

Eastern Region USA Roller Sports

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Palace Skating Center, Philadelphia, PA

Date/Time: March 12, 2007 at 7:30 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: 14

Total Attendance: 18

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

Motion: Janet Jordan

Second: Jeanne Sincavage

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 \$6076.43. The report was approved as presented.

Motion: Marsha Neary

Second: Mary Lockard-Polis

Passed by the majority

3) A vote was held on the 2009 Artistic Eastern Regional Championships. Holiday Skating Center's bid for this championship was withdrawn. The remaining bid, for Fantasy Skating Center, was awarded. A discussion was held in regards to low overhead lighting at the site of an Artistic Championship. If a pairs event were to register for an artistic championship, the awarded facility can switch with another facility and hold the championships at the original awarded rink another year.

4) The subject of "B" and "C" skaters performing during the Evening of Champions was continued this meeting. Suggestions included allowing at least "B" level skaters to perform, and to allow all skaters to do jumps, dances or figures before receiving awards. A motion was raised to allow special "B" or "C" skaters to perform, and for the committee to have something for the skaters to perform.

New Business:

5) An update of the condition of Charles Wahlig was presented. It explained what had happened to Mr. Wahlig, and the reasons why the Delaware Invitational at Christiana was cancelled for this year.

6) Jeanne Sincavage presented a review of the previous USARS board meeting in San Diego. Points relating to artistic skating were discussed. Subject included future National Championships, present arrangement for practice during this year's championships, and other subject matters. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the national website.

7) Carey Elder discussed the upcoming Pot Luck Skate, set for April 22 at Holiday Skating Center. David Paden will be asked to play, along with recorded popular music being played. Carey suggested that categories of food be brought in by clubs. One club bringing dessert, one brings salads, etc.

8) Steve Hinkle informed all that the 84th Street skating facility in Omaha has been closed, and suggested alternatives in the local area. One site, Skate City, was suggested, along with some sites in Council Bluff. The suggestion to book ahead was made.

9) The announcement to put the region's scholarship information on the internet was made. This includes the McHenry Scholarship and the NJ Open Scholarship.

10) Sue Rendfrey of Holiday Skating Center has invited skaters to participate in a test center to be held on May 13, 2007 (Mother's Day).

11) The election of Eastern Regional officers was held. A motion was presented to keep the current officers for another year.

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Marie McGee, Treasurer

Motion: Avril Pickersgill
Second: Marsha Neary
Passed by the majority

12) A discussion on committees and their members was held. Committee changes are as follows:

Evening of Champions:

Janet Jordan to volunteer

Allen Bell to chair the committee

Frank McHenry Scholarship Committee:

This committee is ok as is

Artistic Upgrade Committee:

Al Taglang will be replaced by Bill Houle

13) George Kane asked to have "Golden" added as an official event. The question was discussed, and the suggestion was to email the idea to other coaches and officials for consideration.

14) Gina Galda asked if there were any other rinks that would hold a meet about the time that Christiana would have held their meet. The response was that there were other meets in adjoining regions about this time. There was no plan to have another meet in the Eastern Region as a substitute to Christiana.

15) Carey Elder inquired if anyone would be interested in attending a representatives meeting at the National Office. It was suggested that if it was of benefit to our region we should send someone.

16) Marie McGee reminded all that she will hold a judge's panel at Holiday Skating Center beginning March 25. The panel will be held in the snack bar from 11:00am to 12:30pm. There will be no charge to attend and interested people should bring a pen/pencil and a notebook. All other supplied will be provided.

17) A motion to adjourn was made at 8:38pm.

Motion: Marsha Neary

Second: Janet Jordan

Passed by the majority

Acknowledgements:

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