

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

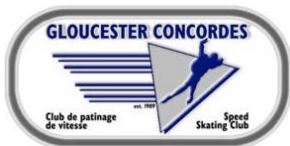
March 9, 2016, 18:30

Hall C, Centre Récréatif Bob MacQuarrie, Orléans

Attendance: Neil Monkman (NM), Jean Hurtubise (JH), Doug Durham (DD), Janique Gagnon (JG), Stu Jolliffe (SJ), Kathy Matthews (KM), Michel Trottier (MT)

Regrets: Dean Hoisak (DH), Laurel Rockwell (LR), Joanne Michaud (JM), Mike Rivet (MR), Laura-Lee Balkwill (LLB), Lisa Kluge (LK)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
1	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>NM called the meeting to order at 18h50. The agenda was approved with the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Items to add to 5. New Business: C. Ice Rental (for Pacers), D. Video recording for Intact Insurance, and E. Long Track – Gatineau Triathlon. <p>Motion by MT; seconded by KM.</p>	Motion carried
2	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting</u></p> <p>Minutes were approved as read. Motion by JH; seconded by SJ</p>	Motion carried
3	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>a) <u>Podium Tracker \$1000 from Intact Insurance</u>: Officially received a notification from Intact. We now need to send a 30sec recording explaining what will be done with the moneys received as well as 5 photos. NM already sent a thank you letter. Video will be recorded during the last week of skating (Mar 21-23/16).</p> <p>b) <u>GoalLine Invoice</u>: We received the invoice to cover the next year – the total cost is \$560.</p> <p>c) <u>Canada East 2017 confirmation letter</u>: We have received an official message from SSC that we have been selected for this event. The first meeting should take place the last week of March or first week of April.</p>	
4	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Canada East 2017</u>: See above comments in 3(c). Dates of the event are March 25-26/2017. This is a joint venture with the Pacers. NM will prepare a draft letter that will be sent to the City of Ottawa and councillors; MPPs, MPs, and possible venues for the banquet.</p> <p>B. <u>AGM 2016 (April 24/16)</u>: JG to send reports from last year as well as a tentative agenda to the board. The minutes from last year's AGM will be sent to MT in order to post them on the website. Coaches still need to send the awards recipients names as well as a tentative list of the groups of skaters. JH will send another email message stressing the importance of the parents' presence at the AGM.</p> <p>C. <u>Sensplex East</u>: JH or NM has not heard any news from the Sensplex East complex yet.</p> <p>D. <u>Partial Refund – Friday morning ice</u>: JH was unable to complete this task.</p> <p>E. <u>Fundraising / Marketing/ Advertising</u>: Again, the board feels we need to find a strategy to recruit more skaters next year – improve our publicity; or approach the local schools. This will need to be addressed in the next few meetings.</p> <p>F. <u>Registrar</u>: Fitness receipts for income tax purposes can be obtained from the GoalLine website. JH will send an email to the members explaining how to proceed. However, the website will not capture the payments for the meets. DD will contact Clare Gee to ask her to provide these receipts. Registration Fees for next year will be deferred to the next meeting. JH informs the board that LK will not be returning as the Club's Meet Registrar. She is willing to train the next person.</p> <p>G. <u>Financial</u>: This is the information NM/JH/DD gathered in regards to the three invoices received from OSSA: one invoice was sent for equipment – a 2nd invoice was sent shortly after but some equipment already paid was not removed and thus they are the same and had been paid for.</p>	<p>NM</p> <p>JG/Board/MT Coaches</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH? DD/Clare Gee</p>



