

Eastern Region USA Roller Sports

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Palace Skating Center, Philadelphia, PA
Date/Time: April 7, 2008 at 7:43 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 with corrections to **Item #12** (youth skaters couldn't practice final dances at open practice). Steve Hinkle made the suggestion to approach the person(s) running the practice rink with any concerns. **Item #7**: the time was changed from two hours to one and one half hours of open practice

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 \$6044.57. The Treasurer' report was approved as presented.

Motion: Jeanne Sincavage
Second: Marsha Neary
Passed by the majority

3) Fund raising for the Junior W/C and Senior W/C skaters was discussed. A previous raffle for a TV was very successful. There were \$4320.00 of tickets sold, netting \$3341.00 minus the cost of the prize at \$978.00. Noted were the efforts of Erika Broach, who sold 50 tickets in a two hour time period. Also noted was the difficulty in contacting Troy Tucker, who wishes to be involved. Discussed was the fairest way to distribute funds among the members.

4) A motion was made for the distribution of funds among the group that qualifies for Worlds (see Item #4). The criteria would be based on those who sold tickets and shared based on participation. Those persons selling tickets and not qualifying would see the funds go into the EOC funds. The funds raised should be handed in before Regional competition.

Motion: Allen Bell
Second: Marsha Neary
Passed by the majority

5) Marie McGee noted that Christine Roemer and Louise Neal have made donations for the Junior/Senior World Class Fund.

6) It was noted the Southeast Region was trying to have an "Over 65" division started. The USARS Board was aware of the effort but didn't want to add an additional event. Allen Bell stated since we currently offer the event as unofficial that it doesn't need to become an official event.

7) Carey Elder suggested mixed practices at both practice rinks for Nationals. It was noted the cost of rental of the rinks was in the \$3000 to \$3200 range. Options were discussed, including restriction of skaters to use of the facility one to two days before their event skated.

8) Bids were taken for the 2010 Eastern Regional Artistic Championships. Holiday Skating Center placed the only bid. By vote the 2010 Eastern Regional Artistic Championships will be held at Holiday Skating Center, Delanco NJ.

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

Steven Hinkle, President
John Heffner, Vice President, Artistic
Jim Weiderhold, Vice President, Speed
John Patton, Secretary
Marie McGee, Treasurer

Motion: Marsha Neary
Motion Second
Passed by the majority

10) Steve Hinkle presented information pertaining to the upcoming Regional Championships. Information will be on the website (schedule, hotel rooms, etc).

11) Carey Elder discussed the Mini Meet held earlier in the season. Attendance was up from previous mini meets and the meet had good spectator turnout.

12) Carey Elder spoke of the upcoming covered dish. Notices should be on the web site soon, tickets will be sold during sessions. Avril asked to "spread the word" so there will be a good turnout. George Kane inquired whether there should be two social skates during the year.

13) The Coaches Association will sponsor a seminar on September 21st in the morning. The subjects will include dance, figure and freestyle. There will be speakers available and will attempt to qualify coaches and officials for continuing education credits towards their certifications.

14) Jeanne Sincavage gave a presentation of the National Board minutes, highlighting subject materials pertaining to and of interest to our region. Noted was a Service Award presented to our regional tabulator Louise Neal.

15) Steve Hinkle made a motion to hold a fund raising raffle at Regionals. Offered was a GPS unit and gas card. The motion made, seconded and passed by the majority.

16) A motion was presented to send Regional Championship material via e-mail as opposed to sending by US Mail. The motion made, seconded and passed by the majority.

17) A motion to adjourn was made at 9:17pm.

Motion: Ed Heater
Second: Marsha Neary
Passed by the majority

Acknowledgements:

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

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<u>Marsha L. Neary</u>	<u>Olympic Skating Center</u>
<u>Maureen Patton</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
<u>Carey E. Oler</u>	<u>Mount Seward</u>
<u>Geary, Joan</u>	<u>Mount Laura</u>
<u>ED HEATER</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>AURIL PICKERSGILL</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>Notare Bergamini</u>	<u>Roller Magic South Amboy</u>
<u>Rich Zens</u>	<u>Roller Magic South Amboy</u>
<u>Joan Jones</u>	<u>FANTASY</u>
<u>Allie Bell</u>	<u>FANTASY</u>
<u>Jim Conway</u>	<u>_____</u>
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Mario McLee

PE-02

Steve Hinkle

NJ-01

John Keppner

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John Putton

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