

Northeast Region Minutes

Commencement of the meeting by the Chairman, Tom Beebe at 12:15pm

Date: Saturday, October 19, 2013

Place: Pinz, Milford, MA

Clubs in attendance with full voting privileges were as follows:

Plainfield FSC	Roller Kingdom, Hudson
Roller Kingdom, Tyngsboro	Carousel SC, Fairhaven
All Star SC, Whitman	Beverly SC
Silver City SC (no proxy)	Ron a Roll SC
Roll on America (no charter, non-voting)	

Approval of the 2012 Minutes

1st motion to accept: Bob Wilson

2nd motion to accept: John Scollo

Treasures report was read and accepted

1st motion to accept: Charlene Conway

2nd motion to accept: Pat Stinson

Update from the National Board Meeting in Lincoln, by Heidi Permatteo, coaches rep.

Heidi traveled to the board meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska in October. She reported as follows:

Mexico will hold a Sports Festival, tentative dates 7/16 - 7/24, which will conflict with our Nationals. The Pan-Am games are scheduled to be held in Lima, Peru in 2019.

Membership cards are going up to \$65.00 per skater.

New Coaches cards are \$125.00 which will cover the cost for the test and background check. Renewal of coaches cards are not \$100.00 for one discipline and \$150.00 for 2 disciplines. Artistic Club Charters are now \$90.00.

National entry fees for World Class events are \$85.00 per event

All other events are \$75.00 first event and t \$70.00 each additional event. Combined events are \$25.00 each.

The figure committee will be re-writing GR #20 & #21.

Charlene made a comment that Jane Wojnarowsky has stepped down from her position at the national office.

Update from the 2013 Regional's in Beverly

Chairman spoke and reported that the meet ran well. He didn't hear any complaints from the judges. They were happy with the food and the hotel. Host coaches stated that they did everything because it was their understanding that the host rink was responsible for the judges' room. A suggestion was made to have a master list of the food needed and make sure that there is a better handle on the hot food being provided and by whom.

There is a committee that was in charge of the food. Philomena Mullen mentioned that

Diane Gagnon did a good job with the food as well.

Update on the 2014 Regional at Ron a Roll in Vernon, CT

Dates: June 28, 29, 30, 2014

Host Hotel: Fairfield Inn, Manchester, CT

Comment was made not to use the Motel 6 this year as it was “dumpy:

We are currently working on room rates. This will be a region run meet at \$1200.00 a day to the operator.

Confirmed judges to date are:, Dottie Walsh, Keith Ungricht, Michelle Muckey, Jim Puracchio, John Hultquist, John Rangel and Eric Hadley.

A discussion about the number of judges was initiated. Can't we use in-region judges? Bob Wilson stated that the judges are giving their opinion when judging. He also said it would be ok with him if we used more in-region judges, because everyone makes it to Nationals anyway.

Charlene made a motion that it be recorded in the minutes - due to financial reasons we eliminate one out of region judge and if we need another judge we use an in-region judge at the 2014 Regional Championships. Motion was seconded by John Mullen. All were in favor except one Nay (Bob Wilson).

Monica made a suggestion that the judges selection committee meet and re-evaluate the judges list for approval more often.

2015 Bid for Regional Championships

Only one bid presented by Charlene Conway

Carousel, Fairhaven, MA Floor size 75 X 180

Operator Run Regional Meet.

Dates the last weekend in June

Pre Regionals will be over Easter Weekend but not on Easter Day. Charlene said that she will run it on Friday night and all day Saturday. April 3rd and 4th 2015

Host Hotel will be the Hampton Inn at \$99.00 a night.

Dedee Viola asked a question on how an “operator run meet” worked. Charlene stated that the operator incurs all expenses and pays all bills. The region does not make any money on the meet. She will pay the meet director fee for running the meet.

The Friday before the Regional Championship will be donated time for the practice day.

Roberta Delvy requested that we put on the application a question as to who will be attending the practice day so we can plan ahead if we need to.

New Business

Discussion in regards to the Awards Dinner. This year's banquet is the 50th. The first

Sunday in April in 2015 is Easter Sunday, so we should move the date to the following Sunday. Charlene will handle the changing of the date.

Meets presentations for 2014

Pre- Regional's - Ron A Roll Vernon, CT - April 26th & 27th, 2014

Memorial Day Meet - Roller Kingdom Hudson, MA. - May 24th and 25th

Thanksgiving Day Meet Carousel Fairhaven, MA

Proxy Votes were addressed and discussed. The proxy vote can only be granted in writing from the club president to the Vice president or the secretary only from the same club.

The Chairman read our by-laws to confirm this information.

Phil Mullen stated that we said we would address the proxy votes as suggested at last year's annual meeting.

A suggestion was made by Monica Delvy as to work on making changes to the by-laws at the next meeting with a 30 day notice. Charlene stated that we had formed a committee at the last meeting that was responsible in reviewing the current by laws and making suggestions for necessary changes. The by law committee was appointed and is as follows: John Mullen, chairperson, Heidi Permatteo, Lynn Cassio, Bob Wilson and Dottie DeRemer. A deadline was set for the committee to meet and report the changes at a deadline date of Regional's this year.

Bob Wilson made a motion that we resend the letter he requested us to send last year in regards to Richard Hawkins answer to his financial questions about National Championships financial status. Dedee Viola seconded that motion. She also suggested that he sends the letter to each one of the board members and also the USOC and the Attorney General's office.

The Chairman read a card from Katie Rodgers thanking the region for her scholarship money and for her gift of \$500.00 to help with her travel to the World Championships. Chris Gori also was mentioned that he had thanked us for his \$500.00 as well.

Heidi Permatteo presented an idea of how to get the "babies" involved in the process of learning how to compete. She suggests that we hold "scrimmages" with the class kids and combine it with a test center.

The SRSTA membership was also addressed. Some people didn't know that the SRSTA still existed. It was mentioned by Charlene Conway that the SRSTA was "bigger and better than ever."

Heidi will send out an email blast when we will have the next coaches meeting. She reported that it didn't work to schedule the meeting at the Regional. She said everyone was too busy to take the time to meet. We need this meeting because we need a record vote on items discussed and voted on in this meeting as well as nominating the coaches representative.

Heidi suggested that we have sub events at the Regional using in-region judges and have it all on Monday. All the other regions do this to make money, get the new skaters

involved and help promote the sport. The events will cost less money and no membership cards will be needed.

RSA gold medal test was addressed in regards to number of out of region judges were needed. It was decided that only 2 out of region judges are needed.

Dedee Viola would like to discuss at a coaches meeting with everyone on what they do to teach new skaters and how they build their clubs. She also stated that we all need to work to help build our sport. She would like everyone to share their ideas.

Charlene made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm

2nd motion made by Monica Delvy.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm