



Skating Club of Lake Placid Board Virtual Board Meeting January 25, 2022 revision 3

Called to Order: 6:36 pm

Roll Call: Amy Fairchild, Christie Sausa, Bethay Kress, Robin Miller, Anne Bennett, Robin Miller **Guests:** Brooke O'Neill, Amanda Jones, Jessica Shippee, Mark Poncher **Excused:** Ernie Hough, Ed Minkoff, Gina Abodeely

Guest Discussion Opening Ceremonies - Mark Poncher

- COO Empire Entertainment, Producers of many events and is working with the Lake Placid Committee with the University Games. He is very excited to be a part of this event.
 - It is in the very beginning stages.
 - It will be in the 1980 Rink
 - This is an exploration meeting for:
 - *Are we interested?
 - *What levels of skating do we have?
 - *They would like to use locals as part of the process.
 - *They would like to incorporate higher levels of skaters
 - *All can be incorporated
 - There will be 3 creative segments
 - Need for escorts for 50 countries for the entrance portion
 - They will send the music, videos of the choreography, costumes, etc. The costumes will not be that extravagant (tee shirts, black pants,??)
 - These will be received in Oct/Nov and will be worked on for a month/two. They will also send in a choreographer to help and see the progress that has been made.
 - The opening will be inside and the closing might be inside it is to be determined.
- Explanation of what we have as a Club: Basics, Bridge, Adults ages 3-89. We can have a sign-up for the opening/closing for those that would be interested in participating
- Our coaches work independently and also with the SCLP so they may or may not be interested in participating with this
- Their choreographers are more dance based but have done many events. They will be able to adapt to the ice.
 - Timing/rehearsals the two weeks prior to the event will be more extensive and they will put together a schedule. This is a big event and it will be televised.

- There will be six (6) stages on ice and will have to be moved; skaters may be asked to be a part of that.

Amy- question- Ice time rehearsals- does your budget have it in it? Does the SCLP need to budget X number of hours into our program put aside to plan for this event? Answer: They might be able to cover the cost. Hopefully they can do rehearsals one hour per week for the event, perhaps on Sunday...

- The cost of the ice time for rehearsals would be part of the Opening Ceremonies budget.
- They want everyone to look good, usually with a lot of arms making the skaters/dancers look larger/taller than they are on tv. They want everyone to feel comfortable in front of a lot of people. Payments can be made if necessary for the Professionals.

End of this discussion 6:54 pm

Please note that conversations that have a "square" in front of the statement are from a member of the SCLP. If the statement has a "black dot" in front of it the statement is from Mark Poncher.

Program Directors Report: Brooke O'Neill & Amanda Jones

- Session 2 Pre-Evaluation information is going back to the skaters
- There are 95 skaters in Basics/Bridge 34 Tots
- Busiest session yet and it is working really well.
- Session 3 dates look good.
- *Team USA 2/2/2022* Just before the games begin as a good luck to the athletes. Everyone dresses in red/white/blue!
- Family Skate night at the end of Session 2 as everyone really liked the one at the end of Session 1. Great way to bring in new members!
- Spring Show? Overwhelming yes in response to a survey of the parents. We promote 4 weeks of skills learning and 2 weeks of show practices. 80's theme
- Final fundraiser: Skaters -costuming as we have all the things necessary. We, Bethany Kress, Amanda Jones and Brooke O'Neill would like to use the \$4,000.00 dollars earned from the last show to help towards what is needed for the Spring show. ORDA has the curtain, staff, lights. Would like to do this March 26th or 27th. 6:30 pm start time.
- Would like to do a day for taping tests. Half way through or following week four on a Sunday during the 3rd session.
 - Need to figure out how many skaters and levels that are looking to test so that the judges can be lined up for the session.
- They would like to hire Andrea Dukett as another coach for the Tots/Basics. She needs to be a Member of the SCLP, LTS Instructor, SkateSafe compliant. At this

point in time she was/is hired as a replacement coach in case of others not able to be present for their assignments on any given day.

- ***She can be hired if she has these things and will need to fill out a W-2 . Rate will be \$24.00/hour.***

Anne Bennett has also expressed a desire to step in to coach the Tots/Basics groups.

