

## **GMSA Minutes for February 9, 2016, 6:30 PM**

Rich Chlebecek, Ray Larson, Sheree Mehring, Rich Vehe (minutes), Joe Von Drasek

- **Minutes for January.** Motion by Ray, second by Sheree, approved.
- **Financials**
  - See equipment discussion.
  - Sheree has been tracking race registrations and it will be possible to verify that appropriate payments were made.
- **US Speedskating**
  - There was a meeting with Marion Wohlrab this past weekend to follow up on a previous discussion to host the Apolo Ohno Open at the Oval. Rich C met with Brad Tullberg and Kevin Elm and there is interest in pursuing this option for sometime during the period of November 16-18, perhaps November 17 from 7-9 PM. The ice and upstairs rooms are available. Mats would need to be trucked from MKW or obtained as part of our facility upgrade. Potential tie-ins with other events were discussed. Rich C will create a summary for USS of tonight's discussion regarding the facility, tie-ins, and financial considerations.
- **Volunteers.**
  - No discussion
- **Racing/Practice Schedule**
  - The Loppet was completed this past weekend. Ice conditions were challenging. GMSA skaters did well. There is a hope that this year's challenges will not impede future events. Joe, Ray, and Sheree will follow up with the organizers to express their appreciation for the effort and to offer to help enhance future events.
  - Sheree reported that the Midwest Finale for Saturday, March 12 at the Plymouth Ice Center has been cancelled due to lack of interest.
- **Equipment/Software/Scoreboard/Video**
  - Our tax exempt status led to a refund of some of the charges for this winter's equipment replacements and repairs.
  - Midway has approved and will pay for the replacement guns.
  - Rich C proposed purchase of another AS51000 photocell interface as a spare, since there have been repeated breakdowns, leading to last minute crises. Motion by Rich V, second by Ray, approved to purchase this unit (approximately \$675 plus tax/shipping).
  - All of the timing system cables are being replaced by Rich C and Paul S.
  - Rich C gave an update on what is being pursued regarding updating mats for the Oval. Rich V has forwarded additional information.
- **Promotion.**
  - No discussion
- **Motion to adjourn the meeting by Sheree, second by Rich V, approved and adjourned at 7:45 PM.**

**The date for the next GMSA meetings will be *Tuesday, March 8* 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.***