



**Skating Club of Lake Placid of Directors Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting 12/28/2021
6:30pm**

Called to Order: 6:35 pm

Roll Call: Christie Sausa, Bethany Kress, Amy Fairchild, Ed Minkoff (joined later), Anne Bennett excused: Robin Miller, Ciana Cerruti, Ernie Hough, Gina Abodeely

Program Directors: Amanda Jones, Brooke O'Neill

Secretary's Report: Robin Miller

Robin was working at the Oval and could not send the minutes before the meeting, so she will be sending the minutes after the meeting for review and voting via email.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Fairchild

The treasurer's report was not completed by time of meeting, so Amy will be sending the treasurer's report for review and voting via email.

Co-Directors' Report

Many sign ups have been coming in for session 2, 35 skaters as of now. That is less than the first session but half of the skaters from last session haven't signed up yet. Most of the tots class is comprised of new members. They sent reminders last week and coaching schedules were sent out today – Angie Gavin will be coaching during session 2.

Brooke and Amanda want to explore the possibility of the SCLP hosting a show during Saranac Lake's Winter Carnival. They spoke to Jodi Gunther, the sports coordinator of the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival Committee about their concerns regarding ice time costs, and Jodi thought they could secure a sponsor. Brooke and Amanda think a show can be done affordably by charging skaters a flat rate to participate and cover the costumes (\$30 was the proposed rate) and by donating their time to coordinate.

Amy asked about reusing costumes, but since theme is "Totally 80s", the current costumes don't really fit that criteria; Amanda and Brooke said they had been researching and can find affordable costume pieces (t-shirts, headbands, scrunchies, legwarmers, etc.) on Amazon rather than going through a costume company, and then the skaters can keep the pieces.

They plan for group number practices to take place at the Saranac Lake Civic Center, soloists can practice on their own on ORDA ice.

Beth asked if they can benefit from the admission price and raise some funds for the club; Amanda said that it was up to the organizers (us) how much we wanted to charge for admission. All of that could be discussed and decided upon.



Christie asked about their COVID procedures, and they confirmed that even though the COVID protocols are more relaxed in the Saranac Lake Civic Center, they will keep the same COVID protocol used in the Olympic Center because it's state approved.

The show would be sanctioned through the SCLP since it's an SCLP event.

Christie requested a proposal to be sent to the entire board for perusal and email vote. Amanda and Brooke said they would send it promptly.

Amy reminded Brooke and Amanda, because of liability, to please ensure that the new skaters join as Learn to Skate USA SCLP members before the start of lessons.

Amanda and Brooke also noted that they were very happy with the how the Holiday Show turned out, they received great feedback from parents and they made a profit, so they felt that it went very well.

There are still some funds that need to be paid for holiday show photos/video and those amounts will be added to the owing skater's Entreeze account cart as a "due amount". Amy asked that the description/memo clearly state the item being paid for (photo, video) for accounting purposes.

There will also be another costume drop off day during session 2, for skaters who didn't get a chance to return their Holiday Show costume to return it to Brooke/Amanda, day to be determined.

President's Report: Christie Sausa

Christie didn't have a formal "report" with membership numbers written at the time of meeting, but will send it after the meeting. She reported that most of her time was spent on virtual tests this month, since there were 23 tests in December alone (and more on tap for January).

Ed requested that Christie ensure the tests document was "printable" so he could print it easily for his files, including the printed Judges' Gift Card breakdown document.

Virtual Test Session: Christie Sausa

Christie shared the virtual test session document and requested that each judge who judged tests during the October-December virtual test period receive an Amazon gift card commensurate with the USFS virtual testing guideline amount recommendations. The total amount would be \$205 for gift cards of varying amounts to nine judges.

Ed noted that there is a quorum now so he made a motion to purchase the gift cards. Christie seconded. All were in favor.



Volunteer Coordinator

Even though ESWG is not an ORDA event and is not technically part of our volunteering responsibilities with ORDA, the club has always volunteered. Especially this year, we want to ensure we can support the figure skating event (Amy, our treasurer, is the LOC chairperson) and offer volunteers. Various methods of soliciting volunteers were suggested including email blasts to competitors, contacting the LP High School and Northwood for student volunteers, forming a volunteer committee, someone on the board becoming a volunteer coordinator to assist Amy, and sending email blasts to SCLP members soliciting volunteers. Christie also asked Brooke/Amanda to make a Facebook post with the volunteer link (when available) as another method to solicit volunteers. Christie noted that she sent Amy the volunteer handbook and will send it out to the rest of the board as promised.

However, nothing can be done until registration closes on January 7 and Amy gets a schedule from the Chief Referee, which she expects will be mid-January. She will keep us posted on how we can help when the time comes.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:02 pm