



GMSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2022 -- 7:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Rich Vehe, Susan Sandvig Shobe, Jim Herman, Nick Pearson, Paul Stangl, Sheree Mehring, Andy Uttke

FINANCIAL

- Need updated bank spreadsheet summaries from Lisa
- Bank change TCF → Huntington Bank, **new debit cards? (Lisa)**
- Motion: Currently there are two bank accounts - General and Development. General was used for memberships, ice bills, etc. Development is the income coming in from skate rentals, race entries, etc. The general account has fallen below the alert threshold of \$1k. So we need to transfer some funds over to keep the general account above the set threshold amount OR Sheree would like to make a motion that we close the general account and only have one account for GMSA. **Motion: Transfer \$500 to General from Development (motion passed)**

BOARD ACTIVITY: (Susan/Jim)

- Update mission/vision/bylaws (last version October 16, 2010) -- Susan/Jim/Rich
- **Meeting to discuss and get started**

ICE:

- Ice: Several sessions of poor quality ice, overall treatment of speed skating from Oval needs to be addressed
- Oval passes: Need Oval to provide speed skating ice, not hourly. If Midway/GMSA buys, need USS/insured
 - Oval is not staffing and charging
 - Passes are being sold full price even mid season
 - Masters not given bracelet
 - Skaters being told pass doesn't cover ice session
 - Not collecting money for entrance/no staff

TO DO: Need to brainstorm how to approach Kevin/Oval on ice quality and lack of collecting funds
Rich/Jim to bring up with Friends of the Oval members
Jim would like to ask re: Bandy and others)?
Grant mtg - Feb 28

COMPETITIONS/CAMPS/EVENTS

- John Rose Open/Am Cup II/US Junior Championships
 - Nick: Debrief "went well!", organizing committee worked well, great event, sign up genius, practice ice on Thursday was confusing - desk charged some skaters – future: USS to pay for that session
 - Entry money to Midway

TO DO:

Nick to provide list of who was on organizing committee
Sheree to work with Lisa on getting JRO collected fees to Midway (Motion passed)
Sheree to send the Rink Rules to Katy/Andy to distribute to LTSS groups
Get list of skaters from LTSS from Katy/Lake from past years

- John Rose Inline Open
 - May 1 proposed as a potential race date with MN Half – too early
 - **Susan to discuss with Kevin for a later date (same as Duluth perhaps?)**
- 10,000 Lakes - February 19-20
 - Same organizing committee, need meet director (Katy? Mike Cofrin?)
 - Committee to determine entry and forms, etc.

DEVELOPMENT:

- Inline (Andy/Katy)
 - Need wristguards
 - Skate inventory seems okay for Try/LTSS
 - Try Inline needs a deposit/better tracking system/waiver for equipment (revise waiver)
 - FYI – tarmac/running track outside of fence is being ripped out, may affect inline season & safety
 - Need ideas for gates between track and skate park
- Roseville Learn to Speed Skate (Katy)
 - Last day is Feb. 17 (some skaters will keep skates to race 10,000 Lakes)
 - Banquet? (Info to come)
- LTSS Rental Update
 - Roseville to include skate rental in registration – need to confirm with Lake for Spring & next Fall
 - Some skates are poor quality – need fresh inventory (Midway to provide 50 skates, if approved)
 - GMSA to possibly buy some with a clap for more advanced skaters to try before purchase
 - Reassess after LTSS season - Andy, Nick, Paul G.
 - New storage space can hold up to 240-280 skates
- Adults
 - Melissa/Andy - adult ambassadors, have season passes
 - Melissa is doing workouts
 - Social media/blog - Sheree to reach out to Andy/Melissa re: easy to find info
 - Website - discuss updates to the skatetheoval.com
- Roseville Learn to Speed Skate - SPRING
 - Katy working with Lake for registration
 - Noah Lopez may coach
 - Dates?
- Try Speed Skating (*Kevin approved ice, no charge)
(Sheree can send email to those registered with interest and set up sign up sheets)

Are skates available?

36 and lower skates are available, 37+ will be adult skate inventory

Who can assist with Try on these days? (Melissa, Andy, Rich, Joe V, Steve T, Susan, Midway kids, Leif A.)

- Sunday, Feb. 6*
- Sunday, Feb. 13*
- Sunday, Feb. 27*
- Saturday, Feb. 12
- Thursday, Feb. 17 - Andy
- Thursday, Feb. 24 - Andy
- Saturday, Feb. 26

EQUIPMENT

- Skates - See above under Development
 - Need a 45 or larger, small and 32s -- Susan to check inventories/possibly order additional
 - Donate skates to rinks once out of LTSS rotation?
- LTSS Equipment Needs
 - Towels - Susan can provide more
 - Soakers - update? Towels provided could be used to make - need sewers (Katy/Susan to talk)
 - Guards - need
- Wrist Guards for next inline season -
 - Update? Susan to check with USS to get 20 pairs of wristguards before next season
 - Update? Possible to get smaller knee pads from USS

- GMSA Rental Skates
 - Paul Gangl is doing inventory and skate repair
 - Nick will request access or a copy for the board
- Updates on skate storage - update?
 - Rich C. designed, has drawings and info for walls/shelving. Midway approved \$20k.
 - Block wall was installed this week
- Oval pads
 - Next season: New pads
 - Pad design has been done by engineering firm
 - Tarmac being replaced, posts removed
 - B32 is engineering group
 - Need to see designs
 - Susan to inquire with Lonnie from ISU perspective

OFFICIALS (Rich)

- New: Midway parents - great participants, Rich has a check-in form/directory
 - New Starter: Adam Johnson working with Matt Vraaj
 - New Referee: Erik Ducker
 - New Referee: Jackie Chamberlain??
 - New Steward (pack): Ryan Chamberlain
 - Nick/Rich to integrate lists from Am Cup/JRO
- Education - Rich to survey volunteers as to goals/wants
- Membership
 - Must be USS member for Level 2
- Advancement
 - Rich to keep list of volunteers to advance

ALUMNI

- Add

USS UPDATE (Susan)

- Add

NEW BUSINESS

- TV Show MN Bound/Laura Schara doing a segment – will be produced in February and will air next season

NEXT MTG DATE: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 7:00pm (via Zoom)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 pm