

**MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016-17  
GLOUCESTER CONCORDES SPEEDSKATING CLUB**

April 30, 2017 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 @ 16h10.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<b>I</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Moved by: Bill Tropper Seconded by: Mike Rivet</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Approved</b></p>
<b>II</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes from April 24, 2016 AGM</u></b></p> <p>Moved by: Bill Tropper Seconded by: Heidi Hickey</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Approved</b></p>
<b>III</b>	<p><b><u>President's Message</u></b></p> <p>a) Introduction of the Members of the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neil Monkman – <b>President</b></li><li>• Jean Hurtubise – <b>Vice President</b></li><li>• Laurel Rockwell – <b>Past President</b></li><li>• Doug Durham – <b>Treasurer (Books – Adnan Abidi)</b></li><li>• Janique Gagnon – <b>Secretary</b></li><li>• Joanne Michaud – <b>Club Registrar</b></li><li>• Laura Lee Balkwill – <b>Member at large</b></li><li>• Sarah Musavi – <b>Member at large</b></li><li>• Arthur Walowski – <b>Member at large</b></li><li>• Lisa Kluge – <b>Member at large</b></li><li>• Kathy Matthews – <b>Member at large</b></li><li>• Dean Hosiak – <b>Member at large</b></li></ul> <p>b) Introduction of Club Members performing important roles for the club:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lisa Kluge – <b>Meet Registrar</b></li><li>• Michel Trottier - <b>Webmaster</b></li><li>• Jean Hurtubise and Stu Jolliffe – <b>Equipment Managers</b></li><li>• Vacant – <b>Fundsceipt Coordinator</b></li><li>• Kathleen Matthews – <b>Meet Coordinator</b></li><li>• Vacant – <b>Statistician</b></li><li>• Joanne Michaud – <b>Club Wear</b></li><li>• Julie Nightingale - <b>Kitchen</b></li></ul>

## **President's Message** (Cont'd)

- c) Accomplishments during the 2016-2017 Season:
- OSSA Provincial Meet #2 (December 2016)
  - Mini-meets x 2
  - Co-host of Canada East Short Track Championship
  - Skaters success at all the meets
    - 9 Skaters at the Provincial B/C Championship, with 6 medalists
    - 9 Skaters in the Provincial A stream, with 2 medalists
    - 5 Skaters at CACLTC on Team Ontario
    - 4 Skaters at Canada East on Team Ontario

## **IV** **Reports**

- a) **Registration**: Skaters have been stable over the past few years. The number of associates has been fluctuating however. Review of the role of the associate numbers for our club – voting numbers as OSSA AGM for example. Totals for 2016-17 -
- b) **Financial Overview**: As of now, total income for this year \$124 880; total expenses \$105 735; income for the year \$19 145. In the past years, the bookkeeper would not show any 'nul' revenue/expense and this affected the way we presented our budget. Our new bookkeeper indicated to the board this was not the proper way of preparing the books. This explains the variance in numbers compared to last year.
- c) **Equipment**: We purchase covers for 12 mini-mats this years. Most our skates were returned in good condition. We must look at replacing some of our skates in the coming year as our equipment is aging. The club is looking at a new direction for skate sharpening for the next season – we would charge an amount of money to be paid at the beginning of the year with coupons to redeem to get your skates sharpened. The older skaters will be assigned to do the sharpening. This will help to build a rapport between the older skaters and the new/younger skaters.
- d) **Fundraising and Marketing**: Our club was successful in hosting our provincial meet with raffle tables (they raised funds for our club). This meet raised approximately \$9000. The MacMillan's project raised just under \$1000. Our club hosted CTV Morning Live with Sarah Freeman again this year; this event had a positive impact and the videos that were filmed are still available on the CTV website. We have not secured a meet for next year – the number of regional meets in the East has been decreased to 3; we asked for a provincial meet but unfortunately, we were not successful in our bid. Our website is also successful in promoting our club. Questions to the members:
- Should we charge EVERYONE a set fundraising fee and then allow them to earn it back through fundraising activities? OR
  - Should we simply do fundraising with no present obligation on members? OR
  - Should we increase fees and NOT do any fundraising?

