

**MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015-16
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

April 24, 2016 at 16h00

Royal Canadian Legion
800 Taylor Creek Drive, Orleans, Ontario

Attendance: See list in Annex for participating members
Meeting called to order by Neil Monkman, President @ 16h15.

ITEM	DISCUSSION
I	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p>Moved by: Stephane Parent Seconded by: Laura Lee Balkwell</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approved</p>
II	<p><u>Minutes from April 19, 2015 AGM</u></p> <p>Moved by: Sue Townley Seconded by: Mike Rivet</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approved</p>
III	<p><u>President's Message</u></p> <p>a) Introduction of the Members of the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Monkman – President • Jean Hurtubise – Vice President • Laurel Rockwell – Past President • Doug Durham– Treasurer (Books – Clare Gee) • Janique Gagnon – Secretary • Joanne Michaud – Club Registrar • Michel Trottier – Member at large • Stu Jolliffe – Member at large • Lisa Kluge – Member at large • Kathy Matthews – Member at large • Dean Hosiak – Member at large <p>b) Introduction of Club Members performing important roles for the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Kluge – Meet Registrar • Michel Trottier - Webmaster • Jean Hurtubise and Stu Jolliffe – Equipment Managers • Vacant – Fundscript Coordinator • Kathleen Matthews – Meet Coordinator • Vacant – Statistician • Joanne Michaud – Club Wear • Julie Nightingale - Kitchen <p>c) Accomplishments during the 2015-2016 Season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Regional Meet #2 • Mini-meets x 2 • Skaters success at all the meets • Successful bid for a Provincial Meet in 2016-17 • Recipient of a \$1000 Intact Insurance Grant

- d) Provincial Meet November 2016: Please refer to Item (c).
- e) Canada East 2017: This is a **joint venture** with the Ottawa Pacers. It will take place in March 2017. One meeting has already taken place – members of our executive attended. Jean Hurtubise took some time to explain the importance of this meet and its background. Several committees have been put in place – Technical, Hospitality, Protocol, Finance, and Promotion & Media – Neil Monkman explained the responsibilities of each committee. We will need a lot of volunteers – would like to see a Concordes volunteer as co-chair of a committee.

Reports

- a) **Registration:** Numbers of skaters are down: this year, we had 90 skaters, and 20 associate members. With our numbers down, this decreases our revenues. The fact that we only had 20 associate members could be due to the new system of online registration with GoalLine. Jean Hurtubise indicated that there was a steep learning curve for our club with this system – we are more familiar with it at this time and we are hoping that the 2016-17 registration will go much more smoothly. The fact that the SSC database was also changed at the beginning of the year certainly added to the difficulties in registering this year as well as for our associate members.
- b) **Financial Overview:** We operated at a loss again this year. Our income was \$56 408, our expenses were \$63 237, for a total loss of \$6830. The fact that we have a paid coaching model does have repercussions on our budget. However, this model has been quite successful for our club and we are continuing with it. We were considering applying for a Trillium Grant; however, the fact that we have had deficits for the past 3 years prevents us from applying. We must be cognisant that ice fees are going up 5% next year, which means our fees will go up. We should get more skaters – this will help in bringing our budget back in the black. It will also make us a better club since we will have more competitors. Renting skates from our club also helps us in our finances.
- c) **Equipment:** Many the skates were rented. We experienced some shortage in some sizes (low 30s and mid-40s). All skates, soakers, and guards were returned in good condition. We did not purchase new skates this year in view of our deficit. We are attempting to find a grant to get some funding for new mats. Jean is planning an evening this summer to look at the skates and ensure that they are still safe for our skaters. Jean Hurtubise thanked all the parents that helped with the Brewer Oval this winter, despite our very short season. We are attempting to get more storage within the rink but it is very difficult (space is limited).
- d) **Fundraising and Marketing:** Our club was successful in hosting our regional meets with raffle tables (they raised funds for our club). Our club hosted CTV Morning Live with Sarah Freeman this year; this event had a positive impact and the videos that were filmed are still available on the CTV website. Our website also helps with the promotion of our club. We need a Fundraising Committee and new fundraising ideas. Jean Hurtubise asked the audience how they found the GoalLine communication emails this year – the only comment from the attendees was that it was clear and helpful. This system was also used for the registrations of the meet we hosted; unfortunately, GoalLine did not work very well so we might not use this system again next year. Heather Monkman asked if the executive considered splitting both the Fundraising and the Marketing positions vs having them both as one. Neil Monkman indicated that they could certainly be separated.

