

GMSA Minutes for January 12, 2016, 6:30 PM

Rich Chlebeczek, Ray Larson, Sheree Mehling, Rich Vehe (minutes), Joe Von Drasek

- **Minutes for December.** Motion by Ray, second by Sheree, approved.
- **Financials**
 - USS will be providing partial reimbursement of ice time and entry fees totaling ~\$3,000.
 - FOF will be providing ~\$5,400 for support of ice costs.
 - We have an ice bill for the first half of the season for \$18,550. Motion by Ray, second by Sheree, approved, to pay this bill.
- **US Speedskating**
 - As above
- **Volunteers.**
 - No discussion
- **Racing/Practice Schedule**
 - The course for the Loppet is still to be determined.
 - The Midwest Finale will be Saturday, March 12 at the Plymouth Ice Center. MN State Champions will be crowned at this meet. Motion by Ray, second by Rich C, approved that GMSA will help support the event including planning for awards, volunteers and officials, and possibly with the cost of ice. The preliminary estimate is that the entries will cover the cost of the ice.
- **Equipment/Software/Scoreboard/Video**
 - The new equipment (see last minutes) worked well for the AmCup. Issues related to the bills remain to be settled. There was a reminder that a police report needs to be filed regarding the guns.
 - Rich C. provided an update regarding recent issues with the computers and the metric display, and plans for wiring and protection of the electronics equipment. This summer there will be additional review of the wiring outside. Batteries for some of the radios have been replaced, but it seems like new radios will be needed. Rich also provided a brief update on repairs of other equipment that are under way or yet needed.
 - There are ongoing discussions regarding updating mats for the Oval.
- **Promotion.**
 - There is discussion within Midway to try to find ways to help promote the number of skaters on the ice racing and training. Options are under for discussion for helping adjust costs for individuals transition from novice, getting masters skaters staying connected, and facilitating out-of-town skaters coming for events. Other ideas for development and promotion are encouraged.
- **Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sheree, second by Rich V, approved and adjourned at 8:30 PM.**

The date for the next GMSA meetings will be *Tuesday, February 9* at 6:30 PM in the Raider Room at the Oval. All GMSA members are welcome to attend. *REMINDER: Every club can send two representatives to meetings (with voting privileges), and one skater representative.*