Comments from the membership – all three options should be entertained; activities may help the skaters to know each other outside of the skating sessions; have an organized fundraising activity; we are losing competitions next year, which mean we need to have a fundraiser. This position is not a board position.

We need to have someone in the membership that will be the lead in organising any fundraising activities. Ideas suggested this year – product sales, increased emphasis on Fundscrip and possibly change the percentages, retail presence, murder mystery night, other suggestions.

## **Reports** (Cont'd)

e) Alumni: Our alumni were extremely successful this year – Ivania Blondin, Vincent de Haitre, Isabelle Weidemann. There are other alumni that continue to represent the club in the oval program in Calgary. Reports from Calgary thru Mike Rivet, say that our skaters are very well prepared when they arrive. Our alumni also continue to support our club – Vincent came to the Canada East Championships. Reminder of the Golf Tournament for Vincent on May 29/17 to support is road to the 2018 Olympics. The club will be sponsoring a hole during this golf tournament.

f) Coaching:

1) Introduction of Club coaches:

- Mike Rivet, Head coach
- Heidi Hickey, Lead coach
- Joanne Gosselin, Lead coach
- John Weidemann, Assistant coach
- Lily Weidemann, Assistant coach
- Jonathan Wong, Assistant coach
- Patrick McGarry, Assistant coach
- Gabrielle St Germain, Assistant coach
- Stephane Parent, Assistant coach (on a limited basis)

- A round of applause for our coaches from the parents took place.
- Mike Rivet then took the floor to discuss the skater survey that will be sent to the skaters to ask about their intent in coming back next season. He explains this will facilitate the groupings at the beginning of the next season. Concerning the summer training activities, Mike reviewed how the sessions took place last year: there was a diverse group of athletes that participated in either the one or the two days/week last summer. Mike reminded the parents it is important to keep the kids active and engaged in any sport during the summer.

**V**

## **Election of Officers and Executive Committee – 2017-2018**

Jean Hurtubise graciously accepted to be our president of elections, which started at 17h05.

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.

Nominee for President:

- Neil Monkman let his name stand to continue in this position.
- No other nomination was received from the floor.
- Elected by acclamation.

Nominee for Vice-president:

- Doug Durham has been nominated for this position.
- No other nomination was received from the floor.
- Elected by acclamation.

Nominee for Treasurer:

- Ad Adibi has been nominated for this position.
- No other nomination was received from the floor.
- Elected by acclamation.

## Election of Officers and Executive Committee – 2017-2018 (Cont'd)

Nominee for Secretary:

- Janique Gagnon let her name stand to continue in this position.
- No other nomination was received from the floor.
- Elected by acclamation.

Nominees for member at large positions (four positions):

- Kathy Matthews stand for one of these positions.
- Dean Hosiak let his name stand for one of these positions.
- Joanne Michaud let her name for one of these positions.
- Sarah Musavi volunteered her name for one for one of these positions.
- Marc Besner was nominated by Stephane Parent, seconded by Kathy Matthews.
- Gabriel Martin, Thomas Graham, Edouard Parent, Nicolas Matthews submitted their names to be Skater Representative. The membership agreed that these skaters could be elected as a collective group with one skater coming to the meeting. They all agreed and were elected.
- Jen Boyer was nominated as a representative of the Masters skaters.
- All nominees were elected by acclamation.

## New Business

- Review of the Code of Conduct (Jean Hurtubise): This code needs to be reviewed yearly during the AGM. It was made clear that if the parents do not sign the code of conduct, the skater will not be allowed on the ice. Jean Hurtubise proposed the code of conduct be accepted as it is currently written, seconded by Lynn Michel. **MOTION APPROVED.**
- Friends of the Oval (Darcy Santor): Our club is producing great skaters both in long and short track. Ontario is the only province that does not have a refrigerated oval. Darcy believes that an oval should be built in Ottawa. He is requesting that everyone that has ever skated on the oval send in a picture with a comment saying when they skated on the oval. This will create the expectation that the oval should be made in Ottawa. A reinvestment needs to be made on the part of the City as the weather is not always favourable for the current oval. Location is not what is important for now – what needs to happen is that the oval be promoted to the City Council (mayor, deputy-mayor, city councillors). Ottawa has a legacy (30-35 years), the coaching expertise, and the oval should be in Ottawa. The website is under construction.
- Objectives/changes for next season: Next year, we need to implement a 'Go to Parent' at each practice. As a reminder, parents need to be in the stands during the skating sessions. Of note, an evaluation process will be taking place for all skaters during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the season to determine the status of their abilities. Finally, we are always looking for Coaching help (parents are the best source). There is no expectation that the parents know how to speed skate but rather to help with the management of the kids.
- Open discussion: At this point, the President opened the floor for questions and discussion.

