

# VCSSC Executive Meeting Agenda and Minutes

September 4, 2019

7:15 PM

Avison Management Board Room



**Present:** Terry Lazaruk, Calvin Desmarais, Laura Rusnjak, Jessica Seely, Jeremy Seely, Trinda Elwert, Liz Legebokoff, Leal Baumann

## Agenda:

1. Ice Times
2. Thursday Sessions and Costs
3. Saturday's with Alison
4. BC Gaming Grant
5. Registration
6. Treasurer Position
7. Paper Trails
8. Skate Rental Fees
9. Pre-season Coaching
10. Track Marking
11. Skate Fitting
12. Adjournment/Next Meeting

### 1. Ice times

- a. Have same times as previous season
  - i. Mon 5:15 pm to 8:00pm
  - ii. Wed: 6:30 am to 8:00 am
  - iii. Thurs: 6:30 am to 7:15 am
  - iv. Fri: 5:15 pm to 8:15 pm
- b. Costs have gone up from last year; will also have to pay a glass removal fee for the two meets (\$295 total, includes both meets)

### 2018-2019

|          | MINOR RATES | ADULT RATES |
|----------|-------------|-------------|
| 6am-8am  | \$46.47     | \$98.09     |
| 8am-10pm | \$66.63     |             |
| 8am-12am |             | \$130.59    |

### 2019-2020

|                | MINOR LEAGUE RATE | ADULT LEAGUE RATE |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 6:30am-8:00am  | \$47.86           | \$101.03          |
| 8:00am-11:00pm | \$68.63           | \$134.51          |

Rates do not included GST

### 2. Thursday sessions and costs

Discussion regarding purpose of Thursday morning sessions: 1) For new skaters to skate in a more comfortable and less intimidating environment 2) Allows for coaching development 3) gives

parent participants opportunity to get a better idea of the sport 4) Encourages coaching recruitment 5) Takes pressure off of the Monday and Friday skates with fewer bodies on the ice

Motion made by Jeremy Seely that the club continue an introduction and development program for Masters. Calvin Desmarais seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding how to pay for Thursday ice time, which has doubled (now paying adult rate).

- a. Options:
  - i. Same as last year - registration fee was set at \$150 (\$90 of that going towards BCSSA fees), and club covered remainder of cost
  - ii. Registrants pay higher fee, but ice cost still subsidized by club
  - iii. Registrants cover 100% of ice cost (\$1,750.34)

It was decided that the registration fee would increase to \$170 and skate rental fee would be reduced to \$70 for those who are only doing the Thursday Masters skate. Participant only skaters will continue to pay the participant registration fee of \$245 plus \$90 for skate rental. There will be a cap of 10 skaters plus coaches.

### **3. Saturdays with Alison Desmarais**

It has been confirmed that Alison is willing to coach sessions this season.

- a. The plan would be for Alison to travel to Vanderhoof on November 8th and conduct a skating session on Saturday, November 9th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Terry has confirmed ice availability for this time and has requested an additional half hour; waiting for response from District of Vanderhoof regarding additional half hour as another club has also requested this time)
  - b. Cost of flights (Calgary to PG): \$633 to \$708...ish
- Jessica Seely made a motion that the club cover Alison Desmarais' flight costs. Terry Lazaruk seconded the motion. Motion carried, with abstention of Calvin Desmarais.

### **4. BC Gaming Grant**

- a. The \$10,000 gaming grant that Laura Rusznak applied for was approved. Grant will go towards ice time, including the Thursday morning ice time. As ice time fees have increased, next year we will need to re-assess the amount we apply for. Will plan to have a meeting after February 8th to examine budget and what we need for next year.
- b. Laura has agreed to help the next Treasurer with applying for next year's grant (application due May 31st, 2020).

### **5. Registration**

- a. Unsure of numbers, but looks like we may be down a few from last year
- b. Discussion regarding whether we should allow trial skating periods, with trial rates, for skaters to determine whether they want to commit to the season. It was decided that we would not offer a trial period/rate as it can take a lengthy time to determine

whether a sport is working for an individual and because we have to cap the number of skaters.

- c. Concerns addressed regarding skaters who do not meet age requirement being registered, as registration form does indicate that skaters must be *over four as of June 30th of this year*. Trinda is going to look into whether insurance covers those skaters.
- d. Executive agrees that given the downturn in the forestry economy, there is a need to look at sponsorship programs.
- e. Trinda requested a meeting in November to discuss registration for next year, including fees and how they are covered, as we may have the ability to open next year's registration early.
- f. Meeting set for Wednesday, November 13th, 7:00 PM, Avison Building

#### **6. Treasurer position**

- a. Christina Bulmer has agreed to be nominated to replace Laura as Treasurer next year.

#### **7. Paper Trails**

- a. after recent water damage to the club's financial documents (most were saved by Terry and Laura via photo), all financial documents are now stored digitally

#### **8. Skate Rental Fees**

- a. Currently fee structure is set up for complete skate rental. Getting into a situation where some skaters only require blades though. Discussion regarding whether we should change the skate rental fee to reflect situations where only blades are being rented.
- b. Current fee structure: Rental: \$90 + damage deposit: \$200 (this assumes we can replace a set of blades with boot at a cost of \$290) reality: ST: \$390 to \$500 LT: \$530
- c. It was decided that the club will continue with the current skate rental fee structure.

#### **9. Pre-season Coach meeting**

- a. Discussion regarding the need to have a coach coordinator.
- b. Liz Legebokoff made a motion to create a position of coach coordinator, with Calvin Desmarais filling the position. The motion was seconded by Trinda Elwert. Motion carried.
- c. Coaches meeting will take place on September 16th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Terry will book Integris board room.

#### **10. Track marking before Ice goes in**

Terry asked what the process has typically been for track marking. Calvin explained that the arena normally does all of the puck markings and then requests that the club confirm that it is satisfactory. In the past Calvin and Jim McBride did a visual inspection. Jim McBride has passed the measurement information on to Terry. Once the markings are in, Terry will meet with arena staff to confirm that the markings are correct.

#### **11. Skate fitting date**

- a. The orientation and skate fitting will take place Monday, September 23rd, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Orientation stations will be set-up and once parents have gone through the orientation, skaters will be fitted for skates, provided that they have also registered and paid, which Trinda will confirm. Coaches will have information sheets for parents.
- b. Jessica Seely coordinate a schedule.
- c. Terry will book arena mezzanine.

## **12. Meeting Adjourned**

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13th, 7:00 PM, Avison Building