

SPEED SKATE NOVA SCOTIA

Annual General Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2013

Opening:

The annual general meeting of Speed Skate Nova Scotia was called to order by Troy Myers at 9:00 AM on May 4, 2013 in Halifax, NS.

Present:

Troy Myers
David McDonald
Brent Thompson
Nancy Devison
Todd Landon
Paul Dunphy
Lisa Gannett
Amy Scott
Sheila McGinn
Charlie Clements (by conference call)

A. President's welcome

Troy welcomed the participants to the meeting.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last two AGMs were not available for approval. Sheila McGinn will track down the minutes for approval at the next AGM.

Action: Sheila McGinn

C. Reports

1.) President:

Troy Myers reported that this is the Sport Nova Scotia quadrennial budget year for funding for all sports. He will be working with Amy Scott on that. There is a possibility that our funding allocation could be increased, and he emphasized that all clubs should ensure that they are registering all participants in our events, as the membership numbers will affect our funding base.

2.) Treasurer:

Nancy Devison presented the financial reports.

Motion: That the financial reports be accepted as presented.

Moved by: Brent Thompson

Seconded by: David MacDonald

Motion carried

3.) Director, Officials

David MacDonald reported on efforts to recruit new officials. He noted we have some Level One officials who could be developed to Level Two. We also need to develop a pool of long track officials for the oval.

Action: David MacDonald

4.) Director, Coaching / Athlete Development

Brent Thompson reported that a key challenge for athlete development is membership growth at the club level. He advised we will be starting up a Sunday Racing Series at the oval.

With respect to coaching, it appears that all new coach recruitment is occurring at the oval, which is bringing former skaters back into the sport. He reported that 2 coaching modules were presented to five participants.

He reported that we will need two Level 3 coaches for the Canada Games, which will be our key coaching development challenge for the upcoming season.

We should be looking into available funding to assist with coaching development.

Brent also advised that he won't be able to continue in all of his roles and will need to lighten his load.

5.) Speedy Kids Oval Program Society

Lisa Gannett reported that the club had a good second season, with participation in the after school program by the George Dixon Centre, St. George's YouthNet, Ward 5 Community Centre, the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre, and a North Preston community group. A club program was started up, and the club conducted a Canada Games membership drive, but is still working to develop youth interest. An inline program is starting up at the Needham Community Centre.

6.) Tri-County Speed Skating Club

Charlie Clements reported that the club hosted a successful demonstration event with assistance from the HRSSC, the Regional Development Mentor, and the Valley SSC, with 22 on ice participants. Eighteen participants indicated an interest in participating in the club programs. They hope to start up programming in the fall, and applied for three grants to help fund the start up, however two grants were turned down. The club received \$400 from Yarmouth on the third grant application, leaving the club still in a deficit position with respect to the costs of the demonstration event. This deficit will be covered out of SSNS participation development funding. The club is currently struggling to cover the costs of mat storage at \$50 per month in a storage facility, as the Mariners Centre will not provide them with storage at the arena. The club is interested in hosting another demonstration event in the fall.

7.) Valley Speed Skating Club

The dates of the Valley demonstration events are needed to arrangements can be made for any necessary assistance.

Action: Steve Raftery

8.) Halifax Skating Racing Committee

Paul Dunphy reported that the committee was in the process of getting registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

9.) End of Season Review of Oval Programs

Sheila McGinn reported that on April 20, 2013, representatives of the different programs on the oval gathered to review the results of the 2012-2013 season at the oval, and to look at issues and priorities for the coming season. A summary report was written and will be shared with the clubs.

Action: Sheila McGinn

10.) Regional Development Mentor and Long Track Coach

Todd Landon reported that our long track athletes won three medals this season at national events. He also submitted a written report.

D. New Business

1.) Competition plans for the 2013-2014 season

Our plans need to be coordinated with the regional competition schedule when that is available. It was suggested that we need a regional high performance series, as well as more

development level meets, and possibly a season finale. A potential NS Championships meet was discussed.

2.) New Club

Sheila McGinn requested that the Nova Scotia Masters Speed Skating Club be approved as a new member club. The organization has been registered with the Registry of Joint Stock Companies.

Motion: That the Nova Scotia Masters Speed Skating Club be approved as a new member club.

Moved by: Troy Myers

Seconded by: David MacDonald

Motion carried

E. Election of Officers

The current officers have agreed to stay on. As there were no other candidates, they were elected by acclamation.

F. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM by Troy Myers.