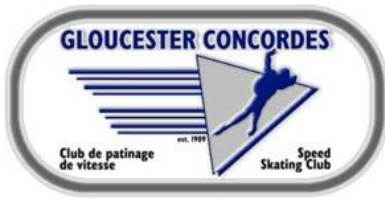


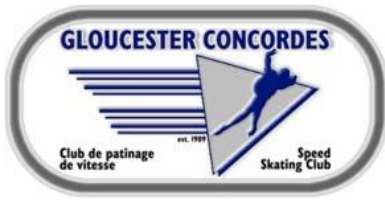
**MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
<p>February 20, 2018, 19:00 Hall C, Bob MacQuarrie Complexe, Orléans</p>		
<p>Attendance: Neil Monkman (NM), Doug Durham (DD), Ad Adibi (AA), Janique Gagnon (JG), Heidi Hickey (HH), Joanne Michaud (JM), Kathy Matthews (KM), Marc Besner (MB), Mike Rivet (MR), Jennifer Boyer (JB), Dean Hoisak (DH).</p> <p>Regrets: Stu Jolliffe (SJ).</p>		
1	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>Meeting called to order by NM at 19h00. The agenda was approved with an amended starting time of 19:00hrs. Proposed by JM, seconded by DD.</p>	Motion carried
2	<p><u>Approval of the Minutes of Previous Executive Meetings</u></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved as written. Proposed by JB, seconded by MB.</p>	Motion carried
3	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Try Speed Skating Day 2. Transport of mats – Pacers – Provincial B & C Championships 3. Let's celebrate our Olympians – Breakfast at East Sensplex (Friday) and tomorrow at Broadway @ Portobello. 4. Canada 150 Rink – 29 skaters participated. 	
4	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Business arising from last executive meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>E-Transfers</u> – AA informs the board that it will not be possible as per Scotiabank because we have two signatures on the account. <p>B. <u>Financial:</u> Budget for 2017-18 fiscal year presented by AA. Looking like we will end the year with a deficit. AA suggests that we defer some of our expenses as this may help us get a Trillium grant. In addition, it was indicated at last week's OSSA AGM that the clubs may now have to charge the HST for their fees. OSSA has had an HST audit and as a result, they will now have to pay HST. This means we will now see this added cost in our fees to be paid to OSSA. HH is asking for the gross figure of our budget so that we can have a better idea of our expenditures and then confirm (or not) that we will be facing a deficit this year. Once this is known, we will entertain applying for a Trillium Grant (need to have NOT incurred deficits two years in a row to apply.) Finally, a motion was put forth by DD to have \$1000 paid to the Pacers for the Long Track Oval. All in favour except for one member who is opposed; motion carried. Finally, AA informed the board he will not continue in his role as treasurer next year.</p> <p>C. <u>Registrar:</u> JM is receiving a lot of emails enquiring about speed skating since the beginning of the Olympics. Two new skaters were assessed tonight. DH has seen a lot of new skaters as well. DD contacted Michel regarding some members not receiving emails from our website. DH also went in the system and fixed some of the addresses for parents of Group 2 and 3. Statistics for a message sent today indicates 110/127 emails were successfully delivered today (17 did not get the email because the addresses were invalid.) NM suggests that the membership be made aware at the next AGM and during this year's registration that the club communicates via email – all should have a valid email address and ensure their club's account is updated. A test email should be sent early in the next season.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>AA/Board</p> <p>JG</p>



