

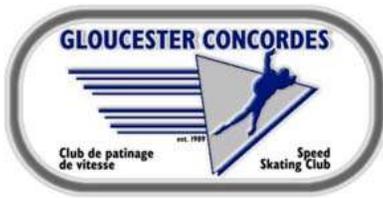
**MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

**June 5, 2017, 19:00
611 du Buisson, Orléans**

Attendance: Neil Monkman (NM), Doug Durham (DD), Janique Gagnon (JG), Mike Rivet (MR), Heidi Hickey (HH), Kathy Matthews (KM), Dean Hoisak (DH), Stu Jolliffe (SJ), Michel Trottier (MT)

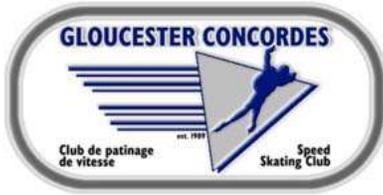
Regrets: Ad Adibi (AA), Joanne Michaud (JM), , Marc Besner (MB), Sarah Musavi (SM), Jennifer Boyer (JB)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION BY:
1	Welcome of the New Members to the Board	
2	<u>Approval of Agenda</u> Meeting called to order by NM at 19h05. Proposed by DD, seconded by KM.	Motion carried
3	<u>Approval of the Minutes of Previous Executive Meetings</u> Deferred until the next meeting.	
4	<u>Correspondence</u> A. Nothing to report.	
5	<u>Old Business</u> A. <u>Business arising from last executive meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <u>Notes from the meeting with Coaches</u> – This will be reviewed in the New Business section. B. <u>Financial:</u> Deferred until next meeting. C. <u>Website:</u> MT reviewed with the board that we are currently using two sites for our club – one for public viewing with information (hosted by BlueHost), and one specific for the registration (GoalLine). MT has been looking at ways to reduce the cost for the club and has found another platform that would merge our two current websites into one. This new platform would offer capabilities such as mass email, club/member login, availability, registration, and admin level login. There is no long term commitment required on our part with this new platform. The contact with this platform has been very professional, knowledgeable. Both MT and NM have had discussions with the owner of this new platform and are in favour of using it. The cost would approximately be \$300+tx/yr. There is also the possibility of having online payment in the future. DD proposed that MT contact the owner of the new platform and starts the procedure to transfer our current website information to the new platform with the hopes it will be ready for our 2017-18 season registration; KM seconds the proposition. All in favour to proceed.	MT Motion carried
5	<u>New Business</u> A. <u>Survey results:</u> 91 surveys were sent after the AGM; 63 responses were received in total (the survey was sent once with two reminders). Good responses from Group 4 and 5; very limited numbers from groups 1-2-3. It is suggested to have the survey available prior to the end of the season (early March), especially to the younger groups. This survey is very important as it allows the coaches to know which skaters will be coming back to speed skating and then group them accordingly for the upcoming new season. In the number of received responses: 5 skaters stated they would not be returning while 8 skaters were still undecided. Overall, the feedback given was positive. One question we asked was if parents would be willing to volunteer "on ice" during their child's skating session – some positive	JG (for next yr)



