



## **GMSA BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**November 22, 2016, 6:30 pm**

**ATTENDEES:** Rich Vehe, Sheree Mehring, Joe Von Drasek, Ray Larson, Uli Fink, Dorothy Bialke, Tim Ronchak

### **FINANCIAL- Anthony**

- Update on financial status
- Deposits- Novice skate rentals, John Rose Open, and 16-17 season fees

### **US SPEEDSKATING UPDATE- Sheree**

- Update from USS Fall Board Meeting
- US Speedskating Gala- \$60,000 worth of sales for auction items
- New website is being set up for legacy donations
- Fundraising program is being overviewed with the goal of streamlining and eliminating duplication. The report should be ready for the next board meeting
- Under Armor is underwriting the Talent Development Program
  - Midway families are troubled with US Speedskating not looking deeper into the current skaters and instead looking outside of current speedskaters
- Discussion around the connection of US Speedskating their knowledge of what is happening at local levels

### **COMMITTEES** *(please keep recap to 5 minutes per committee)*

#### **Communications - Ray**

- WCCO news clip on Saturday November 26 to promote speedskating in the metro area
- Ray is connecting with the local papers to promote the Am Cup and Olympic Alumni Race on Saturday Dec. 3
- Nancy Bluml is organizing the Alumni party at the Oval following the race

#### **Development: Roseville Novice - Nadine**

- 48 skaters to date
- Nov. 22 first night of skating
- Skate inventory is online and check out went fine

#### **Development: Try Speedskating/Speedskating in Skate Schools**

- Roseville Skate School wants to chat re: ice and inline -- meeting Dec or Jan (inline Noelle)
- Working on the overall structure and presentation to skate schools
- Roseville Learn to Skate wants to incorporate speedskating into their program- spring/summer session

#### **Development: Plymouth/Roseville Learn to Skate/USA Family - Lisa**

- Learn to skate Roseville - starts Thursday, Dec 1
- First Open racing on Saturday, Dec 10

#### **Development: Power Skating - Lisa**

- Lisa in discussions with USS regarding the program

#### **Equipment - Rich**

- Nov. 30 will be a test run for the equipment in preparation for the Am Cup/John Rose
- Timing room is set for the metric - more work with the pack races

#### **Facilities Procurement - Uli**

- Schedule sent to Kevin. Kevin finalizing contract.
- Coaches approved the schedule
- Worked with Bandy to meet their needs on Sunday in addition to meeting the needs of the speed skaters
- Uli will update the calendar

#### **Inline - Andy**

- Learn to Inline Skate Program Developments in conjunction with Kevin
- Learn to Ice Speed Skate Programs directed at inliners - we should do a succinct e-mail blast to my inliner listserv with all relevant information
- Heard concerns over the reduction of Sunday ice this year- see discussion above on facilities

**Masters - Jeff**

- No update

**Officials - Rich and Paul**

- Officials course recap
- Volunteer recruitment on November 19
- November 19 race schedule was not well organized. Need to have blocks of pack and blocks of metric for future. The races will be organized going forward
  - Ray will get this organized
- Need for two - 2 hour sessions to provide training for referees
  - The weekend of Dec. 17/18 would be good because of the two day race weekend
  - The course will be submitted to US Speedskating for credit

**Sponsorship/Philanthropy**

- Friends of the Oval - grant submitted at last Friends meeting
- Ovallumination went fine even though weather did not cooperate- over 40 trees

**Competitions/Camps- Joe**

- Am Cup/John Rose
  - Volunteer sign up will be online when Sheree gets the outline
  - Overall winner First through 4th place will receive medals. This is a change as in the past medals were given for each individual race
  - Medals in inventory will be used. Quantity will allow for 16-17 categories of skaters
  - Midway will be providing a swag bag to skaters to see if that adds anything to the event
- Talent ID- will pay their own ice fee
- Alumni Races/Reception

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS****NEXT MEETING DATE**

Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 6:30 pm at the Oval - Fireside Room

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

January 24th - February 28th

**ADJOURNED**

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