■ At this point in time the SCLP requires face covering that covers the nose and mouth completely.

- Plastic face guards do not qualify as an appropriate face covering because it does not match the definition of what a facemask is and it does not conform to the safety protocol of both ORDA and the SCLP.
- Due to many concerns of parents this issue needs to be addressed.

Treasurer's Report - Amy Fairchild

- All coaches need to fill out the W-2's for this year.
- Netfirm - Josh still needs to look up the information in his credit card statements and if he could send that to Amy the Account can be settled.
- Ice Sessions fee toward the bottom of the page \$395 is income cash that people have paid for their ice time. It is how it is filed in the report.
- Director's fee- It is reported this way because one of the Director's has cashed her check and one has not.

President's Report - Christie Sausa

Tests Report

This month was not as busy tests-wise. After the big December/January spike in tests (over 20!) we had six skaters this period so far. Most were dance tests. We have had more inquiries though, so I anticipate receiving more at the end of the month/throughout February.

Membership Report

Individuals: 39 Collegiate: 6 Coaches: 16 Officials/Board Members: 12
Learn to Skate USA: 104 (+12) Learn to Skate USA Adult: 8
Total: 184 (+12)

We're doing well with membership!

- Not too many tests lately, the test deadline is still the 6th of each month.

- Whiteface Lodge Shows - hopefully 2/19 but definitely 2/26
 - ESWG
 - Planning is moving along
 - Volunteers - REALLY NEED!!!!
 - Katherine - Volunteer Coordinator for FISU has put out the info, the LPM/HS and Northwood have also been contacted. There is a QR code to sign up!
 - Swag possibilities for future events. Lanyards? Any ideas for keepsakes....
 - PSA Foundations of Coaching 3/13/2022 Conference Room and On Ice
 - Beginning Coaches and getting coaches into the pipeline.
 - Cost \$60 PSA members \$75 Non members
 - LP Coaches will be reimbursed
 - Sunday 3/13/2022 8-5 Q&A last hour of seminar 2 hours on ice/7 hours in class
 - May be difficult for Club Coaches to participate until the end because the club begins at 4:30 pm. Not feasible to expect them to go directly from the seminar to teaching the rest of the evening without a break.

Covid protocols

Medical exemptions - we can ask for proof of the medical exemption legally.

Concern - Multiple parents have expressed their concern of the plastic mask not being an appropriate face covering around children that are not eligible for vaccinations. They are concerned that this could cause a super spreader event.

As far as the Coach is concerned the steps that can be taken for compliance:

1. You can ask this person to sit out these next few sessions
2. Ask for the medical exemption; Then you still have to answer to the parents' concerns.
3. Ask her to wear an appropriate mask.

The definition of a mask is as covering the mouth, nose, and chin, leaving no gaps on the sides. It needs to properly fit the face with no openings for release of particles.

The Coach in question was asked to comply with the safety protocol set by the SCLP of Lake Placid and ORDA by Co-Director's Brooke O'Neill and Amanda Jones.

- Session 3
 - Show - Fundraiser
 - Spring Fast Cash to go to the Club
 - Raffle

Next meeting 2/22/2022

Volunteers will get SWAG either an ESG hat or a lightweight hoody

Adjourned 7:52 pm

Addendums:

- 1) Vote for Financial Application: The motion to approve the application was made by Bethany Kress and seconded by Ed Minkoff. Further approval was given by Ciana Cerruti, Gina Abodeely, Amy Fairchild, Robin Miller, Ernie Hough. The motion has been approved.

******The volunteer component is tabled for the next meeting.*

- 2) Vote for Financial Application took place after much discussion. It appears that we have a majority vote and if Anne were to vote either way it wouldn't change the result.

NO to financial aid request (3): Christie Sausa, Bethany Kress, Ernie Hough

YES to financial aid request (5): Ed Minkoff, Gina Abodeely, Robin Miller, Ciana Cerruti, Amy Fairchild

******The vote passes. The SCLP needs to establish clear terms, definitions, limits, and requirements for financial aid so it is clear to applicants what the decisions are based on. This will also reduce the chance of bias and make these decisions easier because they will be based on definitive criteria.*