

NEICC Minutes Meeting
Sunday, February 12, 2017
Held via Teleconference Meeting

Meeting was held via teleconference and called to order at 2pm by Chair Sue Lalone, Hayden Recreation Center. Clubs represented by teleconference or by proxy: Skating Association of Maine (Glenda Winn), Hayden Recreation Centre FSC (Val Johnson, Sue Lalone, Rebecca Nagle), Yarmouth Ice Club (Lee Murray), Colonial FSC, Finer Edge FSC, Merrimac Valley, Winchester FSC, and Pilgrim FSC.

Presidents Remarks:

Winter meeting will be by teleconference only moving forward.
We are still in a building period. Programs we have are doing well.
Election results, Val Johnson was teller for election. Fifteen clubs voted unanimously for candidates listed. Tellers report is filed. Please see attached report with these minutes.

Reports:

Secretary minutes of 10/16/16 were read and accepted. Will be posted on website.
Financial Report: Financial review went well. Review of financial practices were in good standing.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Lee Murray reported that we have 33 member clubs. We will have a 34th member upon receipt of Silver Streaks check.

Treasurer's Report:

Need to transfer judges and accountant funds support money from Challenge Cup savings to general operating funds.
Lee explained bank charges were for the National CD when she rolled it over and took \$9000 out. There was a 2 day late fee and miscellaneous is tax fees. Motion made and treasurer's report accepted. Lee is transferring everything over to Ellen Kudravetz, the incoming treasurer.

2001 National Training Grants:

Valerie Johnson is chairing the Training Grant for active skaters who need assistance to continue their skating careers. The grant is awarded in January on a needs basis. It is for intermediate and below skaters.

Scholarship recipients are: Intermediate Ladies, Julia Curran, from SCOB--awarded \$3500. Intermediate Ladies, Catherine Keating, from SCOB--awarded \$1500. Juvenile Ladies, Delaney Shaw, from SCOB--awarded \$3000. Juvenile Men's, Damiain Jarvis, from SCOB awarded--\$1000.

The 2016 Aldo Constantino Scholarship went to Lillian Anderson. A check for \$1000 was mailed upon review of her grades this past semester.

Judges Support Grant:

Judges and Accountant support paid out \$1372. More applicants in the future. A request was made for consideration to the NEICC to reimburse for technical school participants? Can we expand support for Technical Controllers and referees? The judges support committee will investigate by looking at the numbers of TC, and TS, ATS etc. in the New England area before we approve. Consensus was support for USFS Referee is ok; but tech schools are under investigation at this time. Glenda Winn to orchestrate investigation.

NEICC High School Program:

To date we have had 3 successful competitions. We did have to cancel Vermont due to lack of interest. Revamping of the high school program seems to be very well received. Meaning NEICC has taken over producing announcement for consistency, collection of entries for each competition, acquiring the sanctions and judges, and asking the LOC to provide volunteers for the day. Profit is split 50/50 with LOC.

Would like to expand into more states and have each state have their own NEICC High School administrator to work with and support NEICC High School Liaison. Also, produce more competitions within each state so it is more localized for skaters of that state. Recruitment for these positions needs to be done as well as marketing to the coaches. A Plan-of-Action to be developed for next season. Possibly introduce "fun high school skate events" instead of only competitions.?

Communication/website:

Website went down for a few days and Roland Bessette was notified about potential unsecure activity. Ian should be the person notified so need to make sure Roland is taken off account. We like to encourage clubs to post and use the calendar more. Currently have two NEICC facebook pages up and running. Possibly post pics of new BOD on the NEICC page to get interest out there. Val Johnson made comment about an Instagram account being set up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Setting of committees:

Financial committee is President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Judges Support is Julie Hart and Glenda Winn; Sue Lalone as Exofficio

Aldo Constantino Scholarship is Lee Murray and Val Johnson. Lee recruits a college professor, high teacher, coach, parent, skater, for the committee. This scholarship is for high school skaters novice level and above. \$1000 directly to skater.

2001 National Scholarship is a skating scholarship and lead by Val Johnson with a request for two others to help her select recipients.

Social Media Committee is Ian MacAdams - web page. Rebecca Nagle - NEICC facebook.

Competitions committee is Sue Lalone & Rebecca Nagle.

National Skating Month Reimbursement. Need to send out a letter to our delegates which states we will reimburse them for one of their USFS kits when they send in a report and pictures on how they utilized the kits for National Skating Month. Sue will send out letter to all delegates and put on NEICC website. The photos our delegates send in we will post on NEICC website.

Governing Council Book Meeting is a non-official meeting. Lee Murray suggested the Interclub carry delegates proxies versus the Eastern Vice Chair.

Meeting ended at approximately 3:15pm. Governing Council is May 5-7 so the unofficial meeting will be April 12, 2017 at 7pm. May 25, 2017, at 7pm is next meeting date for May/June our Spring Meeting.