

NEW ENGLAND INTERCLUB COUNCIL
6/15/17 NEICC Spring/Summer MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm via teleconference, by President/Chair Susan LaLone, Hayden Rec Ctr FSC. Present for the teleconference call were 9 member clubs represented in person, by proxy, meeting quorum. By Proxy was Merrimack Valley FSC, Winchester FSC, Springdale FSC. In person, Jackie Vitaro - Pilgrim SC, Don McKenzie and Karen - Warwick FSC, Janet - New Haven SC, Glenda Winn & Alan Wolf - Maine S.A.

President's Remarks: We need to do a better job getting the member clubs involved in the NEICC and understanding the opportunities afforded to them by the NEICC. To date, we are having success in getting high school skaters involved in the NEICC High School Series. Need to develop a club education series.

Old Business:

Reviewed minutes from last meeting which were accepted as written and marked as approved. (Don Mackenzie & Jackie Vitaro)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

-The Financial Report was placed on file.

-NEICC is in a healthy position. There was a slight financial gain from the High School Series.

-Sue proposes judges support be taken out of general cash versus Challenge Cup Series. Don felt we could loosen up on the Challenge Cup.

-Training grants have all been given out. Judges support grant up to \$1800.

-Official Support Grants motion made by Glenda to extend access to scholarship funding to Technical Panel as well as judges and accountants. This will be offered for two years and then re-evaluated. Motion granted.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Contact Sarahjayne Howland about handling the NEICC Twitter account

- A possibly marketing strategy would be to inform the New England Regional Vice Chair as well as the Sectional Vice Chair about the Official's Support Grant so that they may inform Technical Panel and Judges.

-Sue wants educational seminars around New England.

- 2 Club seminars this year in NH/ME and then one in the Worcester Area for RI/MA & CT.
- Cost is picked up by USFS.
- LTS seminars for low level coaches. USFS to educate new coaches with half day seminars. We will try for early Fall before LTS season commences. Focus will be educating the National Standards.
- Parent seminars for new skaters to help understand the sport.

-Don McKenzie asked if NEICC would be interested in sponsoring a Synchro Nationals. Sue will contact John Gibbons about bid inquiry.

-Jackie Vitaro might be able to help Sue work on it. Convention Bureau & Sports Alliance work with NEICC to have an event.

-Nomination Committee for next month's meeting...any suggestions?

-Aldo Constantino Scholarship to be sent out tomorrow. Nicole Keally from Pilgrim SC is the recipient. The scholarship is \$1000. There were only two applicants this year. Need to spread the word so more people will apply.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- ***COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE:*** NEICC HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

- The participation is expanding. We had 4 successful competitions this year and we have 5 scheduled for next year plus a festival in August to launch the season. We have 14 teams in MA and 2 in Vermont. Having one announcement for all the competitions works best. Need to be stricter about refunds. Make sure all understand times for competition can be changed up to last minute. Also, need to run the program earlier than April.

Don moved to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting date is October 11th at 7pm via teleconference.

