

# Eastern Region USA Roller Sports

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Palace Skating Center, Philadelphia, PA  
Date/Time: November 12, 2007 at 7:35 PM  
Presiding Officers: Steven Hinkle, President  
John Heffner, Vice President, Artistic  
Jim Weiderhold, Vice President, Speed \*  
John Patton, Secretary  
Marie McGee, Treasurer  
Officers in Attendance: 4  
\* Officers Not Present: 1  
Members in Attendance: 11  
Total Attendance: 15

1) The Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting. The report was approved as presented.

Motion: Janet Jordan  
Second: Joanne Michener  
Passed by the majority

2) The Treasurer's report was distributed and read. It reflects activity since the last meeting, with a closing balance of \$6112.09. The financial report for the Evening of Champions was also reviewed. The Treasurer' report was approved as presented.

Motion: Ed Heater  
Second: Jeanne Sincavage  
Passed by the majority

3) Following up from the last meeting, George Kane was questioned on his progress on having "Golden" (or an over 65 years of age division) added to the official listing. George said he had contacted people for support. Steve Hinkle suggested sending emails to the National Office, or handing out form letters at meets to raise support. A suggestion was made to take form letters to meets where contestants from other regions will participate. Signatures could be gathered and these letters sent to the National Office.

4) The success of the Evening of Champions held last month was discussed. Steve said the event went well, but there was some confusion with the invitations sent to the skaters. Some skaters did not participate because they thought they were not invited. Marie McGee suggested one person at each rink/club should be appointed to be a point of contact, so that person can relay information to the other club members. Allen Bell stated the email system that currently is in place works well and should be used to pass information to the contact persons.

5) The subject of past club dues owed the region was discussed. Last year only a handful of clubs sent in dues. Suggestions to collect past and current dues include email reminders and having contact persons notified. Usually clubs in good standing are listed in ads sponsored by the region. Last year all clubs were listed in regional sponsored ads. Steve inquired if we should continue listing all clubs in ads or only those in good standings.

6) Carey Elder gave a presentation of the Beginner Meet. He said that the meet went well, having 100 or so spectators and no skater scratches. Carey gave thanks to Chris Roemer and Ed Heater for their work during the meet. The meet did show a profit, and Carey says the consensus is that more beginner meets should be held. Everyone that participated or was a spectator got to see all of the events held that day. Carey also noted that since there are less meets being sponsored by the Coaches Association this year, they will need to explore different ways to make more income during the year.

7) Steve Hinkle stated that he has reserved two hours per day of practice for the 2008 Artistic National Championships. He let all know that he will need to know who will be needing time at the practice rink.

8) Bids will be taken for the 2010 Eastern Regional Artistic Championships. Holiday Skating Center will be placing a bid. All interested clubs will have thirty (30) days to send their bids to either Steve Hinkle or John Patton.

Due to scheduling conflicts this year's Regionals may need to be moved from Palace Skating Center to Holiday Skating Center. The 2009 Regionals are scheduled at Fantasy Skating Center, Reading PA.

9) Allen Bell gave a short presentation on Hector Pereira and Hector's placing second in Worlds. Allen spoke of Hector's performance and his return home. Allen thanked the region for their support of Hector.

10) A discussion was held on the subject of how to raise more funds during the year. One suggestion was to start a World Class Parents Association to involve the parents of WC skaters to participate and help raise fund for their children. Other suggestions were to hold 50/50 raffles, have stores donate funds or other assistance, etc. Allen Bell suggested that funds for World Class skaters be raised separately.

11) Items from the last National Board Meeting were discussed ... and their impact on our region.

12) George Kane spoke of his concerns at the open practice at Nationals. He was concerned about the younger teams trying to practice during the time that adult skaters are present. One option was to have the skaters participate in the private practice times instead.

13) A motion to adjourn was made at 8:58pm.

Motion: Janet Jordan

Second: Joanne Michener

Passed by the majority

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Acknowledgements:

Thanks to Ted and Sue Rendfrey, owners of the Palace Skating Center, for hosting the Eastern Region Meeting.

**SIGN- IN SHEET - FALL 2007 MEETING**

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**CLUB**

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