



Skating Club of Lake Placid Annual Meeting - April 26, 2022
Zoom Virtual Meeting @ 6:30 pm ID 83425457927 Password 137149

Call to Order: 6:37 pm

Roll Call: Christie Sausa (Pres.), Bethany Kress (VP), Amy Fairchild (Treas.), Robin Miller (Sec.), Anne Bennett, (added in following roll call) Ernie Hough, Ed Minkoff
Excused: Gina Abodeely, Ciana Cerrutti
Margaret Beggins, Joletta Yates, David Kobe, Gina Brooke O'Neill, Amanda Jones, and from Canada - Carly Brox!

Secretary's Report: Bethany Kress was gracious enough to take the minutes of March's meeting. No changes to what she sent out.

~Motion was made to accept the minutes by Christie Sausa, seconded by Anne Bennett and approved by Robin Miller, Amy Fairchild, Bethany Kress

Director's Report: Brooke O'Neill & Amanda Jones

Crowne Plaza is not doing events for this year so they looked at the Golden Arrow. Possible charge will be \$35/person. This is dependent on the package and what is requested for the catering. The DJ they found to do the Banquet is charging \$750.00 .

They need a proposed budget to proceed.

Discussion of the cost, venue, whether it would be self-funding or if the SCLP was to pick up the tab and what a reasonable fee to charge families ensued.

It was generally felt that \$35/person was a bit unrealistic for the SCLP and for families when alternative options could be considered.

Approximately 100 -125 are possible to attend the Banquet this year because there is a lot of excitement for it.

Decisions to be made about cake, cookies, coffee, drinks, etc.

The Horse Show Grounds was suggested and the contact person is Butch Martin.

Time frame was changed to 1 pm to 4pm on Sunday May 22, 2022 with the contingency that the Horse Show Grounds is available that day. Brooke and/or Amanda will contact Butch Martin for availability.

~Motion made by Robin Miller to authorize a budget of \$1500.00 dollars for the Banquet. Requesting \$5.00 from Individuals and \$15.00 for Families of four or more. The budgeted money will include the fee for the DJ, cake, cookies, drinks, incidentals for the Banquet. This was seconded by Ed Minkoff. Accepted by Christie Sausa, Amy Fairchild, Ernie Hough, Anne Bennett, Bethany Kress.

Robin Miller said she could provide silverware, tablecloths, lights if needed/wanted.

Matt Scheller said the video from the Spring Show will be available by May 7th.

Brooke O'Neill has quite a bit of cash to put into the bank and needs to hand it over to someone. Agreed that she would drop it off at Amy Fairchild's home.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Fairchild

Sent to Board members earlier for approval.

~Motion was made by Bethany Kress to accept the report as sent, Seconded by Christie Sausa and accepted by Robin Miller, Amy Fairchild, Ernie Hough, Ed Minkoff, Anne Bennett

President/Test Chair Reports: Christie Sausa

Sent to Board members earlier for approval.

Requests are made for Gift Cards in the total amount of \$165.00 for Judges that worked the 47 tests since February 2022.

~Motion made by Robin Miller to authorize Christie Sausa (Test Chair) to purchase Gift Cards for the five judges that volunteered their time judging tests for the SCLP. This was seconded by Bethany Kress and approved by Ed Minkoff, Anne Bennett, Amy Fairchild, Ernie Hough, Christie Sausa.

Request was made for reimbursement for monies spent in the duties for Test Chair by Christie Sausa from February 2022 to present.

~Motion was made by Ed Minkoff to reimburse Christie Sausa for monies spent in the duties for Test Chair of the SCLP. This was seconded by Robin Miller and accepted by Ernie Hough, Bethany Kress, Amy Fairchild, Anne Bennett, Christie Sausa.

Thank you to Ed Minkoff for his work on the By-Laws and Constitution bringing them together for presentation.

Casting Ballot for the 2022 Skating Club of Lake Placid Board of Directors

Officers

President: Anne Bennett

Vice President: Joletta Yates

Secretary: Anne Bennett

Treasurer: Amy Fairchild

New Director-at-Large Board Members

Linda Flederbach (will take her position in June)

Margaret Beggins

Continuing Director-at-Large Members

Ernest Hough

Gina Abodeely

Ed Minkoff

I, Robin Miller, as Secretary of the Skating Club of Lake Placid cast one vote for the Slate of Officers and Director-at-Large Board Members for the 2022-2023 year.

Christie Sausa thanked Bethany Kress and Robin Miller for their service on the board for the last few years. She welcomed the new members to the board and also thanked the returning members of the board. Christie will remain as Test Chair and as Past President advisor to Anne Bennett.

Banquet - Brooke O'Neill and Amanda Jones will move forward with planning. Budget set at

\$1500.00 to include the cost of DJ, Venue, cake, cookies, drinks, incidentals for the event. Robin Miller will provide, as needed, tablecloths, silverware, lights (if requested)

Reminder *SCLP meetings are held the 4th Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm.*

Amended Bylaws/Constitution

The committee has worked on these for quite some time. They have been streamlined and amended to work with the goals and direction of the SCLP at this time.

