

Eastern Region USA Roller Sports

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Palace Skating Center, Philadelphia, PA

Date(s)/Time(s): April 27, 2009 at 7:35 PM

June 20, 2009 at 7:38 PM

Presiding Officers Steven Hinkle, President
John Heffner, Vice President, Artistic
John Patton, Secretary
Marie McGee, Treasurer

Officers in Attendance: 4/3

Members in Attendance: 8/10

Total Attendance: 12/13

Meeting of April 27, 2009

1) The Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting. The previous report was reviewed and (2) dates were changed from "2009" to "2008" to show correct chronological time.

Motion: Avril Pickersgill

Second: Janet Jordan

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 \$6497.40. The Treasurer' report was approved as presented.

Motion: Jeanne Sincavage

Second: George Kane

Passed by the majority

3) One of the 2009 Easter Regional Championship judges need to leave early Sunday morning to return to Illinois. The judge is scheduled to skate to qualify for the National Competition on Monday. If there is a shortage of out-of-region judges for Sunday competition an in-region judge may be needed to substitute.

4) Regional information was sent out by e-mail per the decision at the previous regional meeting. Information and forms can also be downloaded from the Eastern Region website. Marie McGee suggested sending out a reminder e-mail on the above. Steve Hinkle will also accept applications at the NJ Open.

5) A discussion of the rule changes that would affect the 2009 Regional championships was held. The discussion included the particulars of the changes and addresses the question of the defending champion change. A request was received to skate the Regional in (2) person/team flights rather than in (4) person/team flights for the dance events, citing a safety factor on a smaller floor. After discussion, the decision was to skate the Regional in the same manner as the National championship.

6) 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
John Patton, Secretary
Marie McGee, Treasurer

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

7) A motion was made to have only one Vice-President of the Region, eliminating the position of Vice –President of Speed. The issue will be taken up at a later time, as the motion may require a change in the by-laws.

Motion: Pending per later meeting

8) A review was held of the Region's committees. Most of the committees have a sufficient amount of people. The Artistic Judges Selection Committee was reviewed and Janet Jordan will replace Bill Houle on this committee.

Changes were made to the Evening of Champions Committee:

Resign from Committee:
Anne Wahlig
Debbie Lewis

Added to Committee:
Allen Bell – Chairman
Janet Jordan.

The Frank McHenry Scholarship application will need to be posted on the Regional Website.

Motion: Avril Pickersgill
Second: Karen Patton
Passed by the majority

9) A discussion of the rule changes for next year was held. This includes changes to Junior World Class, combining Sophomore/Novice A and Classic A, adding Adult Golden and other changes.

10) A motion to continue the meeting was made. The meeting would be scheduled after the last event Saturday of the 2009 Eastern Regional Championships. This will allow more clubs to vote on the **2011** Regional Championships. Clubs can vote for this by proxy by sending a representative of the club with a signed note from the club president.

11) A motion was made to change the scheduling of the Eastern Region meeting to the fall meeting, then the spring meeting held on Friday night of the Eastern Region Championships. This schedule will start in the 2009-2010 season.

Motion: Allen Bell
Second: Karen Patton
Passed by the majority

12) Carey Elder discussed the progress in scheduling National Practice for the region. Carey highlighted the progress made and discussed open practice.

13) A motion to adjourn was made at 8:54pm. The Spring Meeting will continue on June 20, 2009.

Motion: Avril Pickersgill
Second: Karen Patton
Passed by the majority

Meeting of June 20, 2009

1) The meeting began with the voting of the host for the 2011 Eastern Regional Championships. After tallying the votes, the 2011 Eastern Regional Championships will be held at Holiday Skating Center in Delanco, NJ.

2) Bids were taken for the 2012 Eastern Regional Artistic Championships. A bid from Valley Skating Center was received at the meeting. All interested clubs will have thirty (30) days **from the Fall 2009 meeting** to send their bids to either Steve Hinkle or John Patton.

3) A change in the By-Laws cannot be accomplished at this meeting because there is not a 2/3 majority of the clubs present.

4) Fantasy Skating Center spoke of their contest schedule so other clubs could plan their events accordingly. The Invitational will be rescheduled to April, 2010, with a one day dance event in January and a mini-meet planned around Thanksgiving.

5) A motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 pm.

Motion: Kristen Kievet

Second: Allen Bell

Passed by the majority.

Acknowledgements:

Thanks to Ted and Sue Rendfrey, owners of the Palace Skating Center, for hosting the Eastern Region Meeting on April 27, 2009

Thanks to Allen Bell and Jeanne Sincavage, owners of the Fantasy Skating Center, for hosting the Eastern Region Meeting on June 20, 2009

Sign-In Sheets: Members In Attendance

4/27/09

Steven Hinkle
John Heffner
Marie McGee
John Patton
Karen Patton
Jeanne Sincavage
Allen Bell
Ed Heater
Avril Pickersgill
Carey Elder
George Kane
Janet Jordan

6/20/09

Steve Hinkle
John Heffner
John Patton
Karen Patton
Avril Pickersgill
Carey Elder
Kristen Kievet
Jim Kennedy
Linda Miner
Linda Weaver
Allen Bell
Sue Rendfrey
Bill Graf