

ERRA
Meeting Minutes for August 31st, 2009

Members Present: Bob McDonald Sr., Todd Monge, Jason Boxrucker, Tina Basil,
Dave Cox, Bob McDonald Jr., Rodney Sternhagen, Darren Rubo, Wade Klessig,
Wendy Ebert
Absent: Tom Maillette

Meeting Called to Order by President Bob McDonald Sr. at 18:40.

Secretaries Report from August 8th, 2009. Motion to accept by Wendy E. 2nd by Todd M.
Motion Carried.

Treasures update from Fair and Auction preliminary numbers attached.

Vilas Fair Update:

Weather was a factor this year and there was not much going on. All in all we made good money. We had ordered the same amount of inventory as last year. What was left was sent back. Mike says that he feels the \$1000.00 we pay for the booth is a little much. We should look into this for next year. This fee also does not include the cleaning as we pay for that.

We all thank Mike for a job well done.

Figure Skating Club:

Jacqui and Kim are here and would like to present some changes that they would like to do this year. Note: This is with the ice time they already have.

Jacqui says that they would like to change from one 16 week session to two 8 week sessions for the Basic skill kids. Basic skill lessons would be on Monday and Wednesdays so parents don't need to commit to 2 nights. In doing this we may be able to recruit more members as new kids could be signed up for 8 weeks and decide if they really like skating instead of trying to get new people to commit to 16 weeks without knowing if this is what they really want to do. If they like it, they can sign up for the next 8 weeks. Ice fees would be split 60/40. All ice fees will still be paid to the ERRA so there are no changes with this. We would also need to discuss worker hours. Dave asked about the ice show. It was told that to be in the ice show kids would need to be here for the 16 weeks.

It was recommended to try this as a pilot and see what happens.

The 2nd idea discussed was the addition of synchro skating. This would be a one night a week thing. This is very popular in college and will also debut in the next Olympics. They would get about 1 ½ hours of ice time. Kids would pay an extra fee if they wanted to do both programs.

3rd item discussed was a discount offer to also recruit members. For every skater that brings a friend and they sign up for our program they would get \$20.00 off.

Motion to let the Figure Skating Club run with their ideas by Dave C. 2nd Wade K.
Motion Carried.

Parents Handbook:

This is for the Hockey parents as Figure Skaters have their own. Wendy sent this to everyone on the board. We will all take a look at it this week and get any comments to Wendy. This book has a lot of details and is very good but does need a little tweaking. Dave suggested that we get 4 other people that have no kids to view and give a non bias opinion. We need to make sure that it is written well to eliminate the few parents that tend to complain. There will also be a form for the parents to sign that they received and understand the book. We also need to make sure that the book goes by our bylaws. We need to make sure the book is ready and signed before the kids take the ice. This would be in about 5 weeks.

Volunteer Injury Coverage:

When looking into this, volunteers can not make a claim if they are hurt while doing volunteer hours. It was asked if we should have a waiver. We should have this on the code of conduct and on the worker hour agreement that everyone signs. Wendy says that USA Hockey has a waiver of liability on line.

Coaches Liability:

USA Figure Skating has levels for coaches and the fees paid include liability insurance. Todd will look into what the USA Hockey insurance covers.

Roof:

Dave P talked to Todd. Another adjuster came out and reported that we do have hail damage. Dave P. is working on this. Todd will keep us posted.

Zamboni:

What are we going to do about our Zamboni? Maybe we should look into a refurbished one for \$35000.00. We redid the bushings on ours but it still needs work. So far we have not found anything used out there that is better than ours. We do need to set up a maintenance program. Mac will get update and info. If we could find a good Zamboni for \$35000.00 it would be a good idea.

Rink Walk Through:

We need to do a walk through as a board and put together a list of needs. It would also be good to just know what is where. We will do this at the next meeting.

Leak Update:

Mac will talk to Al. Last set of water samples were great. We will have to talk to the DNR about testing and then calling it good. More to follow later.

Auction Donators:

Todd drafted a Thank You letter to thank the area business who donated to the auction. We should also run an advertisement in the paper to thank everyone else from the community who donated. Darren would like the lists of the business.

Website:

We need to update. Good idea to include the Handbook, Bylaws and Calendar of Events.

Coke and Pepsi:

Representatives from both will be here on Sept 14th to talk about their proposals. We will have one representative at 18:30 and the other at 18:45.

Other Business:

Popcorn machine is broken. Jeri is going to borrow one for this weekend.

Weber would like to start installing the new lights after the gun show.

Speakers- Two speakers are up but we have 3 or 4 more to place.

We need to talk to Tom Maillette about the board meetings. Bobby will talk to him. We need a written resignation if that is what he plans to do.

Darren – Regarding the copier and printer. Dan S. is going to order. Wendy will call him and check on the status.

We could also use a day to clean and organize the office.

Darren- Will call about the sidewalk. It will need to be busted up and then re poured.

Todd says that 1st National will talk to us about a refinance.

We still owe about \$10,000.00 on the new locker room.

Bobby- We should think about reaching out to the alumni who have moved on from here for donations. We should have a Committee for Donations.

Motion to move to closed session at 20:30 by Todd M. 2nd by Wade K. Motion Carried.

Motion to open session at 20:44 by Tina B. 2nd by Wade K. Motion Carried.

Motion to Adjourn at 20:45 by Wade K. 2nd by Tina B. Motion Carried.

Next meeting September 14th at 18:30.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Basil