

Board Meeting – Sunday, January 10, 2010; 2:00 PM, Ravenswood, Clifton Park

In attendance: Kim Morrisette Mergen, Sue Karpovich, Kim Milton, Diana Sieczkarski,
Mary Suda

Agenda: Financial Status
Next Year's Tournament Possibilities
End of Year Party

FINANCES:

1) Monday Night Refereeing

Since our Monday night games are scrimmages (not official games) we use only one referee, usually either Bill or Matt Karpovich, paying a lump sum for the year. It was proposed that we set a price per Monday night game, and compile a list of qualified referees who are willing to be on call, so that if both Bill and Matt are unavailable, we can contact someone on the call list to fill in for the night.

A list of refs can be compiled over the summer for next year.

It was also suggested that we compile a list of potential coaches for the teams, so that when the current coaches are ready to move on, we have a pool of interested parties to potentially fill the various team coach positions.

2) Assessments

We need to assess who owes payments to the league and send out reminders. Sue Karpovich will assess C Team dues and notify those with an outstanding balance. Kim Milton will assess D Team dues and notify those with an outstanding balance. Anyone else who has an outstanding balance (Rec, House players) will be sent a reminder of the specific amount (Kim M-M and Kim Milton will assess).

The final team assessment date is Feb. 1, 2010. Email reminders of final payment will be sent out by team reps (Sue Karpovich - C Team; Lisa Harding – D Team).

The possibility of locking in next year's price by paying a certain amount over the summer was discussed, as a way of encouraging members to pay in a timely manner, as well as ascertaining the number of members the league can count on for the following season.

Once final assessments are paid, the financial state of the organization will be reviewed.

A list of players with an outstanding balance after the end of the season will be compiled so that the board will have a record of anyone who needs to settle this debt before re-registering with the league for any future seasons.

Deyva Arthur was added to the House League.
Sue Karpovich will ask Ashley and Linnea if they still want the black game socks they ordered.

TOURNAMENT ALTERNATIVES:

1) Changing Tournament Date

Board members will research the possibility of changing our yearly tournament to a later date, possibly holding it in the second half of the season, instead of in November. We need to determine the dates of various later tournaments, so that we do not decide to change ours to an over-busy weekend. The advantages of having a tournament in the second half of the season include having additional time to prepare, solicit donations, bond as teams, and get used to lines. Possibilities discussed were a mid-season (January) tournament, or a season-ending tournament, although the latter might conflict with the Mustangs' end-of-the-season tournament. Kim M-M will ask Scott Bobrow if there is ice time available for a tournament later in the season.

2) Changing Tournament Charity

The board also discussed the idea of changing the featured charity of the tournament, in order to make it more local and personal, since Molly McMaster, the founder of the Colon Club, no longer skates with the Arctic Foxes, and many newer members do not have a first-hand association with her. The board decided that we will vote for the following season's tournament charity at the end-of-the-year party, which will necessitate research and suggestions from the board and league for appropriate candidates. Each year, local charities can be suggested and voted on, so the charity might be different every year.

Since we are getting to the point where the league needs to replace jerseys, we could also dedicate some of the money raised to go to the league for such expenses as they arise.

The board needs to confirm:

- 1) When is ice available for a tournament?
- 2) If there is a choice, when is the best month/weekend?
- 3) Do we need a new tournament coordinator?
- 4) What are the charity choices for the vote?

PARTY

1) Location

Jess Lamp says that we can use the same location (the Beukendaal Fire House in Scotia) for our end-of-the-year party, so we will ask her to check out Saturday dates

towards the end of the season (the end of March; our last skate dates are 3/21, 22, and 25). We will email directions this year, so that people do not get lost or go to the wrong fire house, as happened last year.

It was suggested that we make a donation to the Fire House as a good will gesture.

Since we have left-over merchandise from tournaments and previous parties, instead of purchasing additional merchandise for the party, we will have a raffle, as we did last year, and give out the various items.

2) Elections

We will have a vote for new officers; this year the vacancies will be Registrar and Secretary. Kim will send out descriptions of the officers' duties, and those interested in running will submit their names for the ballot. We will ask for a volunteer to coordinate the election; this non-board member will send out the ballot, tally the votes, and announce the new officers.

OTHER BUSINESS

1) Summer Camping Trip Date

Jess Lamp was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an email detailing her input on the agenda items and various other issues. She requested that we choose a camping trip date, so that people can plan and make reservations. Kim will email Sue Davis, who traditionally coordinates the camping trip, about choosing a date and location.

2) Union Tournament

Jess Lamp also wanted to know if the Rec Team will be playing in the Mustangs' Tournament at Union, and what the cost will be. Sue Karpovich will determine if there are enough Rec players interested in participating.

On the topic of numbers, Jess also called attention to the dwindling number of Rec players attending practice, and asked for recruiting suggestions, as it is difficult to play games without enough players.

3) New Jerseys

Jess Lamp asked if she and Kim Milton, who have been handling the ordering of Foxes' apparel this year, should start looking into purchasing new jerseys for the league, and how many should be ordered. (As of now, there are 5-8 spares.)

The league ultimately would like to have sets of black and white jerseys (home and away), with matching numbers, especially for the C and D Teams.

We discussed having deposits for the jerseys, to ensure they are returned, and to cover the cost of any that are not. (Amount will be determined once jerseys are purchased.)

There has been a history of unreliability in purchasing merchandise from Rusty at Albany Clothing and Promotions Company, so it was suggested that we deal with Awards by Walshes in the future. (Although the former has some items the latter does not carry.)

4) Web Postings

Kim M-M will post on the Foxes website:

- The date and time (Friday, February 12th, 10-11:30) Sue Davis and her school will have their Swinburne Park Annual DHH Ice Skating Party.
- Stats from the D Team (if obtained)
- Board Meeting Minutes
- Official Board Member Job Descriptions
- The requirement that each team must choose a non-board member representative, who will attend board meetings and represent that team as necessary, will officially be added to the by-laws.