

Eastern Region USA Roller Sports

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Palace Skating Center, Philadelphia, PA

Date/Time: October 13, 2008 at 7:45 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: 9
Total Attendance: 13

1) The Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting. The previous report was renumbered to correct a numbering error.

Motion: Marsha Neary

Second: George Kane

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 \$6408.56. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Motion: Approved and passed by the majority

3) The upcoming "Evening of Champions" was discussed. A list of skaters eligible for awards was made, and will need to be checked for any skaters missing from the list. Any skaters missing should be reported to Steve Hinkle. As of this meeting the skater's plaques were completed for those on the list. A total of \$2100 in advertisements was sold for the program. Suggestions for improving the organization of the event were solicited.

4) An update on the 2009 Artistic Regionals was presented by Allen Bell. Fantasy SC was in the process of building a new judge's stand so the judges could score from the side aisle. The date of the ER Regional conflicts with the SE Regional, so we could not schedule Bill Fellow and some of the judges needed for our region. Fantasy rink organist Lonnie Brooks will fill in for this regional and will consult with Bill Fellows during the January meet at Fantasy.

5) The Regional bond issue was discussed. Allen Bell proposed that the Eastern Region take on the responsibility for the \$1000 fee, and have the National Office release the bond fee back to the Region.

Motion: Marsha Neary
Second: Marie McGee
Passed by the majority

6) Bids were taken for the 2011 Eastern Regional Artistic Championships. Holiday Skating Center and Fantasy Skating Center will be placing bids. Both clubs will have (30) days to submit their bids in writing to Steve Hinkle or John Patton.

7) Carey Elder discussed upcoming events planned for the coming year. A mini-meet will be planned for November 23, 2008 at Kendall Park, followed by another mini-meet planned in April 2009. A Covered Dish Skate will be held at Holiday Skating Center on April 26, 2009. The dinner portion will be held from 5:30-6:30PM, then a general skating session from 6:30-9:00PM.

8) There will be a Tri-State Figure Meet held on March 2nd at Holiday Skating Center. Please look on the Regional Website for information on this and all contests.

9) An open discussion was held on the seminar that was supposed to be held on September 21, 2008. An explanation on "what went wrong" was presented by Carey Elder. Everything that could have been done to have the seminar was attempted. The National Office would not give credits to officials for attending the seminar if it was offered.

10) Karen and John Patton brought up the subject of Contest fees and such. The general discussion was to focus on the economic distress at the present time and to suggest that contest fees were not raised in an effort to keep our in-region contests affordable and to encourage continued participation of our skaters.

11) A motion to adjourn was made at 9:18pm.
Motion: Marsha Neary
Second: Avril Pickersgill
Passed by the majority

Acknowledgements:

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

Sign-In Sheets: Members In Attendance Steven Hinkle, John Heffner, Marie McGee, John Patton, Karen Patton Jeanne Sincavage, Allen Bell, Ed Heater, Avril Pickersgill George Kane, Janet Jordan, Jim Kennedy, Marsha Neary
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