

**Alaska Speedskating Club**  
**Annual Meeting May 20, 2018**  
Home of Chuck Hansell

Meeting called to order at 5:48. Approximately 25 skaters and parents were present.

Minutes of last annual meeting approved with a motion by Peter H., second Nancy H. Passed unanimously.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Current account balance is 12,558.50 a decrease from end-of-year 2017. See financial report attached for specific details.

Total Expenses increased almost \$5000 over last season:

- \* Insurance doubled this year; we had to purchase D&O insurance for use of MOA parks and oval for a total of \$1100.

- \* ST ice cost increased \$4000; we purchased more ice time this year for a longer season.

- \* misc expenses increased significantly this year

Total income = increase of \$3000 over the previous season:

- \* Fireweed 400 and Mayor's Marathon continue to be good fundraisers

- \* General donations increased slightly and pin sales brought in approximately \$550

We had 25 skaters this year that paid for short track skating vs. 24 last year. We had 18 first-timers; last year 15 tried it for first time. Most of those who tried ST with the club for the first time and then continued skating were folks who knew someone skating already, and got connected through them. We averaged 9.4 skaters per session this year; we need about 13 per session to break even.

*Comment made that if the Club did fundraising, we would not need to worry as much about how many skaters were on the ice each session.*

**ANNUAL REPORT** - Donna passed out a short summary of the 2016-17 season.

### **ANCHORAGE SKATES**

Update by Peter H.

- \* There is forward movement for a warming "hut" at the oval. A \$1.2 million estimate was received from a reputable contractor. The oval has been well accepted and has revitalized the park. Parks & Rec is now in favor of putting in a bond issue next year for the building. Our selling pins and giving a check each year for ice maintenance will help our cause for the bond.

- \* The hut may be like a bunker under the bridge, not just a warming hut. It will be called a chalet, for year-round use.

- \* suggested the three skate clubs (Ak Speedskating Club, Anchorage Skates, Anchorage Skate Club) do a fundraiser next year. The original fundraiser Plates-for-Skates was very successful raising \$11,000. Funds need to be raised not only for the cost of the structure, but also for an endowment for continued maintenance.

### **SHORT TRACK**

- \* More members were skating at the end of the year than last year or at the beginning of the season; we particularly had more young skaters.

- \* Summer ice will happen again this summer - 10 sessions for \$200.

June 17 - Aug. 19 / 5:45-6:45pm Sundays.

- \* Family rate = kids half price when a parent skates.

**LONG TRACK** - *this report could not be presented at the meeting but was added later.*

- \* Practices were held on Thursday 6-7 PM and Sundays 1-3 PM. Races were held on those days.
- \* Attendance at LT practices and races was lower this year than in prior years. We need to work on building numbers of LT skaters, particularly younger skaters.
- \* the season was several weeks longer this year, going into March. There were a couple periods of warm weather that made the ice unskatable this year.
- \* This year we did not put on the duathlon—skating and Nordic skiing race—due to a conflict with the timing of national Nordic ski races in early January.

**BYLAWS CHANGES**

ARTICLE 1 Section 1.1: The Board recommended the Club acronym be changed to AKSSC. A long discussion was held regarding the acronym of the Club (ASC), as there are two other sports local entities with the same acronym.

*MOTION made by Peter. H. to change the Alaska Speedskating Club acronym from ASC to AKSSC; seconded by Jody J.; passed 6 “yes” to 3 “no,” with 1 abstention.*

ARTICLE 3 Section 3.2 Qualifications and ARTICLE 4 Section 4.1 Designation and Qualifications:

*MOTION made by Nancy H., seconded by Donna D. to remove the requirement that directors and officers must be citizens of the United States. Passed with one abstention.*

The requirement that directors and officers must be Alaska residents was mentioned but not then discussed or addressed.

**MISCELLANEOUS Business**

- \* June 23<sup>rd</sup> Mayors -10 volunteers needed & recruited. Same location as last year. Nancy is leader.
- \* July 14 Fireweed Bike Ride - 4-5 volunteers needed.
- \* Short review of new membership requirements given. All skaters skating after the first two skates times, must become members of the Club in order to continue skating.
- \* Fred Meyer Fund Raiser information given out by Linda C.
- \* Amazon Smiles program should also be set up for folks to join.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Positions open: President, Secretary, Director at Large

Results:

PRES: Chuck Hansell agreed to a second term.

SEC: Jody Jenkins

DIRECTOR @ Large: Shannon Lee

Game McGimsey agreed to another term

*Tim Sullivan moved to accept the Slate by acclamation. Vote passed.*

Meeting adjourned. 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Davidson, Sec.