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	<p>The other 2 invoices were for Insurance from OSSA based on our number of members for the years 2012-13 and 2013-14. NM indicates that one invoice was to be written off but we are unsure which one it is. NM/DD/Clare Gee to finalize this issue in the next few weeks. On another topic, Adnan (father of Adam) has accepted to be our bookkeeper for the next year. His name will be submitted at the AGM for approval by membership.</p> <p>H. <u>Coaching</u>: Mini-meet being organized for March 23/16. Announcement has been sent and is posted on the club's bulletin board.</p> <p>I. <u>Equipment</u>: No purchase of boots or blades will be entertained at the present time. The \$1000 that we received from Intact will be used for the purchase of mats, in preparation for the Canada East meet in March 2017.</p> <p>J. <u>Website</u>: The suggested Registration Form will be discussed at the next meeting, at the same time than the registration fees for 2016-17 season.</p> <p>K. <u>Policies</u>: Deferred.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">5</p>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>A. <u>Ice cancellation fees for 2016-17</u>: JG found an article in the Citizen that indicates the City of Ottawa is proposing cancellation fees/penalties for cancelling ice time without enough warning – the proposition asks for confirmation of ice time at the beginning of the season, after which a graduated cancellation fee of 25% of the cost for ice cancelled 60 days or more before the date and 50% if between 31-59 days. No refund if cancellation under 30 days. The board now aware – NM to enquire if this applies to the speed skating clubs; however, we don't often need to cancel our ice so risk is minimal for us. Article to be attached to minutes.</p> <p>B. <u>Cindy Klassen event (Woodvale Pentecostal Church)</u>: KM was approached for this event. Details include – only for girls, not open to boys, and it is religion-driven. The board feels this would not be a good match for us as it is somewhat restrictive (only girls – religious affiliation) and might be perceived as such by our membership. KM will get back to the organisers and thank them for the invitation.</p> <p>C. <u>Ice Rental (for Pacers)</u>: NM was approached by the Pacers as they are unable to secure ice for their scheduled first meet. They are asking if we can request ice on their behalf. The board is unsure how to proceed as this is not ice for us – it was decided that NM would facilitate communications between the Pacers and Bob MacQuarrie Complex but not request the ice – this is the responsibility of the Pacers.</p> <p>D. <u>Video recording for Intact Insurance</u>: This item was discussed earlier – 3 (a).</p> <p>E. <u>Long track – Gatineau Triathlon</u>: The Pacers and the Concorde were contacted by someone from Gatineau/Hull requesting their support in the implementation of a temporary 400m refrigerated oval that would be located in Jacques-Cartier Park. This oval would be available in the winter and would be multi-functional – it could be used by skiers, skaters, and others. The cost is a whopping \$600k per year! This includes set up, maintenance, and take down. The board feels this idea may be feasible but might not be advantageous for our club. In addition, we are unsure if the City of Ottawa would joint in this venture. It was decided that we can support the proposal but not financially at this time.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NM JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 21h00. Motion by DD; seconded by KM.</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled on Wednesday 13 April 2016, 18h30, Bob MacQuarrie Complex, Hall C.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Motion carried</p>

Cancelling ice time may cost minor hockey more

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The City of Ottawa's message to arena users: stop "burning" ice.

The city is changing the way it portions out time in its arenas and playing fields to make the distribution more equitable as demand grows. On Thursday, proposed penalties for cancelling ice time dominated the debate over changes to the way ice is allotted in city arenas.

The package of proposals includes penalties for cancelling ice time without enough warning. Cancelled ice is often sold as "last-minute ice." But the city loses money if no one buys it or it's sold at a discount.

"Valuable time should not sit idle," Dan Chenier, general manager of parks, recreation and cultural services, told the community and protective services committee.

The city is proposing that ice users confirm rental times at the beginning of each season — September, in the case of hockey. Af-

ter this, they must pay a graduated cancellation fee of 25 per cent of the cost for ice cancelled 60 days or more before the date and 50 per cent if cancelled between 31 and 59 days. There would be no refund for cancellations made less than 30 days before the date.

Chenier points out, for example, that a hockey league might be allocated an hour of ice time every Tuesday at 7 p.m., but will only release that time 10 days before the date. The ice can be sold at a discount as last-minute ice, but the city would get more if it were sold as a package.

About 70 per cent of ice time in city arenas is allocated to hockey. But hockey organizations said the timelines are too tight, and the proposal would have a financial impact on the families who pay for hockey registrations.

"This is essentially a price increase by another name," said Denis Dumais, president of Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor, which has about 16,000 children who play in



Denis Dumais, president of Hockey Eastern Ontario Minor, calls proposed ice-cancellation penalties 'a price increase by another name.' He says there's no way, for instance, to predict ice time needed for playoff games

city arenas.

Dumais argued there is no way to predict how much ice time is needed for playoff games at the end of the season. Meanwhile, some parents wait until the last minute to register their children, which makes it hard to gauge how much ice is needed early in the season.

Bryan Gormley, president of the Ottawa Centre Minor Hockey Association, said his organization often gets blocks of ice time at Thanksgiving, Christmas and March break, and hands it back to the city immediately because the

association can't use it.

"I don't burn ice willingly," said.

Chenier said the proposals include giving delegated authority to staff to make minor adjustments, including establishing deadlines for cancellation notices. "We're saying this needs to be fluid."

Coun. Diane Deans called proposed changes to allocate policy "a giant step forward, just judicious use of a limited resource."

The changes are to be debated by city council on March 23.