons only to MFSC basic skills skaters on basic skills ice. Private coaching fees are capped at \$24/hour.”

“MFSC Instructors may provide classes at other skating club rinks and will strive to service MFSC needs only when conflicts occur. Coaching at the Midland Civic Arena will be for MFSC only. It is understood that commitments made by an instructor, as an independent contractor, must be honored. Availability for a minimum of one day of Learn-to-Skate is desired. Priority for coaching MFSC skaters will be on MFSC ice. Other skating club/organization jackets may not be worn on MFSC ice while teaching or representing MFSC.”

A motion to approve these changes was made by Joy Buchanan and seconded by Sue Bakke.

In addition, CPI has prepared a new, two-page coach evaluation form they plan to use this year is coach reviews.

Testing Committee – Julie Kramer and Anne Shuff confirmed there will be no testing in August. The judges are committed. Julie will meet with all parties involved to set two to three test dates in the future and begin work to develop.

New Business – Anne Shuff presented her committee chair slate, which will be posted on the MFSC website. A motion to approve committee chairs was made by Sue Bakke and seconded by Amy Wilkins.

Old Business – Anne Shuff made a motion that the Mandatory fundraising for MFSC be \$100 per member family and the mandatory volunteer time be 10 hours (4 hours of which will be dedicated to Skate Midland) per member family. This was unanimously approved by the MFSC Board.

Those individuals serving as a board member or committee member, and coaches are excluded from the voluntary hours.

Everyone, except coaches, is responsible for fundraising, which is key to helping the club survive.

Finally, there will be a sign posted in the locker room for individuals (skaters included) to take turns cleaning (twice per month) the locker/bathroom. These hours count towards your family's volunteer requirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

*Email votes approving unanimously the following two items were conducted on May 14, 2010:

- Danielle Morabito was approved as an ASI, and
- Chris Handt was awarded an ice credit for the time she was unable to skate.