

SFFSC July 17, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance were Debbie Geddes, President; Lisa Jensen, Vice President; Karen Thornbrugh, Skating Director/Head Coach; and board members – Leah Broesder, Bonnie Harvison, Sally Pelletier, Brian Knutson and Susan McDowell

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 pm at the Avera Living Well Center.

Minutes of the June 2012 board meeting were distributed to all in attendance. After review, Lisa motioned, Leah seconded, and the board approved the June 2012 board meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was distributed by Lisa to all board members for review. Sally made a motion to approve, Leah seconded and the board approved the Treasurer's report.

Karen Updates/ Programming Committee

Calendar

The calendar has been set for the 2012 -2013 skating season. The September calendar/contract will be emailed to all members by Karen next week. This contract will be due 9/5/12. Karen will be at the rink that day from 5 – 7pm to collect registrations and answer questions.

Limited amounts of extra ice became available for Sept/Oct through the SFIRC. Karen emailed a survey to the membership to determine the interest level. After review of the results of the survey, it was determined that there was not enough interest in the extra ice to warrant its purchase.

Debbie motioned, Lisa seconded and the board approved of this decision. This ice time is still available for purchase by individual members at the club rate.

Off-Ice

Off- Ice classes/schedule is still pending.....more info available next month. Sioux Empire Fitness has agreed to offer the aerobics room for the same \$25/hr rate as contracted this past summer.

Ice Fees

SFFSC will be raising all skill class/practice ice fees by \$1.00 per class/hr for **levels FS2 and higher** to offset operational expenses. They will continue to waive the registration fee for all tot classes.

Bonnie motioned, Susan seconded and the board approved of these fee changes.

Teams

Karen announced that she is in the process of planning/organizing 4 or 5 team compulsory groups to compete in this season's competitions—FS 2, 4, 6, 8 and a possible FS 1 team. Registration forms are available.

Expo Ice

Discussion was presented to possibly raise the fee charged for Expo ice to more accurately offset our Expo ice costs. It was determined that this “premium ice” will be sold at \$20.00/hr, including tax.

Debbie motioned, Bonnie seconded and the board approved the decision to raise the fee. This ice is available for 12 weeks this season, starting in October on Thursdays from 5 – 7 pm.

High FS Ice

Our growing club now has more FS5 and higher skaters than ever before. The number of High FS skaters who are able to purchase High FS ice is now more than 15, which is the maximum number of skaters allowed on this ice at one time. Since SFFSC cannot allow more skaters on this ice due to safety reasons, a resolution is needed.

Discussion was presented to change High FS ice to include FS6 and higher skaters as opposed to the current policy of FS5 and above in order to accommodate the higher level skaters and to allow for future club growth. After much discussion, the board members decided they will make their decision at the August board meeting.

Staff/Coaches/Fees

SFFSC club policy remains unchanged regarding coaches fees. SFFSC will pay the \$170 annual professional membership fee for our coaches who are 18 or older and coach at least 1 skill class per session and serve as a judge in at least one competition during the current skating calendar year.

Fall Clinic

A fall skating clinic will be offered on 9/29/12 from 9 – 12 for levels Alpha – FS4. The fee charged will be \$35 per skater (15 skaters minimum). More information/registration will be available soon.

Fundraising

It has come to the attention of the board that individual fundraising accounts are no longer an option they can offer to offset skating fees. The board will explore other fundraising alternatives.

The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Avera Living Well Center.

Lisa motioned, Leah seconded and the board approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Susan McDowell, Secretary

