



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

**August 19, 2015, 18:30
Hall C, Centre Récréatif Bob MacQuarrie, Orléans**

Attendance: Neil Monkman (NM), Jean Hurtubise (JH), Doug Durham (DD), Janique Gagnon (JG), Mike Rivet (MR), Kathy Matthews (KM), Stu Jolliffe (SJ), Michel Trottier (MT), Laura-Lee Balkwill (LLB), Joanne Michaud (JM),

Regrets: Laurel Rockwell (LR), Lisa Kluge (LK), Dean Hoisak (DH), Kevin Cooke (KC), Bob Blondin (BB)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
1	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>JH called the meeting to order at 18h50. The agenda was approved as amended, with the following additions:</p> <p>1. Item 4 Old Business F Website – <i>Blue Host contact/Blue Host 3yr-subscription</i> – added.</p> <p>Motion by LLB; seconded by JH.</p>	Motion carried
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last executive meeting were approved as written.</p> <p>JH asked if there would be a follow-up on the Trillium presentation, as it does not appear in the agenda – JG was not able to attend the Trillium Foundation presentation – the board requests that she get the information that was provided during the presentation. A short discussion took place and LLB volunteered to look into preparing a grant application for the next deadline, with the help of JH. JH and MR will attempt to get more details as to what the standards are at this time.</p> <p>Motion by MT; seconded by JM.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>LLB/JH</p> <p>JH/MR</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
3	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from Louis Garneau with introductory prices for boots with 'BOA' closure system as well as new helmets. Other equipment available as well for purchase. Brochure given to JH for review. 	
4	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Fundraising / Marketing/ Advertising</u>: Pamphlet to be distributed by skaters over the weekend brought in by MR after being printed at Staples. It will be given to skaters at dry-land training tomorrow. Social media information will also be sent via MT. LLB will resend flyer in PDF and JPEG to the board members; it can then be sent via social media. LLB has prepared a small poster requesting sponsorship to be posted during registration nights – French version to be done (JG to help) and email address to be added. Price suggested at the last meeting was \$500 for the year. NM suggested having an end-of-year call (in March/April 2016) to enquire if potential sponsor(s) saw benefits after the season (i.e. increase in business, etc.) JH suggested to have an information sheet detailing price, invoice given for business, size of banner [4' x 8'], logo on website, logo in the meet program, recognition during events, logo on official correspondence, invitation to our meets/mini-meet, photographs, presenters for awards. It was then pointed out that the club is offering a lot for a small price. Another discussion took place in regards to the price. New prices of \$650 for one mat and acknowledgements; \$1200 for two mats. KM to help LLB this week to prepare flyer.</p>	<p>LLB</p> <p>Board</p> <p>LLB/JG</p> <p>KM/LLB</p>



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	<p>B. <u>Registrar</u>: JM asks the board if 1B skaters from last year will automatically go to Group 2. MR confirmed that this is not necessarily true, depending on the ability of the skater. There was then a discussion about special requests from some skaters (2) to only skate 1 night, as they are/would not able to attend two nights (Group 2). There is a feeling that some flexibility should be shown; however, there should also be some control as it has happened in the past that some skaters would miss one week and come to 2 sessions the following week, which is not acceptable in the view of the board. This brought up another issue about fees for the groups vs. the ability of the skaters. It was suggested to offer a discount and show flexibility. The board feels this would be decided on a case-by-case basis – there is a need to look at the safety of skaters (in terms of numbers on the ice) as well as coaches’ availability. So it needs to be done at the discretion of the President, along with a discussion with the head coach – a discount (if offered) would be based on ice price. Motion proposed by NM: The club will show flexibility when faced with demands to join a specific group because of ability but can only attend sessions partially, to be discussed by the President on a case-to-case basis with the head coach. Motion withdrawn by NM. After extensive discussion, it was decided to not offer discounts to skaters requesting to skate one night only. The above issue will be tabled and discussed at a later date.</p> <p>C. <u>Financial – update</u>: Money received from Mont Ste. Marie camp and dry-land participants. Cost of Mont Ste. Marie recovered. NM reported that our total cost of ice this year is \$33k (tax included) – this is practice ice. Meet ice for December 13/15 will need to be clarified. NM to do with JH in September. Labour Day ice was cancelled. No ice available at Christmas – mini-meet to take place earlier. Dry-land trg can take place during the week prior to Christmas, as per coaches’ decision. In March 2015, no ice for March Break and then back for one week (21-23 March) [cost of \$1300]. NM wants to inform the board that ice can be cancelled with 10-days’ notice. Need that last week to fulfill Group 1B’s 10 sessions. NM then asked DD to have a budget for the year ready for next meeting.</p> <p>D. <u>Coaching - update</u>: NM asked MR if the coaches had time to look at group placement in preparation for the registration nights next week as many parents will likely ask. MR needs to look at the numbers of returning skaters as well in order to balance the group sizes. MR adds that in the past, some skaters had been moved up despite the ability or the skills set not being developed yet, which is not the best thing to do for the skaters. This will show a big gap in ability within a group and might hinder skater development. So we then face a predicament – parents need to know where to register their child but some skaters might need to be evaluated prior to be put in a group. JH suggests having one coach present during registration. NM asked JM to send names to MR and we will be ready by registration.</p> <p>E. <u>Equipment - update</u>: Dots need to be redone on the Senecal ice, while we just need to repaint them on the Elizabeth Manley ice this year. Sept 11/15 will be likely the date it will be done. JH will discuss with John Weidemann (JW) to organize the move of mats back to Richcraft Sensplex East – these were brought here during our final meet last season. Finally, JH will need help from some skaters to sharpen skates for new skaters and/or move mats from one ice to the other.</p> <p>F. <u>Website</u>: MT informs the board that the Blue Host [our website host] contact is still under Dennis Vogt [past member of the board] – we need to change this name as well as the way of making the payment. The board feels the name of ‘GCSSC’ should be used; as for payment, we can pay either via email transfer or credit card (from one of our board members – President, Vice President, Webmaster.)</p> <p>G. <u>Policies</u>: Deferred.</p>	<p>Motion proposed</p> <p>Motion withdrawn</p> <p>NM/JH</p> <p>DD</p> <p>JM/MR</p> <p>JH/JW</p> <p>JH</p> <p>MT</p>
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<p>5</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Attendance – OSSA 2015 Conference</u>: NM asks if anyone wants to participate to this conference – there will be a President’s Meeting as well as Officials symposium. JG volunteered to attend; Marion Chase has also indicated an interest in attending. MR will check if a coach needs to attend as well.</p> <p>B. <u>Christmas 2015 skating</u>: See discussion under Financial (4-C).</p> <p>C. <u>East Regional Meet #4 on December 13/15</u>: Deferred to the next meeting.</p>	<p>JG</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 21h10. Motion by JH; seconded by KM.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 16 September 2015 at 18h30 at Bob MacQuarrie Complex, Hall C.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>