**Q:** How many skaters can the club sustain? [Darcy Santor]

**A:** There is no specific numbers, however, we need to have the volunteer base to sustain the coaching and help during the training sessions. Bigger numbers mean more ice allocation from the City of Ottawa; smaller numbers mean loss of ice time – if this happens, it is difficult to get back.

**Q:** In the past, associate members would be recognized for long standing members. Is this still being done? [Bill Tropper]

**A:** Not sure – may be the names can be submitted to us so that this information is not lost.

	<p><b><u>New Business</u></b> (Cont'd)</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Our expenses have almost doubled compared to last year. Is this a trend? [Darcy Santor]  <b>A:</b> The cost of ice has significantly increased this year and it is anticipated it will be the same next year. We anticipate our expenses will continue to rise in the coming years.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Why did we lose a meet? We traditionally have been assigned one? [Bill Tropper]  <b>A:</b> There is no answer – we have been talking with OSSA but they</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Can we have an equipment fund that would allow members to donate moneys? [Kevin Babulic]  <b>A:</b> We are a non-profit organisation and unfortunately, this is not possible. We receive money from Speed Skating Canada.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> How come the Head Coach is not a member of the board of Directors? [Bill Tropper]  <b>A:</b> The head coach is an ex-officio member.</p> <p><b>Q:</b> Who will enforce the code of conduct in the change room [Marc Besner]  <b>A:</b> If there are any infractions, the executive committee will be handling the issues.</p> <p>Bill Tropper asked the membership to recognized for their hard work during the year.</p>
<p><b>VI</b></p>	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b>  Late April/early May 2018 -- time TBD  Location: TBD</p>
<p><b>VII</b></p>	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b>  Moved by Julie Nightingale that the 2017 AGM be adjourned.  Seconded by Jean Hurtubise.  The 2017 AGM was adjourned at 17h40.</p>

## List of members attending the 2017 AGM

<b>Member</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Level</b>
Janique Gagnon	Board	Kelly Code	
Jean Hurtubise	Board	Colin Code	
Kathy Matthews	Board	Jen Boyer	
Matthew Reeves		Joanne Jolliffe	
Heidi Hickey	Coach	Stu Jolliffe	
Cory Hickey		Brenda Sweeney	
Paul Martin		Kevin Cooke	
Julien Daigle		Lyne Michel	
Sharlene Daigle		Patrick McGarry	Coach
Marc Besner		Theresa McGarry	
Tina Besner		Joanne Gosselin	Coach
Vytas Janusauskas		Florence Hiltz	
William Tropper		Kevin Babulic	
Christina Patterson		Marketa Graham	
Doug Durham	Board	Dean Hosiak	
Sarah Musavi		Ad Abidi	
Mike Rivet	Coach	Victoria Vasilieva	
Jonathan Wong	Coach	Neil Monkman	Board
Arthur Walowski		Christiane Tremblay	
Renata Walowski		Steve Tremblay	
Juliana B. Nightingale			

*[41 members in attendance]*

## 2016-17 Season Awards

Award	Male	Female
Group 1	Mihir Rattu	Juniper Code
Group 2	Owen Daigle	Renata Kenzie
Group 3	Adam Abidi	Paige Besner
Group 4	Mesten Hiltz-Andre	Jessica Desjardins
Masters (1 skater only)	Guillaume Lafleur	

### Skater of the year – Peter Williamson Trophy

Edouard Parent (Male)

Lily Weidemann (Female)

### Sportsmanship Award

Sam Hurtubise

### Volunteer of the year Award

Jean Hurtubise