

NEICC Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 16, 2016
Held at the Hayden Recreation Center

Meeting was held at the Hayden Recreation Center and was called to order at 3pm by Chair Sue Lalone, Hayden Recreation Center. This meeting was part of a teleconference in which clubs could attend via conference call.

Clubs represented in person, teleconference, or by proxy: Hayden Recreation Center (Susan Lalone & Rebecca Nagle, Warwick SC (Don McKenzie) Finer Edge FSC (Lynda Turcotte), Skating Association of Maine (Allan Wolf), Yarmouth Ice Club (Lee Murray), Merrimack Valley, Champlain Valley, Winchester FSC, and Pilgrim FSC.

Reports:

Secretary minutes of 1/31/16 were read. and accepted. Will be posted on website.

Financial report: Sue Lalone reported NEICC in a very healthy financial status.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Lee Murray reported 15 paid memberships and more club dues are coming in.

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.

Judges Support Grant: NEICC offers up to a \$500 stipend for official's development support

Amelie Johnson was awarded \$500 – working on Gold Dance

Donna Zarro was awarded \$500 - S/P Regional Competition, S/P Gold Test

Kim Johnson \$350 - S/P Bronze

NEICC High School Program:

Has increased its high school participants (13 teams) and more teams are still developing. NEICC took over organizational components and financial responsibility to achieve consistency within the program for this season. We will be presenting an overview of our program on the next Eastern Vice President's call.

Old Business

Ice Dance Judges school will have Gerry Miele & Vicki Hildebrand as its faculty. We need a location and chair for this opportunity. Hoping to motivate new dance judges. Looking to get it in New England.

Communication/website: Ian MacAdam is working on the web design and needs postings on tests, basic skills competitions, shows, etc. Clubs can use the site to promote their information. Finer Edge will check with the President of their club to see if they will use it.

Discussed developing a stronger social media presence. Possibly have a facebook page. After discussion, decision to make a facebook page was made. Rebecca Nagle to design.

Don suggested a quarterly update be sent out to all NEICC membership (delegates & Presidents)

Educational seminars

Elliot Schwartz has offered to do an IJS by the numbers workshop for clubs. We will ask him if he would consider doing this as a webinar and having it hosted on our website giving parents & coaches flexibility to view and learn on their timeframe. WE would also consider making other webinars of needed topics. Suggestions for topic is invited.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for next year's Board of NEICC need to be done with response dates. Will be sent electronically. Looking for NEICC volunteers for BOD and committees. Judges Schools, communications, scholarships, etc. Send to Rebecca Nagle (sk8ngmom@gmail.com) nominations for the 4 positions by 11/15/16. Want leadership positions to be offered and spread out amongst all clubs and not just with one small group.

Financial Review

Lisa Aldrich (CPA) was asked to review books before a change in our treasurer occurs. There is a \$2000 cost for the review of our statements and finances. **Motion:** to authorize review of books and cost associated made by Lee Murray. **Passed**
She also files our tax returns. Taxes all set. This is not part of the \$2000.00

Changes of signees on the checkbook need to be done after election of new officers. The approved signees are the President, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. As of 11/28/16 they are Sue Lalone - President; Ellen Kudravetz -Treasurer, and Lee Murray - Assistant Treasurer.

Financial items to be voted:

Change of fund allocation:

- 1.) Funds for officials support presently comes out of the Challenge Cup. This program has been very successful but is draining the fund quickly. Would now like to transfer monies from the general fund and put into the Challenge Cup Savings and use that money for Lee Murray requested \$20,000 be taken out of general fund and put into Challenge Cup Fund Savings. Don McKenzie cautioned to watch how much is taken out of general fund. Noted it could be reversed if fund is in serious jeopardy. **Motion made and passed**
- 2.) Education should be prorated out of Challenge Cup. \$1000 for judges support/accounting school and \$6000 for Aldo Constantino Fund.
- 3.) 2001 Nationals Training Grants restricted use only for training purpose. \$9000 of the CD that will be maturing to be put in training savings account versus CD. **Motion made and**

passed

- 4.) Sue Lalone was asked over the summer if NEICC was interested in sponsoring larger competitions such as NE Regionals, Synchro etc. Concept is we sponsor and get members to volunteer to work these big events. Benefit is NEICC keeps 20% of the profits and 80 % of the proceeds get disseminated amongst volunteer clubs. Sue requested all attendees think about this option and get back with an answer at next meeting.
- 5.) Alan Wolf would like all clubs to participate in National Skating Month and NEICC will reimburse the cost of one of the kits for National Skating Month once they use it and report back what they did with it. **Motion made and passed**
- 6.) Club Education Seminar will be planned in late summer early Fall.
- 7.) We need a LTS USA workshop in the New England market.
- 8.) North Star FSC awarded 2018 NE Regionals. They contacted Sue about a site visit to what they need to do.

Meeting ended at 4:30pm. next meeting, date to be determined. Don asked for weekday in the evening versus a Sunday afternoon. Consider a conference call only meeting for winter meeting.