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	<p>D. <u>Coaching</u>: A coaching meeting will take place in the next few days and it is planned that some suggestions/concerns will be brought forward to the board: for example, attendance to skating sessions, etc. JB would also like to address the fact that some of the Masters are more involved in Long Track during the winter and thus, the attendance at the Masters' session during those months is at a minimum. She suggests that these skating hours be either cancelled or used otherwise. With this comment in mind, NM suggests to the incoming members of the board that next year, all our regular skating hours be requested to ensure we don't lose the current ice times – some of these hours can always be cancelled once the contract has been signed (the City of Ottawa has provisions for cancellations.) DD informs MR that one of the Group 4 skater may not come back as a skater next year and may be interested to continue with the club as a coach – MR took note of the name and will discuss.</p> <p>E. <u>Equipment</u>: DH was in contact with Jean Hurtubise about his equipment/companies contacts while he was in position with the club. This will allow us to purchase some equipment (boots, blades) in the upcoming months as our inventory is getting old and unsafe for our skaters. AA states that we had planned \$2500 in our budget for equipment. In addition, DH was contacted by the Gatineau club who would like to borrow some of our adult-size boots/blades as they will hold 4 sessions (try-out) for adults in April (22 & 29) and May (6 & 13). It was agreed JG would contact this person to enquire how many boots and what sizes are required.</p> <p>F. <u>Fundraising/Marketing/Advertising</u>: NM suggests preparing an advertisement directed to the skaters finishing the winter CANSkate program. This sign could promote speed skating as another option besides hockey, ringette, and figure skating. A short discussion about a sandwich board took place – HH and KM will coordinate this. HH also mentioned that we need new banners for our Olympians – MR will contact Laurel Rockwell and Lucille de Haitre to enquire about the banners.</p>	<p>HH/MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>JG</p> <p>HH/KM</p> <p>MR/Laurel Rockwell/Lucille de Haitre</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>April 2018 GCSSC AGM</u> – KM, HH, DD, and MR proposed to the board that we hold our AGM at Bob MacQuarrie Complex and combine it with a "Try Speed Skating" session for interested kids/youth. Our skaters from all groups (1-4) could also demonstrate their skills by group which would show the progression in the sport to the parents. This could be accomplished with 2hrs of ice. It is suggested to advertise to the schools where our Olympians have attended as well. Logistics – skaters wanting to demonstrate will need to sign-up ahead of time (they would be able to keep their skates until then). We also need to ensure we have enough skates for the session if we want to rent them to participating new skaters (\$5-\$10/2hrs). KM reports the "Try Speed Skating" session done at the oval earlier in February was a great success. We know that ice is available on April 22 or 29 for the number of hours required. An alternate date would be Sunday April 15/18. DH asked at the complex information desk and it was confirmed the ice is available for the latter date. It was agreed that we would reserve the ice for Apr 15/18, from 3-5:30pm. JG will enquire about the availability of Hall A so that we can hold our AGM and a Potluck on the same day after the skating session. Hall would be required from 3-8pm.</p> <p>B. <u>OSSA AGM Report</u> – Held in Newmarket last Saturday. MR, HH, DD, and NM attended. NM reports that the AGM allowed for a very limited time to ask questions to the board. Of note: (1) OSSA will receive ~\$150k each year from Ministry of Sports (Govt of Ontario) over two years; (2) HST cost will be added –</p>	<p>HH/KM</p> <p>NM</p> <p>JG</p>



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	<p>initial cost to CRA absorbed by OSSA; (3) OSSA now financially in a better position this year; (4) Minor changes were made in the By-laws – asked to change the auditor (accountant) for next year’s financial review. It was learned at the AGM that Sarah Leslie has resigned from her position as Sports Manager for OSSA – a replacement has already been found. Finally, NM was successfully elected as VP OSSA, which now means he needs to step down as President of GCSSC. NM officially resigns from his position of GCSSC President as of the end of this meeting.</p> <p>C. <u>Eastern Meets 2018-19</u> – We have been awarded two meets next year – Regional #3 on Dec 15/18 as well as Provincial A Championships on Mar 9-10/19. We need to keep in mind as well that Canada Winter Games will be held in 2019.</p> <p>D. <u>Podium Tracker Program</u> - KM, JG, and AA will be preparing a proposal.</p> <p>E. <u>Trillium Grants</u> - Will need to be addressed after the current fiscal year.</p>	<p>NM/Board</p> <p>KM/JG/AA</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 20h55. Motion by DD; seconded by DH.</p> <p>Next meeting will be scheduled on Tuesday March 20/18 @ 19h00.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>