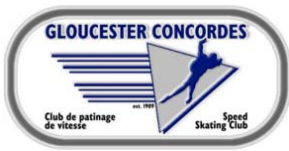


**MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

**15 January 2014, 18:30
Centre Récréatif Bob MacQuarrie, Orléans**

Attendance: Laurel Rockwell (LR), Josée Bertrand (JB), Jean Hurtubise (JH), Doug Durham (DD), Stu Jolliffe (SJ), Dennis Vogt (DV)[briefly], Michel Trottier (MT), Teresa McGarry (TM), Joanne Michaud (JM)
Absences: Janique Gagnon (JG), Kendra Engbers (KE), Dean Hoisak (DH), Lisa Kluge (LK)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
1	<u>Approval of Agenda</u> The meeting was called to order. The agenda was approved as read.	
2	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. Motion by JH.	Motion carried.
3	<u>Correspondence</u> No correspondence at this time.	
4	<u>Old Business</u> A. <u>Financial</u> : DD reviewed the budget with the board and answered their questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Presently the financial report indicates that the club is in good standing; o More money is expected with the Masters' meet in April; o The club is dealing with CIBC but services not always meeting the club expectations - DD to investigate other options with Claire, our accounting contact; o Discussion regarding club investments with GICs was discussed and again DD to talk with Claire on how a non-profit organization can invest funds; o Raffle activity this year was conducted to help collect the \$150 maintenance fee, the board needs to assess at AGM what the membership would like to do next year to improve our fundraising activities; o Motion by JH to approve financial report as presented, seconded by SJ. o The board recommended to DD to have extra copies of the financial statement for the members at the next meeting to facilitate its review. B. <u>Registrar</u> : DV briefly attended the meeting and shared that we have presently a total of 87 skaters registered with the club. January, 2014 - 6 new skaters, 2 skaters sponsored by Kevin Frost and by Gavin Thulien. This indicates a drop in registration compared to our total number of skaters estimated at 100 last year. C. <u>Code of Conduct</u> : The Board motioned to accept the code of conduct with the addition recommended at the last AGM to include an appeal committee assigned as needed. JH will email each club member to advise them that the new code of conduct is in effect immediately until the end of the season and any new amendment needs to be presented at the next AGM meeting. D. <u>Volunteer recruitment</u> : Plans to invite Sandra Chenard at the next meeting to discuss how we are doing with volunteers' recruitment and how to retain our volunteers for our competition events. E. <u>Coaching</u> : LR shared that the new coaching structure has received positive feedback. Some coaching development was addressed by M. Rivet, Head Coach, to ensure consistent practices within each level of training. As a club, LR indicated that we would like to see more coaching certification to improve the quality of our coaching staff.	DD DD Motion carried. DD JH



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	<p>Coaches' performance evaluations/progress will need to be discussed with the Head Coach by the end of the year to help the club coaches' recruitment strategies and development recommendations.</p> <p>F. <u>Equipment</u>: JH shares that the "Cumberland Dukes Minor Hockey Association" bought the club's old mats and that they will share them with our club when extra mats are required, at no cost. He added that some mats are in need of repair for next year and that this will be done over the summer. The club will need to buy extra blades – JH will provide his recommendations after doing the inventory at the end of the season. Finally, he tells the board that the club received a request to share some skates with the Almont School for Grade 11 sport activities – they would like to introduce speed skating with their school. The club will charge \$25/skater for this event (7 students are interested.)</p> <p>G. <u>Summer Camp</u>: Sue Ellis approached the club to organize a camp again this summer, in July or August. The club does not make any profit when it is a Sue Ellis camp but this provides an opportunity to have a camp where the kids acquire skills development during the summer. Summer Camp options will need to be discussed with the Head Coach in order to finalize the club's decision regarding organizing this camp.</p> <p>H. <u>Fundraising/Marketing</u>: The club would like to organize a banner to acknowledge the two Olympians who qualified to be part of the Sochi 2014 Olympics – Ivanie Blondin (3000m, 5000m) and Vincent de Haître (1000m, 1500m). The official Olympic team will be confirmed on January 22nd. The club would like to organize an Olympic celebration on Saturday, 15 Feb 2014 in order to promote speed skating and recognize our Olympians. A letter was sent to the Winterlude organization to try to have an oval on the Rideau Canada but the club realized that this may not be possible considering our late request. The event will need to be done at the Brewer Park Oval, should the Winterlude be unable to accommodate our request. LR and JB worked in collaboration with the Pacers to initiate this event and will provide updates to the club once details are confirmed.</p> <p>I. <u>Website</u>: Kudos to MT for his great work to make our club website current and engaging. MT encourage the board to provide him with ongoing news in order to feed the website pages. The upcoming events to promote are the Provincial Long Track Championships in Ottawa, the Canadian Long Track Championships in Saskatoon, the Age Class Canadian Championships in Quebec, the Olympics, the Junior World Long Track Championships and the announcements of OSSA regarding the athletes who qualified for the training and development Ontario Teams.</p> <p>J. <u>Meet coordinating</u>: Nothing to report.</p> <p>K. <u>Policies</u>: Nothing to report.</p>	<p>LR</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>LR</p> <p>LR, JB</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>5</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>A.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 20h45hrs.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2014 at 1830hrs.</p>	