



**Lansing Skating Club
Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018**

President Meghan Ziehmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was confirmed. The meeting was held at Suburban Ice East Lansing.

Board Members Present:

Meghan Ziehmer, President
Diane Van Aken, Secretary
Mary Ellen Ramsby, Member-at-Large
Sally Whitbeck, Member-at-Large
Breeann Anderson, Member-at Large

Board Members Absent:

Ellen Armentrout, Vice President
Nancy Simpson, Treasurer
Julie Karkosak, Member-at-Large
Emily Roth, Professional Representative

Club Members, Parents, Coaches and Guests Present:

none

Consent Agenda

The October 4, 2017 minutes were approved as circulated. The minutes of the January 2018 meeting will be circulated in anticipation of the March meeting.

Correspondence

Meghan noted that the Directors and Officers insurance policy renewal was received, and she will be reviewing it. She requested that a sympathy card be sent to former Club member Sally Hecksel, on the passing of her father Rob. Additionally, a congratulations card will be sent to competition referee Barry Doren, on his recent retirement.

Treasurer's Report Summary

Nancy circulated the Treasurer's Report in advance of the meeting via e-mail, which included the Summary Totals of 3 Accounts, January Statements for the 3 accounts, and Transaction Report, showing all income and expense transactions since the December meeting. Meghan did note that since the implementation of EntryEeze, it has been more work for Nancy to categorize income, as EntryEeze does not discern the types of payments being made.

Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Membership Report

Sally reported there are currently 140 members. It was noted that there are a couple of skaters who currently belong to another club who are wearing LSC apparel. They will be invited to transfer their membership to our club and consistent with prior practice, we will waive the amount of dues already paid to USFS should they decide to join our club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social:

Arrangements for the Annual Banquet are underway. The group discussed activities for the skaters, as bowling was not as successful last year as had hoped. Kirsten will be putting together the slide show; skaters and families are encouraged to e-mail pictures to her.

Meghan is working with the rink to schedule exhibitions for Regionals and Sectionals. She will reach out to the coaches to determine if a summer exhibition is wanted. It was suggested that an exhibition mid-week may be better for the skaters and their families, rather than on a Friday during the summer, due to weekend activities.

Treasurer's Subcommittee:

No report.

Test:

The January test session went well. The next session will be at the Van C amp Competition. There have been problems accessing EntryEeze through the LSC website when registering for test sessions, which will need to be addressed.

Test sessions dates for the remainder of the year have been scheduled, although exact times are not confirmed as yet:

June 26, 12:30 – 4:00

August 14, ~10:40 – 2:00

November 6, in the morning.

Van Camp Competition:

The deadline was extended, and to date there are 153 skaters and 273 starts. Meghan reported that many of the skaters registered are participating in the National Solo Dance events. Since NSD will be transitioning to IJS, US Figure Skating will be sending a representative to assist with that portion of the competition. As of today, a schedule has not been provided; Meghan will touch base with the referee. She was able to confirm that practice ice will start at 6:00 a.m. on Friday, with competition events starting at 8:00 a.m.

The group discussed payment for those providing seminars at the competition. After discussion, it was determined if the presenter was a vendor of services, we would not pay for their participation, since it is an opportunity for those presenters to promote their businesses.

Social Media:

Kirsten is posting on Facebook, and everyone is encouraged to share LSC information. Regarding the website, and the problems with linking to EntryEeze, the Board feels that this project may be too large for a volunteer to take on. While the Club greatly appreciates the assistance provided by Ray, it was determined that several vendors should be invited to submit a Request for Proposal, and that the Club should make an investment in the Club's website. Sally and Bree will reach out to vendors with whom they have had experience. Board members were encouraged to look at websites of other clubs or like organizations, and provide input about what features they would like to see.

SafeSport:

Meghan noted that there are new training videos available on the members-only section of the USFS website. Effective July 1, 2018, all coaches will be required to take SafeSport training. Additionally, legislation has recently passed, which requires mandatory reporting. The membership will be notified of the training opportunities available.

Van Camp Awards:

No report.

Nominating:

Meghan announced that Julie has decided to seek re-election; she is currently serving a 1 year term on the Board. Diane will not be seeking re-election; she is also serving a 1-year term. Several names were proposed as possible new members, and they will be encouraged to seek election.

OLD BUSINESS**2018 Calendar**

Discussed above in conjunction with Test and Social Committee reports.

LSC Spirit Wear

The link on the website is again active.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**Adult Sectionals/Nationals**

Meghan reported that six LSC members (Barb Lezotte, Marcia Hindman, Francie Dittrich, Judy Cunningham, Megan Clute and Nancy Simpson) will be participating in Sectionals and/or Nationals. She has ordered the gifts.

Governing Council

Governing Council will be held in Orland, FL at the beginning of May. Meghan asked if any Board members were interested in attending. Hearing none, the four officers will be listed as the Club's delegates, and Kirsten will be carrying the Club's proxy.

Seminars

Discussed above.

Other

Report was received regarding Midwestern Sectionals in November 2013. General discussion was had concerning follow up procedures.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2018, 6:30pm at Suburban Ice East Lansing.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Diane Van Aken, Secretary**