

Missoula Figure Skating Minutes 10-10-22, Began 6:08pm

In attendance: Jil Dunn, Sharon Hood, Cara Hiebert, Erin Bray, Joe Easton, Ryan Yearous, Kathee Raup, Emily Weiler, Patty Koster

Minutes from September 16, 2022 meeting were approved.

Test Session – Dec 16 (Joe Easton)

- Virtual test
- There are concerns with the date, but it was all that was available with GIR
- Asked the board if virtual or in-person was preferred?
 - Virtual was preferred
 - Only expenses in this case are 4-6 hours of ice and \$20 gift cards for the judges
- Joe received a message from skaters in Provo, Utah asking if they can be in the club. Would generate extra revenue for the club. Provo skaters claim that there are no affordable clubs near them and the independent fee is too high (\$144)
 - Do we have an associate member option?
 - **Official motion made, and passed: No out-of-state members.**
- Concern if PSA/USFS are going to change things regarding testing: PSA already has changed things, USFS is waiting a year.
 - There were changes to video rules made

- Coaches Feedback:
 - Anna is doing great with the young skaters!

- Note: GIR reader board is currently broken

- Secretary Update (Emily Weiler)
 - Website is updated with new LTS information and prices
 - Consistent emails are going out from MFSC gmail using the template
 - Posters are going up on campus and around town

- Treasurer Report/Financials
 - Jen sent financial information
 - **Board officially voted for using GoMotion and it passed.**
 - Income is currently low this year, hoping to get more skaters for LTS
 - **Family is interested in using the LTS scholarship for a second time. Cara made a motion and Emily seconded it, passed.**
 - The fund should, generally, only be used once a year by families. We need to increase the amount of money in this account (currently at \$800). Not advertising the scholarship as of yet.
 - **Coach pay increase of \$3 to the pay scale? Cara motioned, Emily seconded, passed. An increase of \$3 equals a raise of 13%.**

- MAYHA/GIR (Ryan Yearous)

- Bond campaign in full swing
- Can the board write a letter to the editor for campaign?
- Campaign representatives can be sent to club ice, etc.
- Ryan will send templates
- Jil wants to see the new MAYHA bylaws
- We'll need to fundraise 5 mil, big lift and we're gonna need help.
- LTS (Cara)
 - 45 signed up so far (half way)
 - There will be a radio ad on 104.5 and the trail the week prior to start
 - We need the reader board working!
 - Posters are up around town
 - Should make postcards to handout
 - Do we have a master list of past LTS attendees we can reach out to? No. We use lists from only recent sessions.
 - Grace emailed LTS info out to her Learn to Play skaters
 - Can we advertise via MPC? Erin will call them 10/11
- Showcase on Ice – Need to find a director, email out to coaches?
- Coach Ice time
 - **New motion: Coaches don't pay in advance for ice time (students may not show up, etc.). Jil made motion, Sharon seconded. Passed.**
- Glacier Challenge
 - Do we have a final budget from Betz for Glacier Challenge?
- General discussion and remaining questions:
 - What do we think about rolling over ice time in certain cases? One parent over-shot her estimate thinking her child would skate more (but is recovering from injury and didn't use much of the time). An adult skater also experienced an injury. **Can we make medical exceptions to our rule? Jil motioned for board approval, Kathee seconded, passed.**
 - Regarding club ice, are folks using the ice? Is it a good investment? Sharon will look at current usage: how many attendees/session. We don't want to lose money.
 - Older skaters are unhappy with skate school, low numbers mean less coaches, but then multiple skill levels are grouped together. We need to engage the younger skaters to keep numbers up.
 - 14 "thriller" skaters signed up, For Senior EDGE 16 is ideal.
 - Normal skate school day is only 5-6 skaters
 - **Coaches can attend skate school for free. They need to know that!**
 - Should we send a survey out to skaters to see what they want? What they want out of skate school and our offerings?

Meeting concluded.