e) Coaching:

1) Introduction of Club coaches:

- Mike Rivet
 - Stephane Parent
 - John Weidemann
 - Heidi Hickey
 - Joanne Gosselin
 - Troy Johnson
 - Andrew Wallace
- A standing ovation for our coaches from the parents took place.
 - Mike Rivet thanked the executive for their support this year and indicated the team of coaches we have has been working well with each other and the skaters. Stephane attended a lot of the provincial series and our skaters are skating very well – their technique is sound. Mike informed the attendees that the skaters will be broken down in slightly different groups – 3A and 3B – this will accommodate the maturity and ability of the skaters at that level.

IV New Business

- a) Summer Dry Land Training: This will take place again this year. Sessions will take place on Mondays (Green's Creek) at 18h30, and on Wednesdays (Vincent Massey Park) at 18h30. These sessions are open to skaters of Groups 3 and 4 (age appropriate). Cost will be \$100.
- b) Summer Camp: By invitation only – usually Group 3 and 4 skaters. Tentative dates are July 21-24/2016, at Mont Ste-Marie.
- c) Objectives for next season and open discussion:

At this point, the President opened the floor for questions and discussion.

Q: Darcy brought forward a motion that the fees for the dry land training should be increased to \$200. He justified his motion by the fact that the cost is too low and the club has been in deficit for the past three years. Arthur Wallowski seconded. Heather Monkman asked if the club has any provision for families that cannot afford this cost. Joanne Gosselin indicated that Canadian Tire has a Jump Start program that can help families in this situation. Neil Monkman and Jean Hurtubise indicated that flexibility will be shown to families having difficulties to pay or only able to attend one day/week. Motion carried.

A: Dry land fees for the summer of 2016 will be increased to \$200.

Q: Mike Rivet invited parents to come on the ice as the coaches need helpers during the sessions. This is a great way to find out about the training involved in speed skating.

Q: Jean Hurtubise took some time to thank Sue Townley and her husband Jim, as well as their son Caleb for their dedication at the Brewer Oval.

Q: Jean Hurtubise also acknowledge the presence of Ivania Blondin and Isabelle Weidemann in the audience; both alumni from our club! It is great that our club has could produce such athletes.

<p>V</p>	<p><u>Election of Officers and Executive Committee – 2016-2017</u></p> <p>Laurel Rockwell graciously accepted to be our president of elections, which started at 17h20.</p> <p>It was stated that all Board positions were opened and that every member could be nominated, provided they are at least 18 years of age. All current members of the board also confirmed they would stay in their position for another year.</p> <p>Nominee for President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neil Monkman let his name stand to continue in this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Vice-president:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jean Hurtubise let his name stand to continue in this position - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doug Durham let his name stand to continue in this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Secretary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janique Gagnon let her name stand to continue in this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>Nominee for Registrar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Joanne Michaud let her name stand to continue in this position. - No other nomination was received from the floor. - Elected by acclamation. <p>(This is not the position of meet registrar; that function is handled by another volunteer)</p> <p>Nominees for member at large positions (four positions):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lisa Kluge let her name stand for one of these positions. - Dean Hosiak let his name stand for one of these positions. - Laura-Lee Balkwill volunteered her name for one of these positions. - Kathy Matthews volunteered her name for one for one of these positions. - Sarah Mustavi was nominated by Stephane Parent, seconded by Kathy Matthews. - Arthur Wallowski was nominated by Stephane Parent, seconded by Kathy Matthews. - No other nominations were received from the floor. - All nominees were elected by acclamation. <p>Laurel Rockwell will stay on as Past President.</p>
<p>VI</p>	<p><u>Next Meeting</u> Late April/early May 2017 -- time TBD Location: TBD</p>
<p>VII</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u> Moved by Laura Lee Balkwell that the 2016 AGM be adjourned. Seconded by Stephane Parent. The 2016 AGM was adjourned at 17h45.</p>

2015-16 Season Awards

Award	Male	Female
Group 1	All skaters received a certificate!	All skaters received a certificate!
Group 2	David Brown	Madeleine Tremblay
Group 3	Adam Abidi	Emma Hurtubise
Group 4	Caelan Monkman	Lily Weidemann
Masters (1 skater only)	Tara Carriere	

Skater of the year – Peter Williamson Trophy

Edouard Parent (Male)

Brielle Durham (Female)

Sportsmanship Award

Ian Babulik

Volunteer of the year Award

Not attributed