~Motion was made by Robin Miller to accept the Bylaws as amended and presented. Seconded by Bethany Kress and accepted by Ed Minkoff, Ernie Hough, Anne Bennett, Amy Fairchild, Margaret Beggins, Amanda Jones, Brooke O'Neill, Carly Brox, Joletta Yates.

~Motion was made by Robin Miller to accept the Constitution as amended and presented. Seconded by Ed Minkoff and accepted by Bethany Kress, Ernie Hough, Anne Bennett, Amy Fairchild, Margaret Beggins, Joletta Yates, Amanda Jones, Brooke O'Neill, Carly Brox.

Christie Sausa will clean the documents up and add them to the website and any other locations that are deemed necessary for posting.

Signatures will need to be changed for the checks, bank accounts in the near future.

Skating Club of Lake Placid Financial Aid meeting held March 1, 2022 via Zoom 6:30 pm

- Concept of different "levels" for financial aid so as not to "leave out" first-time SCLP skaters. So no previous membership requirement to be eligible for financial aid.
- Form should include fields requesting annual income; whether you rent or own; employment status; special circumstances (medical, etc.).
- Forms will request supporting documentation but is not required.
- Form will include the following wording: "as our funds are limited, and as many requests for support are received, we trust that you will be completely honest with your answers so that we may indeed distribute our funds to those most in need."

Stipulations for Financial Aid:

- Volunteer Clause: By accepting this aid, the skater/skater's family acknowledge that they will volunteer at least one shift per competition sanctioned by the SCLP.
- Participation Clause: By accepting this aid, skaters/skater's parent's acknowledge that they will attend no fewer than 75% of all lessons except in the event of extreme and unavoidable circumstances. If the skater/skaters must miss several consecutive lessons, they should provide the program directors with an email stating the reason for their absence.

Financial Aid Terms:

- Financial aid will be conducted on a sliding scale. For the first instance of aid, the club will pay 75% of their group lessons (contract ice) and the applicant will pay for 25%; for the second instance of aid, the club will pay 60% while the applicant will pay 40% of the contract ice; for the third instance the club will pay 50% while the applicant will pay 50% of the contract ice; and so on.
- Financial aid will be applied as an Entryeze credit on the applicant's account at the beginning of session for use in purchasing contract ice; when they have purchased the contract ice, a shopping cart balance will be applied, to be paid by the end of the first

week of the skating session before the Entryeze site closes.

Decision-Making Process:

- Financial aid requests will be requested using the SCLP Financial Aid form, which will be brought to the board to be voted upon.
- To preserve anonymity and minimize the risk of decisions based on conflicts of interest/biases (or at least, the appearance of them), the applicant's form will be presented to the board with names and contact information redacted by the program directors before being presented. This is only necessary for the initial application phase. Once the financial aid is voted upon, the board members will be notified of the skater's identity.
- In keeping with this focus, all communications regarding financial aid follow up and/or voting will be collective. If board members need more information or have any questions for the applicant, they can send the inquiry to the program directors (copying the rest of the board) who will then forward it to the applicant.
- Board member solicitation of financial aid applicants will not be permitted.

~Motion was made by Bethany Kress to accept the Financial Aid proposed. This was seconded by Ed Minkoff and accepted by Robin Miller, Ernie Hough, Anne Bennett, Joletta Yates, Margaret Beggins, Amy Fairchild, Amanda Jones, Brooke O'Neill, Carly Brox.

Christie Sausa will put together the Financial Aid Form and post it to all necessary locations for access by the members of the SCLP.

New Board Members

Joletta Yates - Has two skaters in the skating club, a daughter, Aenea who works with Brooke O'Neill and a son, Lawson who works with Angie Gavin. Looking forward to becoming more involved in the sport and learning.

Margaret Beggins - skated as a child, took it back up following college. Has retired to the ADK with her husband Peter. Has been a member of the SCLP since 2005. She has two grandchildren in VT that keep her very busy and she loves to travel!!

Anne Bennett - has been skating for 10+ years, is 22 years old but has quite a bit of experience in skating. She has taught Learn to Skate, been a member of a Synchro team, skated with a Theater on Ice team for 8 years and was a team leader. She has done countless hours of volunteer work for her former club and for the SCLP! She has also competed at the Championships for the World Figure and Fancy Skating multiple times. This organization is involved with bringing the beauty, essence of the skating edge, figures and music with an emphasis of the transitions on ice.

Adjourned: 7:46 pm

Addendums to the March meeting minutes

~Motion was made by Bethany Kress to send flowers to Mary Catherine Spinelli's mothers funeral service. This was seconded by Robin Miller and approved by Ed Minkoff, Christie Sausa, Amy Fairchild, Anne Bennett

~Motion was made by Robin Miller to have the amount of money for the flowers not to exceed \$150.00. Christie Sausa seconded this motion and was approved by Bethany Kress, Anne Bennett, Ed Minkoff, Amy Fairchild

Sanctions Approved by USFS

6/23-6/26 The 2022 Lake Placid Freestyle Championships to be held at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, NY

7/26-7/29 The 2022 Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships to be held at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, NY

