

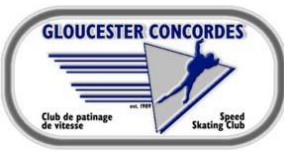
**MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

**June 11, 2014, 18:30
Centre Récréatif Bob MacQuarrie, Orléans**

Attendance: Laurel Rockwell (LR), Doug Durham (DD), Neil Monkman (NM), Dennis Vogt (DV), Jean Hurtubise (JH), Michel Trottier (MT), Janique Gagnon (JG)

Absences: Stu Joliffe (SJ), JM, DH, TM

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
1	<u>Approval of Agenda</u> The meeting was called to order at 18h50 by LR. The agenda was approved. Motion by JH; seconded by DV.	Motion carried
2	<u>Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting</u> The minutes of the AGM were reviewed by the board. Changes were noted by JG and will be reflected for next year's AGM. The minutes of the last executive meeting were approved without Mike Rivet's presentation. JG will contact him in order to get a copy to be attached to the minutes. Motion by JH; seconded by DD.	JG JG Motion carried
3	<u>Correspondence</u> OSSA has posted their technical bulletin on their website. LR asks the board to review and send their comments/concerns to her by June 15 th /2014 unless otherwise indicated.	
4	<u>Old Business</u> A. <u>OSSA AGM – 24 May 2014 - Debrief</u> : OSSA needs volunteers to sit on their board from the various clubs. LR will be involved with their long-track committee while DV will be part of the technical committee. The meeting was short – mainly clerical amendments in the various policies. Otherwise uneventful. JH and LR report that a consultant working with the Ministry of Sports gave a presentation about clubs' governance and funding, emphasising and insisting that clubs need to be compliant with the requirements in governance in order to get funding. At the local club level, they want to see the development of elite athletes , not just recreational participants. NM and JG put forward their names to work with OSSA in the event it offers to help the clubs in meeting these requirements. B. <u>Registrar - update</u> : DV reports that requests for information have significantly increased compared to last year. C. <u>Financial - update</u> : Clare Gee closed the accounting books for this year. JH reports that her fee has been paid in full for this year. NM asks the board if the books are audited by an independent organisation. JG will contact her brother, who is a chartered accountant, to see if he knows anyone that might be interested to perform this task. DD will also contact Clare Gee about this. D. <u>Coaching - update</u> : Nothing to report as Mike Rivet is not here. E. <u>Equipment</u> : Mats need to be returned to Ray Friel – for storage. JH will send an email once he knows date and time. Mat repairs need to be done this summer – More to follow. Equipment was purchased and is not ready yet. JH bought some equipment for the club. F. <u>Fundraising / Marketing/ Advertising</u> : LR, DV, and JM worked on the ad to be printed in the City of Ottawa magazine for registration in the fall [1/2 page] as well as a picture for the cover. DD contacted the city and they confirmed they had received the document.	NM/JG JG DD JH



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	<p>No news yet as whether or not this will be printed [cover and add.] LR reports that it is very costly to put an ad in the local newspaper. Last year, the club advertised in Parents' Magazine and Ottawa Sports Media. JH suggests using the community bulletin boards of the various local TV stations. JG volunteers to contact the TV stations to find out what can be done. LR will contact the person from the Pacers and copy JG.</p> <p>G. <u>Website</u>: Nothing to report.</p> <p>H. <u>Policies</u>: "Club Excellence" from OSSA will be put forward in the future. NM and JG both volunteered to work on this subject.</p> <p>I. <u>Meets for 2014-15 season</u>: Meets will take place March 28-29/2015 [Provincial B and Master Championships]. Long discussion about whether we will host the Regional East #2 Meet for OSSA on the weekend of November 15/2014 as it appears that this may be the weekend the FPVQ might hold their long-track camp that weekend as well. This may hinder our ability to host in addition to limit the participation of our skaters. JH will contact FPVQ to enquire about the possible dates for their camp in order to plan our involvement with the OSSA meets. LR will check with the City of Ottawa if November 9/2014 is available.</p>	<p>JG LR NM/JG JH LR</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Fees for 2014-15 season</u>: LR and JH report that the regular season fees will be unchanged. A new program for a block of 10wks and another of 12wks (fall and winter) will be put forward next season. The registration form needs to be simplified. As for online registration, given our experience in the past season, LR feels that this is not user friendly as well as being costly. This might be an issue with the volume of skaters. MT will need to follow-up with DV, so that he can contact Ursula Comeau, who took that on last year and was paid for this service. The board feels that we should have an online form but that payment can be done at registration night. JH will inform DV of the boards' request.</p> <p>B. <u>Registration dates for 2014-15 season</u>: Tentative dates would be Thursday 21 August/2014 and Tuesday 26/2015.</p> <p>C. <u>Athletes' Fund</u>: This fund exists for athletes requiring travel and accommodation at national short- and long-track meets. This fund was also historically funded with the fundraising from the club. It was never indicated in the by-laws how to manage this fund. This fund remains in place to this date. Two years ago, it was discussed whether or not to keep this fund. However, a decision was not made at that moment. Now, LR asks the board if we want to keep this fund or not. JH suggests that we look at the by-laws to find out how it is addressed and the board can then make an informed decision about its future [keep it, remove it, modify it.] NM will examine this issue when he reviews the current by-laws.</p> <p>D. <u>Sports Psychology</u>: JH suggests that some of our older skaters/athletes would probably benefit from this when preparing for competition. JH attended an Ottawa University Alumni conference a few weeks ago discussing this issue. He approached an attendee to find out if some students (Masters' or Ph.D.) needed to participate in an internship, which could benefit our skaters. The board feels this would be a great opportunity for our skaters. JH would need to contact Mike Rivet, Head Coach, to see if he would be interested in this.</p>	<p>MT JH NM JH</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 20h50. Motion by DD; seconded by MT. Next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2013 at 1830hrs.</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p>