

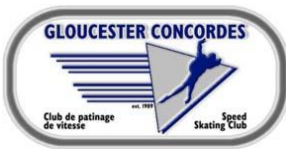
**MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

**March 11, 2015, 18:45
Centre Récréatif Bob MacQuarrie, Orléans**

Attendance: Laurel Rockwell (LR), Jean Hurtubise (JH), Stu Joliffe (SJ), Janique Gagnon (JG), Neil Monkman (NM), Joanne Michaud (JM), Mike Rivet (MR), Bob Blondin (BB)

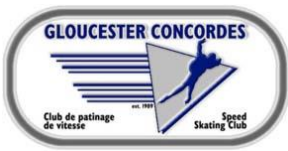
Regrets: Doug Durham (DD), Michel Trottier (MT), Teresa McGarry (TM), Dean Hoisak (DH)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
1	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>LR called the meeting to order at 18h55. She welcomed BB and thanked him for agreeing to attend the meeting tonight.</p> <p>Motion by SJ; seconded by JM.</p>	Motion carried
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last executive meeting were approved.</p> <p>Motion by JH; seconded by JM.</p>	Motion carried
3	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>LR reports that OSSA has now initiated an investigation into the misappropriation of the \$2k donation to our club. LR is in contact with Jacqueline Deschesne.</p> <p>LR also indicates to the Executive that ice allocation from the City of Ottawa will start in April. This topic will have to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
4	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Financial – update</u>: Clare Gee has provided LR and JH with various reports. JH informed the board that the Kevin Frost ice payment discussed at the last meeting has been credited back to the club. Upcoming payments include the OSSA competitive fees (should be billed to us in March/April), and March ice that still needs to be billed. So far, this year, the club will be running at a loss (~\$800). The Executive discussed the cost of having our new coaching model for our club – unless we start fundraising, we will be depleting our security funds as this concept would bring a loss every year. This is where the Executive hopes BB can help in finding new ideas for fundraising.</p> <p>B. <u>Registrar - update</u>: JM informs the board that she has received messages from parents interested to have their child skate with the club next year. This is great news for our club as this will bring new skaters.</p> <p>C. <u>Coaching - update</u>: MR shares with the Executive that the coaches have held a meeting to discuss and plan for next year. The following coach will not returning – Leah; returning coaches are MR, John Weidemann, Heidi Hickey, Stephane Parent, and Joanne Gosselin. In addition, Philippe Breton has shown interest in coaching - MR has approached him about joining the team next year. MR has also contacted Tony Bean to enquire if he could help the club by covering during the LT season (while the oval is running) as this sometimes creates difficulties as coaches have to cover both ices for the various sessions. In terms of skaters, recruitment for Group 1 is going well, which will feed Group 2. Of note, it is planned that Joanne Gosselin will be coaching Group 2 both on Monday and Tuesday next year.</p> <p>The Executive then had a short discussion about the movement of skaters towards the upper group – it is known some parents are expecting movement for their child(ren). The board feels that this remains a coaching decision and agrees that this should be communicated through the summer to the parents of returning skaters in order to (sometimes) facilitate the choice of activities for some families.</p>	MR



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	<p>MR also reports that a number of parents have requested summer ice. LR said that ice price is expensive (\$250/hr). MR then asked about Sensplex East (mats stored there, longer ice time [1.5hr], soccer fields, lots of space for dry land training) – LR agreed to look into this matter prior to next meeting.</p> <p>MR offers to have another Summer Camp at Mont-Ste-Marie – focus on LT participants. LR suggested holding a 4-day camp with younger skaters as well as a 3-day camp for the Masters – to which MR agrees. MR would have ~25 kids, selected and offered the camp by invitation; and ~15 participants for the Masters’ camp.</p> <p>In closing, MR reported that the coaches will be meeting again shortly to select the skaters deserving the club’s awards as well as which skaters will be progressing to the next level.</p> <p>D. <u>Equipment - update</u>: Nothing to report.</p> <p>E. <u>Website</u>: Goal Line will be our online registration company. JG will send the minutes from the 2014 AGM to MT so they can be posted 30 days before the AGM, as per our constitution.</p> <p>F. <u>Fundraising / Marketing/ Advertising</u>: LR asks BB to help us find ideas of fundraising in order to promote and help the club. Suggestions include having banners made for corporate sponsors that would be advertised on our mats; moneys that give a return to the club (insurance group, companies, etc.). Short discussion held as well on ways to advertise our club within the city to register more skaters for the upcoming season.</p> <p>G. <u>Policies</u>: No update.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>JG</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Provincial B Meet – March 28-29/2015</u>: LR asks the board if someone can take the lead in organising the opening ceremonies for the meet (singing O’ Canada, having music such as piper, welcoming the officials). JG volunteered to help coordinate. Suggestions include skating of the banners by clubs’ skaters, inviting Bob Monette (City councillor), Marie-France Lalonde (MPP), and Beatrice-Desloges band to play O’ Canada. LR suggests to JG to contact Sandra Chenard to have the names of the clubs that will be participating – LR can then contact the club’s presidents to bring the banners and choose skaters. LR then asks about a silent auction/fundraising table (bake sale). JM suggests as well that a letter could be written by LR and then used to get food donations from local grocery stores. NM will contact Sobey’s about this. He suggested as well that we might be able to get a gift basket as well for a raffle. The Executive agrees to have a 50/50 draw on both days. JH will get tickets for the 50/50. NM has been in contact with the company for ordering T-Shirts and Hoodies for the meet. Still waiting for prices. Will contact the Executive when he gets them. BB suggested as well that Ivania Blondin might be available for the opening ceremonies and might be able to donate an item to be auctioned during the meet.</p> <p>B. <u>Annual General Meeting – Sunday, April 19/2015 @ 1500hrs</u>: Executive to be there at 1500hrs for set up, meeting starting at 1600hrs. Pot-luck – Executive will bring hot-dogs and hamburgers + condiments + plates/cutlery + chips; Group 1 – Dessert; Group 2 – Dessert; Group 3 – Drinks; Group 4 – Salads; and Group 5 – Salads. Tickets should be sold in advance (~5\$/Head) – JH will be sending a message to each of the groups to inform them.</p> <p>C. <u>Fun Meet – March 25/2015 – For Group 1B and 2</u>: The Executive feels the organisation of the fun meet should fall on the coaches. LR will see if she can book Hall C to have the potluck. JH will send an email to MR and Joanne Gosselin to give them the list of emails to contact the families to invite them.</p> <p>D. <u>Executive for 2015-16 season</u>: LR will not be returning as President next year – will sit as Past President and help with marketing/fundraising. NM is interested in the position of</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>JG/SC/LR</p> <p>NM</p> <p>JH</p> <p>NM</p> <p>BB</p> <p>JH</p> <p>LR</p> <p>JH</p>



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	President. A short discussion about getting parents with real commitment – not just words that they will be participating – also took place.	
6	<u>Adjournment</u> Meeting adjourned at 21h40. Motion by NM; seconded by JH. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15 April 2015 at 1845hrs at Bob MacQuarrie Complex, Hall C.	Motion carried.