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	<p>responses were received in this regard. A short discussion about off-ice parent volunteer took place. Another question concerning Club fundraising events was also asked in the survey and the responses were divided 50%-50%: half of the received responses said they were not interested in participating in any Club Fundraising activities whereas the other half answered they would like to participate in 1-2 fundraising events.</p> <p>B. <u>New Skating Hours</u> (as proposed by coaches): The coaches worked very hard and are proposing some changes to the current schedule that would benefit our skaters, at every level, as well as use our allotted ice time more efficiently. The coaches looked at Group 2 and it was felt their time on ice should be merged into a two-hour session where they would be benefiting from continuous time on the ice to further their skills, rather than two sessions shortened by mats placement and ice resurfacing. Group 4 will continue to have 4 hours of ice training per week but it will now be grouped into two sessions of 2 hours on two different days. This will give them one night off (Tuesday) between skating sessions, which could be used for dry land training individually or, during the long track season, for long track ice training at Brewer Oval. In addition, concerning the dry land training, the skaters of Group 4 will be encourage to participate into these on their own (at home or gym – this will prepare them for the next stage of development where they have to train on their own.) Dry land exercises will be taught by the coaches and the skaters will be directed to discuss with the coaches if they have questions or concerns about the proper way to perform them. Group 5 (Masters) will be offered to come in at 20h30 (and only at that time) if they wish to start earlier than their regular session at 21h00. This will give them an extra half-hour of ice time. This suggestion was put forward as it was noticed that last year, some of the ice time for the Masters was lost due to ice resurfacing or mats removal. This last suggestion was proposed by MR for consideration during the meeting, and seconded by HH. All in favour.</p> <p>C. <u>Registration</u>: Dates for our registration nights will be August 22/17 (Tues), and August 31/17 (Thurs). The Pacers will have their registration nights on August 24/17 (Thurs) and August 29/17 (Tues). Timings: 18h30-20h30 – JG will reserve Hall C as in previous years. Gaven has been made aware and will be present with his equipment for sale. Fees from the 2016-17 season were reviewed as a start to the discussion about whether or not the club will increase the fees this year. We are expecting an increase of approximately 5% in ice fees (as per last year), which would translate into an increase in our hourly ice rate. After a short discussion, DD proposed an increase of \$5/hr in ice fees (up to \$230/hr); and of \$10/yr for skate rental (up to \$150), with no changes in the Masters’ fees. KM seconded. All in favour. In addition, in order to keep our club skates in a fairly good condition, with proper sharpening in a timely manner, NM suggested that a mandatory \$30 fee (paid cash at registration) be collected from the parents of Group 1-2-3 skaters. They would then be given 6 tickets that would be used for skate sharpening during the upcoming season. The sharpening would be done by a specific skater from Group 4 assigned to their family – by the same token, this skater would also serve as a mentor to the young skaters. JG proposed this additional fee, as above, and KM seconded the proposition. All in favour. KM volunteered to organize the list of skaters from Group 4 and create the tickets to be distributed at registration.</p> <p>D. <u>Registration Form</u>: All the fee changes were noted by MT and they will be advertised on our website prior to registration. JG will be sending an updated table of fees for the 2017-18 season. It will be also clearly indicated that there will be <u>NO Refund after October 15.</u></p>	<p>Motion carried</p> <p>JG</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>MT/JG</p>
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	<p>E. <u>Acceptance of the Code of Conduct at the time of registration</u>: MT confirms to the board there is a link to the Code of Conduct on the online registration form. Furthermore, the form cannot be accepted until the Code of conduct has been acknowledged (box to be checked off).</p> <p>F. <u>Skating season</u>: The season should be starting on Monday September 11/17. Of note, when submitting our request for ice allocation, NM had to submit a tentative date for the start of our season – he chose Sept 5/17, as this is what had been done in the past (Tuesday after Labor Day.) MR and HH are reporting that week is also the start of the school year which makes it very difficult for some families to come prepared. MR is suggesting to start one week later and to use 1-2 hours from the week after Labor Day to evaluate all new skaters. A proposal for Wednesday Sept 6/17 from 18h30-20h30 was made; the board agrees with this suggestion. That extra week will also allow for the coaches to confirm in which group any new skaters will belong to for the season (and thus, the according fee.) Parents meetings will take place during the first week of the season – Sept 11-12-13/17 (Groups 1-2-3-4). In the upcoming season, senior skaters (i.e. Group 4) will be expected to participate and help the club at various levels – LTSS, skate sharpening, mentoring younger skaters. Finally, MR mentioned that skaters should be strongly encouraged to change/put their skates on/off in the change rooms assigned to our club – this will develop and foster club spirit.</p> <p>G. <u>2017 Summer Activities: Dry land</u> – will take place on Wednesdays and participating skaters be invited (as not every skater has the physical ability and/or maturity to participate in this training.) Sessions will be starting this <u>Wednesday, June 7/17</u> and continue until September. The cost will be \$100/summer; location is Vincent Massey Park; and timing will be from 18h30 to 20h00. Mont Ste.Marie Training Camp will take place July 20-23/17. The cost will be \$285/per skater. Invitations will be sent by MR shortly.</p> <p>H. <u>Communications to parents in September</u>: Deferred.</p> <p>I. <u>Meetings of the Board</u>: Members of the board will need to think about which night will be better suited for the meetings next year. HH will be sending a Doodle poll for the next meeting in July.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>HH</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 21h45. Motion by DD; seconded by DH.</p> <p>Next meeting will be scheduled after the Doodle poll.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>