



Board Meeting Minutes  
December 11th, 2011  
6:30-8:00 pm @ VFW Arena (Upstairs)

**Call To Order**

Members present: Shawn Egeland, Jeannie Fenton, Lori Zeman, Rachel Hemsing, Beth Vetter, Haley Thorson, and Anna Dumas. Angie Brockmeyer arrived later. Absent: Marla Wolfe.

Others present: Katie Boespflug, Susan Akerlind, Terri Hlavac, Sandy Brooks, and Dave Fenton

**Request for additions / changes to the Agenda** (*additions will be addressed only if time allows*)

**Secretary's Report**

Marla had taken minutes in November due to Haley's absence. They were distributed via e-mail.

*Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Shawn Egeland...seconded by Jeannie Fenton ...all in favor.*

**Treasurer's Report**

This was Lori's first report as Treasurer. She distributed a Balance Sheet dated 12.04.2011, as well as detailed Balance Sheets for Concessions and Northern Star. The general balance sheet does not yet reflect Northern Star Expenses or December testing income. There is also some wreath dollars yet to deposit.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Shawn Egeland...seconded by Anna Dumas...all in favor.*

**Correspondence**

A bill was received from Emerson Sound for the installation of the MP3 at the VFW arena. NLFSC will be responsible for 1/3 and the BLC and Parks and Rec will be picking up the other portions.

Katie received information regarding the next International Individual FS Competition. Organizers are looking for bids for a host site. Application bids are due Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. The competition must be held sometime in Aug/Sept of 2012.

Shawn participated in the last Midwest Section Conference call.

A letter was received from the MN Dept of Health in regard to the Concession Stand inspection. The club received 1 critical suggestion and 7 non critical suggestions. The critical suggestion involves having a Food Safety Certified signature on display within the concession stand. Classes are offered but it was suggested that a parent of a young skater who is already certified be contacted and asked about signing the documentation.

Haley reported that the hard copies of all of the sanctions have been received with the exception of that for the Ice Show. This will be applied for at a later date due to the possibility of having a paid guest skater.

**Coordinator Update/Requests**

Pictures were taken this week and team banners will be ordered.

Holiday exhibition forms/Ice Shoe Tryout Forms will be distributed tonight. Duets, groups, etc, will be acceptable.

A holiday party has been planned and will be held before the Holiday Exhibition.

Katie has been in contact with Border Blades regarding the Fon Du Lac trip. Details were provided.

### **Northern Star – Update**

A Northern Star Committees meeting was held prior to this board meeting. Most committees are on schedule for completing necessary tasks. 173 registrations have been accepted.

Anna Dumas had to leave at this time.

### **USFSA Testing – Update on how session went / Upcoming Test Session in March**

Jenny shared that there was feedback/concern from the judges from the December session. The judges felt that there were a large number of skaters who were not ready to be testing at the levels they had registered for. Of the 70 tests scheduled, there was a 39% retry rate, and it was mostly MIF that were retrys. Jenny will meet with the coaches and suggested possibly having a parent/skater/coach meeting in the future as well. Potential topics for this meeting would include readiness to test, utilization of private ice and contingency testing. There was a total of \$1150 NLFSC Funds utilized for the December Session. The spring test session will not be able to be shared with Border Blades due to scheduling conflicts. The NLFSC Spring Session will be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March.

### **Chaperone Fees**

There has been some concern on behalf of the parents that the Chaperone fees that had been previously voted on (Flat \$25 for bus, and flat \$25 for room) The concern was that the girls had already fundraised for the bus fees, so there was question on why the fees were established so high. Shawn discussed that the club is not trying to make profit from the chaperones, rather defray the travel costs that the club puts forward each year, so that the club can sustain itself for years to come. More discussion ensued.

*Motion to keep the Chaperone fees at \$25/\$25 and review next season by Shawn Egeland...seconded by Angie Brockmeyer. In favor: Haley Thorson, Jeannie Fenton, Lori Zeman, Rachel Hemsing. Opposed: Beth Vetter.*

Suggestions for next year: Add \$ to the fundraising amount to cover more of the cost of the bus/travel (since it will be the parents who will end up paying for either unraised funds or chaperone fees anyway) and charge only ¼ the actual cost per night per room for hotel instead of a flat rate for the season.

### **Fundraising**

Not all \$ have been turned in. Those who have not turned in will be notified, and an outstanding balance would result in the inability to enter the bus for Maplewood.

### **Locker Room – Update from Jeannie/Shawn after meeting with Parks & Rec on concerns**

Jeannie has been working with a company in regard to the update of the old locker room as well as the addition of the new locker room. She has received estimates/bids for benches for the old room and benches and lockers for the new locker room.

There were outstanding concerns about the heating and moisture in the new locker room. Shawn had spoke to Parks and Rec and the heater had been previously in non-working condition and said that if it needs to be replaced that P&R would take care of that. Since the window in that locker room is on an outside wall, there will most likely be moisture/condensation at all times. There was also concern about metal locker installation in the new locker room with potential moisture from shoes and skates.

Beth suggested looking at the new wooden locker system in the EGF Girls Hockey locker room at the Civic Center. She offered to contact Jim Scanlan for a walk through. With this system, the benches are “built in” and have lockable storage.

*Motion to move forward with the benches for the OLD locker room and paint for both rooms by Shawn Egeland...seconded by Angie Brockmeyer...all in favor.*

The lockers and benches for the new locker room will be held until the walk through of the other locker rooms to allow for further thought on the design and material.

The flooring has been ordered and is on its way. Wayne and Lisa Thoreson have donated the funds for this part of the project(s).

### **Committee Chairs – List will be posted at Holiday Exhibition so people can sign up and we can complete**

### **Adjourn**

**Next Meeting Date:** January 8th, 6:30pm, VFW Arena (do we need to change due to Fond Du Lac?)