



**Vanderhoof Clippers Speed Skating Club
General Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019
School District 91 Board Office
Vanderhoof, BC
1800 hrs

Present: Jim McBride, Laura Rusnjak, Jessica Seely, Sara Lazaruk, Trinda Elwert, Calvin Desmarais, Terry Lazaruk, Connie Stephen, Leal Baumann

Agenda:

1. Post Meet Comments
2. Registration Discussion Continued - Trinda
3. Report/discussion on Financial Support for Elite Skaters - Calvin
4. Prep discussion for :
 - a. Award Night Mar 8 @ Arena Mezzanine-Skate Return, cake, awards
 - b. April 8 AGM @ Gospel Chapel Church
5. Other
6. Close: Next Meeting AGM April 8, 2019

1. Post Meet Comments

- When to host next year?
 - Jessica & Leal recommended November/fall, if Fort St. James is not going to host; was a big hole in the calendar
 - Terry pointed out there is nothing for short track after December, without our later meet
 - Jessica suggested possibly having two meets; early season and late
 - need to decide soon; Laura suggested, could have a new board meeting right after the AGM and discuss this then

- What improvements are needed for next time
 - having enough people/volunteers is a challenge
 - having Liz L. and Calvin D. help with coordinating in Jessica's absence was appreciated

-will need another ref because Sean E. will be gone and will need another starter because Sarah M. will be gone

-level 1 and 2 course is being offered in PG – March 1; take level 1 and then submit hours for application for certification

- Overall times, results, officials set up

-Sara pointed out that the new positioning of timers and scaffolding set-up, was not ideal; would not have worked for times for elite skaters; difficult to see

-Trinda explained that timers could not see the lap counters

-Jim is looking at building new scaffolding that should work better

-Laura pointed out that there may be grant money for scaffolding; money may also possibly be used for other changes that we have to make (currently the arena lets us use their scaffolding); Laura will look into details regarding possible grants

- Revenue obtained?

-don't know yet; Sara never received final spreadsheet

- Some parental dissatisfaction regarding tinted glasses requirement; parents saying that they didn't know about this

-this info was on the registration sheet. Can possible have the changes highlighted?

-Calvin recommended that we either make practice equipment requirements the same as meet equipment requirements OR clearly communicate and stress the difference between safety equipment required for practice vs. meets

2. Registration Discussion Cont'd – Trinda

-problem with MMAS – never explained what the province and clubs need the database for

-has the ability now to switch people to different programs

-no clear answer as to whether we can collect payment from individual families and then submit money or whether it all has to go through the registration site; can't really decide until we know this

-skate rental will be something separate from registration if online registration system is used (separate payment)

-Trinda wants to propose that everybody in active start is in the competitive category; too many changes mid-season from non-competitive to competitive (this then needs to be changed in the system online and additional money needs to be collected)

3. Report/Discussion on Financial Support for Elite Skaters – Calvin

-Calvin spoke to Ann more regarding her thoughts on this topic

-nothing more to report

4. Prep Discussion for:

- a. Award Night Mar 8 @ Arena Mezzanine -Skate Return, cake, awards

-Jessica will order cake

-need to get email out to remind parents that skates need to be returned sharpened

-up to coach in how they want to recognize their skaters e.g. certificates, time sheets, etc.

b. AGM April 8 @ Gospel Chapel Church

- pizza
- if Trinda knows more about registration by then, she will speak to this
- 90% chance registration will not be done at AGM
- Jim looked up under BC speed skating assoc. and SS Canada re: voting process but nothing really clear set-out
 - Jim will send out email requesting nominations for upcoming election
 - March 31st nominations need to be submitted; nominations get sent to secretary so Jim will include Leal's email in those directions in this email
 - vice-president will be open for 1 year term because the position was supposed to be a 2 year and the person left
 - 4 directors, president, and vice-president positions up for nomination
 - no new nominations after March 31st
 - if 2 or more people are nominated, there will be a vote; Jessica suggested that it be a paper vote
- Calvin brought up the need to define the job of the head coach
 - What is the next head coach's job and do they know what that job is?
 - need a head coach who coordinates things amongst all of the coaches; more of a technical director
 - need to have a look at this further
 - need to figure out who all of the coaches will be next year

5. Other

- will not be buying skates for next year but maybe mats
- Vince will not be doing equipment; Sean Baumann will be (Calvin and Jim can help)
- would like to see something in the paper recognizing Madison Seely's success at the Canadian Age Class Long Track Championship in Winnipeg; Madison won bronze overall and also won silver in 500-meters and gold in team pursuit
 - Jim will get in touch with Ann to discuss this
 - Jessica will write something up for the paper
- Omineca Express included short write-up on Facebook regarding the Funale meet and included pictures taken and submitted by Lorn Clarke

6. Close: Next Meeting AGM April, 8, 2019