

ALASKA SPEED SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

Saturday October 6, 2018

Present:

Board - Nancy, Chuck H, Chuck G, Game
AKSSC Members - John Monroe

CALL TO ORDER: 8:50 AM

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the September board meeting minutes by Chuck G, seconded by Game.
Unanimous approval by board.

FINANCIAL

Chuck H reported that the current AKSSC balance is \$15,639.72. Payments for the season have been electronically deposited from Dick's Sports/Blue Sombero, the on-line registration site. Other payments have been made by check. Chuck H will review on-line payments at the end of each month and will contact those who need to pay for ice times or other fees.

USS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

USS club membership is now current (renewal form and \$100 sent to and received by USS), but Nancy needs to get USS membership current. To qualify for USS club membership the Pres, VP, Secretary and Treasurer need to be current USS members.

INSURANCE

Liability insurance, including subrogation waiver, has been renewed from October 4, 2018 to October 3, 2019. An email vote of the board was held at the end of September to spend \$1117.10 for this insurance, and was passed by a majority of the board. Directors and Officers insurance coverage ends in January 2019 and will require a board vote—will be approx. \$750.

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY. Need to do an inventory of all AKSSC equipment. Needs to be done every year. Last year Chuck H, Chuck G and John M did the inventory. John entered an inventory of the AKSSC skates, including their condition, on a spreadsheet and sent that to board members. Chuck G and John will do the inventory this year. John will check and report on the number of pads being stored in a Conex at Alpine Services.

SKATE RADIUS AND SHARPENING

Some skates need to be re-radiused and then sharpened. Chuck and John will get the radiusing done, and will organize a sharpening "party" for AKSSC next week. Skates need to be sharpened after being re-radiused. We need to provide skates that have correct radius and are sharp.

CRASH PAD COST

John has gotten additional cost information from a couple companies. He's working on getting payment on an insurance claim for the pads that were stolen last spring from the Conex that had been located at Mulcahy ice rink. The insurance policy is held by Anchorage Skate Club (ASC). The pads were on loan from AKSSC to ASC. John reported that pad covers can be purchased separate from the foam. He's looking into the possibility of working with the Homer group to see if they could purchase the foam and AKSSC could purchase the covers.

ATTENDANCE AT SHORT TRACK

So far this year that have been 3-4 skaters on Tuesdays, and 8-10 skaters on Saturdays. The Tuesday attendance falls far short of paying ice time and this is not sustainable, but we'll keep doing both Saturdays and Tuesdays for now and work on increasing attendance.

NEW SKATER RECRUITMENT

Discussion about how to increase numbers of skaters and grow the club. John discussed a "Learn to speedskate" session. Chuck G talked about the need for AKSSC to recruit at the end of the Anchorage Skate Club programs—the intensive programs, the Jamboree, speed-skating lessons, etc. Chuck H and Game suggested AKSSC having sessions at Westchester—including some races. Discussion about why there were more kids and adults years ago. There was discussion that there hasn't been a plan and various efforts have been made but not many new skaters have appeared.

VISION AND GOALS

Discussion about the need to have a vision of what AKSSC should be, and to set specific goals to achieve the vision. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting, and Chuck H will contact board members and ask that they come to the meeting with some ideas about a vision for AKSSC.

UPCOMING SKATING EVENTS

John reported that the Jamboree will likely be February 15, 2019.

Fur Rondy. Chuck H has reached out to Fur Rondy about having some races during the hockey tournament at Mulcahy rinks. Perhaps having a "Fastest skater in Town" race. He'll keep after that. It could also be a race at Westchester or the Oval.

AKSSC SURVEY

We conducted a survey last April of AKSSC members and other skaters and parents in order to get info to improve and grow AKSSC. We'll review the results of the survey at the next board mtg.

The next meeting will be in mid-November, since Chuck G and Game will be out of state until that time.

Adjourned at 9:40 AM