

## **TRF Skating Club Minutes – 11/9/09**

**Present:** Kevin Johnson, Kimberly Idland, Lisa Semanko, Teresa Johnson, Nancy Sturgeon, Pat Brickson

**Absent:** Teresa Audette, Deanna Peterson, Heidi Holmer, Heidi Carlson

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve Teresa, second Pat

**Treasurer's Report:** Heidi was ill and unable to attend. Report will be given next meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Executive**

#### **Banquet**

#### **Fund Raising**

#### **Lettering**

- Keeping track of the number of hours skated has been a problem in the past and we need a better solution. In the past skaters would wait too long to record their hours and would often forget what was done.
- Lisa suggested trying to make sure we have a rink monitor every morning. We could have a binder or clipboard that this person could use to keep track of the time the skaters spend on the ice. This person could also change music for skaters so they would not have to waste time getting on & off the ice.
- Who could we get to do this? Possibly have a sign up sheet for the parents of the Advanced Skaters. Another option might be to find someone consistent to do this for a small stipend or a break on fees.
- Put lettering forms on the web.

#### **Synchronized Team**

#### **Ice Show**

#### **Competition**

#### **Publicity**

- Put meeting minutes on the website except regarding financials.
- Some people came to the registration with forms printed from the old site. Not quite sure how they made this link. The reatrf.com website seems to only point to the domain which now points at the new site. This may have been an issue with cache not being flushed on certain users' computers. Should renew after a period of time.

### **Old Business**

1. **Coaches:** Lost Sara because of family commitments.
  - o Would prefer not to pull Deanna into this because of her role as Basic Skills Director. Might not be able to help off-ice as much. Other coaches are concerned about getting pulled from the ice for questions.
    - Lisa suggested Zoe & Nicole coach Snowplow to make up for that. Need to make sure that they're forceful enough to deal with parents.

- Maybe they could do Snowplow 2/3 groups where the kids don't need their parents on the ice. Snowplow 1 tends to get a lot of parent stress because their kids have never been on the ice before.
    - Probably get more junior coaches to help them out.
  - Another option might be to increase the class size to 15 and have junior coaches assist. Problem is that we promised to keep class sizes to under 10 kids. Possibly send Snowplow parents an e-mail describing the problem we had in losing a coach.

## 2. Basic Skills

- Accelerated
  - Need to cut about three people according to an e-mail from Deanna. Original intent was to keep this number to 15 skaters.
  - The coaches have some concern that some kids aren't ready to work on these skills. Also about whether parents understand the intention of Accelerated: getting kids ready to travel and compete.
- Testing
  - There were some problems with parents signing their kids up for levels that they had not yet passed. It would be nice to create test forms that we could keep track of so we know where the kids are at.
  - Kimberly suggested creating test forms that the coaches can keep track of. Probable cost of this is \$25 for 250 copies.
  - Motion to make test forms. Lisa made a motion to approve, Teresa second.
- The Board would like to offer online registration next year
  - Might save a lot of logistical headaches and also save us from having to track down bad checks.

## 3. Ice show

- At the REA on March 20-21.
- All practices will be at the Huck.
- Kevin mentioned that we may need to get some volunteers to help pull the floor from the REA which will be in because of basketball tournaments the previous few weeks.
- Kevin is getting bids for lighting from a company in Minneapolis. Trying to get measurements of lights needed.
- Theme is "Hometown Heroes".
- Kimberly & Deanna looked at costumes and thought there were a lot of good costumes.
- Fire on Ice Synchro team will be able to be here.
  - Will need 9-10 families for them to stay with. This is two people per family. They will fly into GF on Thursday. Probably will need four rental cars.
  - Age of the skaters is 15-20 years old.
  - We've been asked to help pay for hotel rooms for team managers.
  - Kimberly's sister would like the team to do some volunteering in the community. Possibly have some tie in to the food shelf.

- Maybe have a meet & greet with them prior to the Saturday & Sunday show.

## **New Business**

### **1. Testing and Basic Skills Competition**

- Not sure if we'll have the ice to do this because it would be so late. Almost into May before we'd have time for this. Maybe have to forego it this year but continue to do it in the future.
- Possibly a Basic Skills Competition on a Sunday afternoon. Kevin thinks he could get this squared away. One problem is trying to find enough open ice to let the kids practice for this.
- Possibly a middle of the summer test session. Ice will come out of the Huck in July for frost reasons and because of the fair.

### **2. Storage room at the REA**

- We've been kicked out of the existing room.
- Kevin asked what was stored in the concession stands at the Huck. Might be able take a couple of these. They're not being used.
- File cabinets could stay but it would be nice to have all this stuff in the same place.
- Doesn't have to happen in the near future.
- Move stuff we have at the Liquor Store to this place, too.

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