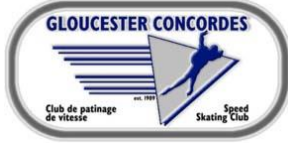


**MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013-14
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**



April 27, 2014 at 17h00

Roy G. Hobbs, Orleans
109 Larch Crescent, Orleans, Ontario

Attendance: See list in Annex for participating members

ITEM	DISCUSSION
I	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p>Moved by: Jean Hurtubise Seconded by: Kendra Engbers</p> <p align="right">Approved</p>
II	<p><u>Minutes from April 28, 2013 AGM</u></p> <p>Unable to locate minutes from last year's AGM.</p>
III	<p><u>President's Message</u></p> <p>a) Introduction of the Members of the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurel Rockwell – President • Jean Hurtubise – Vice President • Josée Bertrand – Past President • Doug Durham – Treasurer (books – Clare Gee) • Janique Gagnon – Secretary • Dennis Vogt – Club Registrar • Joanne Michaud – Member at large • Theresa McGarry – Member at large • Stu Jolliffe – Member at large • Michel Trottier – Member at large • Kendra Engbers – Member at large <p>b) Introduction of Club Members very active “behind the scenes” and playing important roles for the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dennis Vogt – Meet Registrar • Michel Trottier – Web Master • Jean Hurtubise and Stu Jolliffe – Equipment Managers • Neil Monkman – Fundsceipt Coordinators • Sandra Chenard – Meet Coordinators • Dennis Vogt – Statistician • Joanne Michaud – Club Wear <p>c) Accomplishments during the 2010-2011 Season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted 1 Eastern Regional Meet and a Provincial Meet • Hosted a Masters' Championship (MIST) • Hosted multiple mini-meets for the LTSS skaters • Implemented a new coaching model • Promoted Officials and Coaching development • Held cooperative events with the Pacers • Held a raffle as a fundraiser in December

d) Community involvement:

- The club organized food drives during the mini-meets, particularly during the Christmas mini-meet
- Promoted a high school skating program and introduced speed skating to a hockey club

e) Social Activities:

- Skate to Sochi
- Mini-meets at Christmas and thru the year – especially a year-end mini-meet with officials development and fun time had by all

Reports

a) Registration: We lost a few skaters last year but despite this, we were able to keep a good number of skaters. There was a slight increase towards the end of the year, after the Olympics. Talk about the sport – encourage recruitment with younger skaters so that our development continues.

b) Financial Overview: Increase in coaching expenses because of our new Coaching Model, which is a significant increase compared to past years. Our skaters numbers being down, the club did relatively well considering. We had anticipated to be in the red by \$10k but only ended up with a deficit of \$5k. Question from the floor about why there is a significant difference between the expenses for the Regional Meet and the O Cup – LR explains that both meets were blended in as they were very close to one another so the bookkeeper did not differentiate the deposits.

c) Equipment: Majority of the skates were rented this year. Started slow but as Olympics approached, the numbers increased. Learning curve as to matching of boots with appropriate blade (length for both need to work.) Planning to get more skates for next year, in certain sizes. Larger expense this year for skates. Needs for next season – maintenance of mats – repairs or buying new ones to accommodate the new standards from SSC. JH to work with MR in this regards, especially for storage and putting the mats on the ice/taking them off the ice for practices.

d) Fundraising and Marketing: In order to get more skaters, we need to promote our club and the sport. Our two skaters that went to Sochi are great mentors for the club. We need to involve the community – politicians need to be included as well. MT did an amazing job with our website which promoted the club very well. The Quebec City raffle was a great success both for the parents (recoup cost) and for supporters (good price). Two opportunities to be on live TV with CJOH and it was successful as well.

e) Coaches:

- MR was instrumental in helping the Executive putting forward our Coaching Model this year.
- We lost important coaches last year – lots of experience. We have to rebuild our coaching staff. We have to work with the coaches now to give them the appropriate knowledge to be able to provide good coaching. Time is a luxury we do not have at this time – since significant coaches left in the past few years. We have to work on the technical training for our coaches. Some coaches will be formalizing their training in the next year – coaching camps; equipment maintenance session will be also provided for them; increasing the coaches' knowledge in regards to the equipment the skaters are skating with. We have a few new and returning coaches for the upcoming season. Of note, Coach Sandra Chenard will be leaving next year. One thing that will

	<p>be done next year is to focus on the skills for the skaters when they have to go up one level – LTSS to CompB to CompA – it is not fair for the skaters to be moved up just because of the numbers – the skills need to be there as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have the pleasure of having our two Olympians, Vincent de Haître and Ivanie Blondin amongst the group today – they are a great example of the development and success of our own skaters.
<p>IV</p>	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) <u>Objectives for Next Season and Open Discussion</u> The President described the objectives that the Club and new Executive should reach in the coming year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase our membership Host three meets – regional, provincial, OSSA Masters 2nd year of our Coaching Model Increase in sponsorship Best Practice Guidelines policy review Regional collaboration for training (Concordes, Pacers, Rapids, Val-des-Monts) Fundraising Committee <p>At this point, the President opened the floor for questions and discussion.</p> <p>Q: No questions from the floor at this time.</p>
<p>V</p>	<p>Election of Officers and Executive Committee – 2012-2013</p> <p>Paul Martin graciously accepted to be our president of elections, which started at 18h10. It was stated that all Board positions were opened and that every member could be nominated, provided they are at least 18 years of age.</p> <p>Nominee for President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laurel Rockwell let her name stand to hold this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Vice-president:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean Hurtubise let his name stand to hold this position - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doug Durham let his name stand to hold this position - No nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janique Gagnon let her name stand to continue in this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Registrar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dennis Vogt let his name stand to continue in this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. [This is not the position of meet registrar]

	<p>Nominees for member at large positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dean Hoisak let his name stand for one of these positions. - Joann Michaud let her name stand for one of these positions. - Stu Jolliffe let his name stand for one of these positions. - Teresa McGarry let her name stand for one of these positions. - Michel Trottier let his name stand for one of the positions. - Neil Monkman was nominated by Jean Hurtubise. Neil Monkman accepted his nomination. - No other nominations were received from the floor. - All nominees were elected by acclamation. <p>The Executive has the power to appoint volunteers to the remaining roles required for club operations.</p>
<p>VI</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> Late April/early May 2015 -- time TBD Location: TBD</p>
<p>VII</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u> Moved by JH that the 2013-14 AGM be adjourned. Seconded by MT.</p> <p>The 2013-14 AGM was adjourned at 18h30.</p>

List of members attending the 2013-14 AGM

Member	Level	Member	Level
Bertrand, Josée		Martin, Paul	
Borris, Pauline		Matthews, Kathy	
Chenard, Sandra		McGarry, Theresa	
DeHaitre, Denis		Michaud, Joanne	
DeHaitre, Lucille		Monkman, Neil	
Engbers, Kendra		Monkman, Heather	
Gagnon, Janique		Parent, Stephane	
Gosselin, Joanne		Parent, Antoine	
Harquail, David		Parent, Edouard	
Hickey, Heidi		Rivet, Michel	
Hickey, Olivia		Rockwell, Laurel	
Hoisak, Dean		Tropper William	
Hurtubise, Jean		Trottier, Michel	
Hurtubise, Jonah		Vogt, Dennis	
Jolliffe, Joanne		Weidemann, John	
Jolliffe, Stu		Weidemann, Isabelle	
Marinsky, Cheryl		Weidemann, Jake	