

SFFSC August 14, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance were Debbie Geddes, President; Lisa Jensen, Vice President; Patty Grady, Treasurer; Karen Thornbrugh, Skating Director/Head Coach; and board members Greg Starnes, Leah Broesder, Tonya Hartje, Brian Knutson, Sally Pelletier and Susan McDowell

The meeting was called to order @ 7:08 pm at the Avera Living Well Center.

Minutes of the July 2012 board meeting were distributed to all in attendance.

After review, the following changes were made: SFFSC will be raising skill class/practice ice fees by \$1.00 per class/hr for **levels FS2 and higher** to offset operational expenses.

With these changes to be made to the July minutes, Brian motioned, Tonya seconded and the board approved the July 2012 board meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

The SFFSC Statement of Activities was distributed to the members and was reviewed. Lisa made a motion to approve, Debbie seconded and the board approved the Statement of Activities report.

Karen Updates

Fall Clinic

The Fall Clinic will take place 9/20/12 from 9:00am to 12:00pm for levels Alpha – FS 4. The fee charged will be \$35 per skater. Karen and Sara H. will be the instructors. Registration forms are now available and will be emailed to the membership. This clinic will be open to other local clubs, as well. Karen will be contacting these area clubs.

Teams

Karen is in the process of forming 4 or 5 Team Compulsory groups to compete in New Ulm in November. She is waiting for confirmation from a few skaters and will have final details at the next meeting.

September Ice

Registrations are now available.

Staff/Coaches for next season

SFFSC is currently looking for more High FS coaches for fall. Karen will be implementing a new ice flow plan for practice ice this season developed by PSA.

A video which explains how this works will be shown to all skaters in order to improve safety on practice ice.

Fall Coaching Seminar

A coaching seminar will take place Sunday, September 16, from 8:30am to 4:00pm in Roseville, Minnesota. Interested SFFSC coaches are invited to attend. Discussion took place and a proposal was made for SFFSC to contribute a total of \$140.00 toward travel/hotel expenses for those agreeing to make the trip and attend the seminar.

Debbie motioned, Lisa seconded and the board approved.

Staff Pay

Discussion was presented to increase the hourly rate SFFSC pays our adult/out-of-high school coaches. It was proposed that SFFSC will pay these coaches \$15.00/hr base rate + \$.50/hr for **each** level of certification attained.

Greg motioned, Sally seconded and the board approved of this pay increase.

It was also proposed that the SFFSC student coaches also receive a pay increase to \$8.00/hr + \$.50/hr for **each** level of certification attained.

Sally motioned, Lisa seconded and the board approved of this pay increase.

Registration/Session 1– Oct – Dec. 2012

Karen is nearly finished completing the Session 1 Registration Form. Registration dates are 9/22, 9/23, 9/26. It was proposed that we offer a \$10.00 discount for each specialty class taken if the skater also contracts a FS skill class in the same session.

Debbie motioned, Greg seconded and the board approved of this change.

High FS Practice Ice

Due to increased numbers of skaters in levels FS 5 and above, it was proposed to change **High FS ice to include only those skaters in levels FS 6 and above**--currently includes 14 skaters in FS 6 and above, with a maximum number of skaters on this ice of 15. At registration deadline of each session, if there is space available, FS 5 skaters can be invited to contract this ice at the director's discretion. This policy will take effect for Session 1 and the board will re-evaluate before the beginning of each new skating session.

Sunday (pm) practice ice will now be offered specifically to levels FS1 – FS 5, with the ability of levels FS6 and higher to contract **only if space allows**. No drop-in will be allowed on any Sunday practice ice.

Greg motioned, Susan seconded and the board approved of this change.

Brookings Competition

The Brookings FSC is hosting a figure skating competition on Oct 6 & 7, 2012. Registration forms are due to Karen by September 5, 2012.

Advertising/Promotion of SFFSC

Karen is making calls/dropping off registrations and flyers to area schools and daycares.

Fundraising

Tastefully Simple packets will be available at the rink. Leah is checking into offering another winter “Shopping Bazaar” tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 10, 2012.

Taxes

Our fees due have been paid.

New Rink Update

On November 1, 2012 the Chamber Appeal portion of the fundraising effort will begin.

New Ulm Competition

Sally is the chair of this year’s competition committee and is currently securing hotel reservations/arrangements. Registration forms will be available soon.

Committees/Volunteers

Debbie has distributed a committee sign-up sheet for the new skating season.

Winter Clinic

Discussion took place to consider the idea of offering a Winter Clinic for higher level skaters possibly in December of this year. More info on this at the next meeting.

Debbie motioned, Leah seconded and the board approved to adjourn the meeting @ 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Susan McDowell, Secretary

The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2012 @ 7:00pm at the Avera Living Well Center.