

## ALASKA SPEED SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

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Saturday, November 17, 2018

### Present:

BOARD - Chuck H, Chuck G, Game, Jody, Linda  
AKSSC MEMBERS - Peter, John

CALL TO ORDER: 10:10 AM

### MINUTES:

Motion to approve the October board meeting minutes by Chuck G, seconded by Linda.  
Unanimous approval by the board.

### FINANCIAL:

Current balance is \$17,816.97. For the present, Chuck H has taken on the Treasurer responsibilities and reported that AKSSC has taken in approximately \$9,000 in membership, ice fees, long track races, and Oval pins since the season began in September. The new on-line sign up with Dick's Sports/Blue Sombrero has gone smoothly and on-line waivers are also successful. There was problem with family membership which Chuck H repaired. He will continue to monitor the site. Overall ice fees for the season cost \$14,000. Continued fund raising is expected.

John reported attendance has steadily improved in the last three weeks. Saturday, November 17 we had 22 skaters of all ages on the ice.

Chuck H will inform the IRS of our tax status by filling out the appropriate form, a simple post card, by end of November. John brought up the possibility of reporting on the 990 IRS form for Non-profits in the future.

### LONG TRACK:

Chuck G announced AKSSC Long Track races for 2018-19 season:

Thursday races: 5:30 - 6:30 PM: January 10, January 31, February 21

Sunday races: 1 - 2 PM: December 16, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 24 with the Marathon race scheduled for February 3.

Discussion followed Peter's concerns if we had the man power and energy to organize a Duathlon this year. It was decided to not attempt the Duathlon this year. John put forth the idea of having a duathlon or similar race at Westchester in the future.

### FUR RONDY:

Chuck H reported on his ideas of a race called the "Fastest Ice Skater" held during Fur Rondy. Board discussion followed about logistics, the length of the race and if we should offer a Speed Skating and an Open class. Chuck H will pursue this event with Rondy and the Muni.

The first Saturday of Fur Rondy at Westchester seems like the only weekend possible. Chuck G will look into insurance.

#### WESTCHESTER PARK AND REC SATURDAY PROGRAMS:

John reported that insurance coverage for ACS will discontinue coverage on lakes. He is looking into a change of insurance to continue his "try speed skating program" offered at Westchester during Parks and Rec's winter Saturday event. He put forth a suggestion that perhaps AKSSC take over his program. It is a commitment of eight Saturdays in January and February. He would offer his skates to AKSSC. It is a great public event and opportunity to promote speed skating. Peter suggested a sign-up sheet to ensure balanced coverage.

#### SOLSTICE:

Solstice celebration at the Cuddy Center Oval will run similar to the past. It is scheduled for Friday night, December 21. AKSSC will sell Oval pins and offer hot chocolate for a donation to help with the cost of ice at the Oval. John suggested we get some of speed skating kids out on the ice that night. Chuck G will work on finding volunteers to demonstrate pace line speed skating.

#### JAMBOREE:

John reported that Jamboree will take place Friday, February 15 at the oval. There are 6 bus loads of kids, approximately 350, from Title One schools arriving at staggered times. He will need lots of help from AKSSC to get skates on kids. It is an extremely successful program that helps promote speed skating in Anchorage.

#### PADS QUOTE:

John needs clarification from Insurance on exactly what they need for an invoice concerning replacement of stolen pads. Discussion followed on how many pads are involved and if we replace all of them or to buy covers and foam separately. He mentioned contacting a Quebec company and Idaho Sewing for quotes. We have Insurance coverage of \$3000.

#### RACES:

Peter suggested AKSSC organize races to inspire the new kids we have skating. Saturday, December 15 was chosen as a race day. John's idea was to rent more ice time so that we could still have a good amount of time to work on technique prior to racing. It costs \$150 for one additional hour of ice time. John will check the ice schedule to find dates where there are no schedule conflicts and report back.

#### WHITEHORSE SPEED SKATING CAMP CLUB EVENT

Peter suggested AKSSC organize a club event for this Whitehorse camp to get our families and kids involved. The Camp is scheduled for January 25, 26, 27. Promotion with kids and families could occur on our schedule race day December 15.

#### NEW EQUIPMENT:

John reports we could order Alaska designed speed skating apparel from Pyro Apparel in Ohio. It would be advantageous to place a club order at one time. He will also frequent used sporting

goods stores to find used shin guards. Some of the new skaters have expressed an interest to him for purchasing Bont skates. He suggests we do an equipment seminar.

Game has offered to purchase for \$200 and donate to AKSSC Anthony's speed skating equipment.

AKSSC SURVEY:

Discussion of the survey done in April 2018 was postponed until the next board meeting.

11:40 AM Motion to adjourn made by Game, seconded by John.