

## **JHFSC Board Meeting –Minutes – August 27, 2007**

Board Members present: Gary Merrell, Jon Mobeck, Louise DeLand, Courtenay Adams, Lisa Rung-Kolenich, Tom Ninnemann and Phyllis Baldwin

Meeting commenced at approximately 7:15 pm in the lobby of the JH Middle School

### Summer Ice:

Gary reported the good news that attendees had a great time and the bad news that the club lost money. Youth Hockey, Stick n Puck, Ladies Hockey, etc bought ice for a total of \$25,000. The ice time cost \$30,000 and the coaches \$10,000. This year, there were more skaters than ever and the program will be run again next year. Ice is not available for September but the summer ice program will expand to a month with two ice shows and a Learn to Skate program added.

### Signers:

Right now, signers at Jackson State Bank are Jon, Audrey and Mary B. Gary suggested Louise with Jon as a backup. The board voted all in favor for the change.

### Old Bill's

Megan has gotten letters out to all the members. Old Bill's will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Coaches

Discussion about need for liaison between the coaches and the board. Gary suggested Phyllis. Phyllis accepted.

### Basic Skills Seminar

There will be a Basic Skills Seminar offered to coaches in Casper at the end of September (not sure of the date) for \$50. Discussion regarding paying for registration and one night lodging for any coach interested in going. Next year, the USFSA will require all coaches be certified, which includes passing a background check and earn a specified number of continuing education credits.

### Class Schedule and Prices

Attending board members were given a copy of the schedule and revised prices for the upcoming season. Mainly due to a decrease in gifts from Old Bill's impacting the financial health of the club, prices for the year were increased modestly, except for the Super Package, which stayed the same. It was suggested that all school principals be given a copy of the schedule to minimize any scheduling conflicts in regards to the ice shows. Ice time will end one week earlier this year because last year, JHFSC was the only group using the ice in the last week.

Some schedule changes include adding Beginning Hockey, which is equivalent to Snowplow Sam Age 3-6. Hockey program does not teach kids basic skills for hockey. Monday morning free skate was dropped, Thursday morning was kept. Power Stroking and Moves also available for advanced hockey skaters. Hockey parents expressed interest in their children getting edge practice. Theater on Ice now two days a week.

### Fundraiser Ideas

Selling cookie dough is not raising much money anymore, as other groups are selling it as well. Suggestions included Asian Pears, Grapefruit. Courtenay's in-laws own an orchard in Washington. She will check out the case price and what fruits would be available in early December. Anyone who has any ideas for what to sell for the Christmas fundraiser, please contact Gary.

### Christmas Show in Pinedale

This season, there will be a 2pm Sunday matinee in Pinedale after the club's regular Friday night and Saturday matinee of the Christmas show. The Pinedale club will pick up the set Saturday and return the set after the Sunday show. Pinedale FSC will split half of the monies raised. Alcohol will be sold at a pre-event cocktail party and brunch (1-2pm). It is estimated that alcohol sales will be approximately \$5000. A donor has offered up to \$20,000 to pay for a guest skater that would appear in Jackson and Pinedale. It is anticipated that "The Grinch" will be sold out this year.

### Review Budget

The club is starting this year with less money than last year, though less was spent on coaching than in previous years even with the guest coaches. Gary expects that the club will receive \$5000 from Teton County and \$1000 from the Town of Jackson. Between other donations and Old Bill's, the anticipated donations will total \$28,000. There should be about 25 kids taking freestyle group lessons and 30 kids in the basic skills program, not including beginning hockey. The spring competition will probably have 20-25 more skaters than last year. Fundraisers this year include the Spaghetti Dinner, Shaved Ice sales, Christmas show and new this year, the Spring show will sell tickets for \$2-\$5.

On the expense side, this year's Christmas show will have decreased costume costs. Paying coaches, Megan and guest skaters through the winter months, was still cheaper than in past. Ice costs will be less with dropping the Monday morning time. Travel and Conference expenses may be less expensive this year with the Governing Council meeting held in Denver.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.