

ALASKA SPEEDSKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2019

BOARD - Chuck H, Chuck G, Jody, Linda, Carl, Peter O.
AKSSC MEMBERS - John

CALL TO ORDER: 6 PM, BP Energy Center

MINUTES:

Chuck G moved to approve with one correction to Arctic Winter Games, Carl seconded.
Approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL:

Chuck Hansel reported that of May 2018 the club has a current balance of \$11,850 with all expenses paid. A new budget and spreadsheet following a format set up by past treasurer will be created by Chuck H and Chuck G. Chuck G will work with Peter H to fix payment issues with our payment website system, Dicks-Blue Sombrero, such as inability for members to make more than one payment for ST ice time. Our new mailing address will change to Peter Haeussler's address, as he is a long time member, is dedicated to the club, and will likely be for many years: 19550 Chugach Park Dr., Chugiak, Alaska 99567. John Monroe moved to approve, Jody seconded. Approved unanimously. Peter H will be asked to update the website to reflect changes.

Chuck G offered, as new treasurer, to take on the responsibilities of Corporation Agent, in the records of the AK Division of Corporations.

SUMMER DRYLAND:

John Monroe reported that there was some success with the new dry land program and the board stands in support of this program and its potential. Though on average only 3 kids participated each session, this short program was an introduction to dry land training and the kids had fun and were challenged. Next he is offering a longer session July 10 to August 24 on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8, and Saturdays from 9-10:30 with possible back up to ice time. Carl volunteered to help find more kids for skating. John will reach out to Homer and Whitehorse with Chuck H helping with the Whitehorse connection.

SUMMER ICE:

As of May no summer ice has been scheduled. Chuck H reports that the Saturday morning times at O'Malley Sports Center are still available to the club but we do not have enough interest at this time. This could change. John suggests we offer four ice mornings every other week that his summer dry land program could benefit from. Discussion followed about ways to support his program and continue to offer some ice times.

FALL ICE:

Chuck H reports we should begin fall ice the second week in September. Discussion followed concerning costs and what other ice venues were available. The cost for renting ice times remains the same at O'Malley Sports Center and is the best option at this time. John made a motion we skate as usual Saturdays 8:15-9:45 AM and Tuesdays 7-8 PM and that we book the season now, beginning September 14, 2019 to March 28, 2020. Chuck G seconded. Approved unanimously.

BUDGET GENERATION:

When Chuck G and Chuck H will prepare a draft budget for next fiscal year (starting July 1), for review by the board. This will include projected income and expenses in all major categories.

There was discussion of the need to raise more money to cover expenses (ST ice, insurance, permit fees, etc.). There will need to be fundraising, possibly including grants. Chuck H presented information on increased fees for ST ice. Chuck G recommended we do not increase these fees, but instead focus on increasing skaters to cover the cost of ST ice.. John agreed. Currently we have 24 active members, and it is obvious to all we need to help increase membership and funds.

NEW EQUIPMENT:

The club acknowledges the need for updated club skates. Discussion followed concerning Alaska Mountaineering and Hiking and their LT rental speed skates. AMH is considering getting rid of them. Last year the AKSSC re-radiused and sharpened all their skates. We have built a strong relationship with this business and they continue to support our programs. John volunteered to talk with Jason (owner) to see what options may be available for the AMH LT speedskates.

MAYOR'S MARATHON:

This year the race is scheduled for Saturday, June 22. Chuck H will send out information and a request for volunteers.

HOMER:

John suggested we invite Homer skaters here this summer if we schedule ice times. He is not at this time interested in running and organizing a week long summer camp.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

John brought up the need for recruitment and fundraising. His experience with other non profit boards provided ideas on alternative ways to encourage our members to be more involved by offering reduced membership cost incentives. He also suggests we need people with more experience for the board to help with fundraising and perhaps we should meet twice a month. We need more kids involved and excited about skating. Peter Oswald mentioned a skate culture is vital to our success. We all agreed.

Meeting concluded 7:50 PM