

Wooster Figure Skating Club

Monthly Board Meeting

August 13th 2008

Board Members Present:

Bob Lapsley, Joanne Clayton, Shannon Felter, Joel Kennedy, Debbie Lewis

Apologies for Absence:

Jeff Stump, Bob Guisinger.

1. Bill Coyle – Chairman of Greater Cleveland Council, Shirley Rego – Skating Liaison and Karen Snoddy – Chair of Officials came to talk to the board and club members about the current opportunity we have to volunteer to help with the Figure Skating Nationals Competition that will take place at the Gund Arena in Cleveland in January 2009.

Volunteering to work during this event will be a very rewarding and fun experience and may potentially raise much needed funds for our club. Volunteers will receive an event sweatshirt, free parking and food during the time that they volunteer.

Volunteer application forms can be obtained from Joel Kennedy and must be returned to the organizers by November 30, 2008.

Opportunities to volunteer exist both in downtown Cleveland and at Strongsville rink which will host only practice ice. A shuttle bus will be available to transport people from Strongsville to the Gund Arena.

As a board we are requesting that all our club members give serious consideration to this opportunity. Participation will demonstrate to the council the real commitment we in the Wooster Club have to skating and it will increase the possibility we have to be awarded funding through profit sharing that will be available to all clubs in the area who participate.

Tickets for the events will go on sale on August 22nd. The first wave of ticket sales will be all event ticket sales and will range in price from \$295-895. The second wave of ticket sales will commence on September 27th. These tickets will be single event tickets and will be priced from \$11-75. Ticket Sales will be through Ticketmaster.

Group Discount tickets for clubs will be available and the organizers will contact the club directly about these in the near future.

Further information is available from the website for the event **Cleveland2009.com**

2. Euclid Skating Competition will take place January 10th -11th 2009

Treasurers Statement

Joel Kennedy presented a financial report to the board.

Current Balance available in Bank = \$5,368.71

Balance in Bank = \$7,175.86

Payable for Fundraising = \$1807.15

Debbie Lewis motioned approval to accept the report and Shannon Felter seconded the motion. The board approved this motion unanimously.

Bob Lapsley motioned to approve payment to Chris Martin for ice costs = \$2,389.00

Debbie Lewis seconded this motion and the board approved unanimously.

3. Discussion was held about the request to Chris Martin by Bob Lapsley for financial information regarding costs to the club for ice etc. Bob clarified that this was normal practice to ensure that no errors have been made by either party throughout the past fiscal year. Bob assured the board that he had not requested personal information about skaters and their costs/payments to the Skating Academy. Any information sent to any board member in order for them to perform an audit should have personal information removed first.

Membership

Current Membership = 26

A discussion was had about the club waiving the \$25 associate membership fee for coaches who are members of other clubs so they would also join Wooster. It was felt that by having them join Wooster it would improve relations and make them more willing to continue to incur the increasing cost of travel for them to come to Wooster and coach.

Joel proposed a motion to offer this to them. Jo Clayton seconded the motion and the board approved this unanimously.

4. A discussion was had regarding the club becoming a member of the Tri States Council for the upcoming year, Cost \$50. Membership would enable our skaters to enter the Tri-States Competition. Membership would also allow us to apply for a grant to cover the cost of sending 2 board members to a seminar on effective club management.

It was decided that as Bob who would like to attend the seminar he would determine his availability to attend and if he was available then the club would join the Tri – States Council as this would be cost effective. Bob was also to determine if any absent members would like to attend the seminar.

5. The club will put Bob Lapsley and Jeff Stump forward as named club delegates to the Cleveland Council. Board members will all attend the meetings as they are available to do so.

6. Chris Martin, Carol Patton & Sara Payment joined the meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming year, ice cost projections and Winter Show proposal.

Cost of ice for the coming year will be \$170.00 per hour. This is a reduction from last year and includes covering some administration costs. The board agreed unanimously to go forward with the program on the understanding that monies will needed to raised through all club members fundraising efforts in order to pay for the ice. Once the club pays the bill for the cost of summer ice the bank balance will no longer sustain further ice purchase without the input of fundraising profits. In the event that the membership does not succeed in raising sufficient funds to contribute to the cost of ice, members will be required to pay directly for ice time at the rate that Mr. Martin buys it for, divided directly among the number of skaters on the ice during any session. Tammy Despoys has graciously agreed to help the club with fundraising organization.

The Winter Show will take place on Sunday December 7th 2008. The show will comprise of a Holiday recital put together by the participants and their coaches. A show committee will be put together to help coordinate this event. The Learn To Skate Program (LTS) will run a class specifically for LTS patrons who want to be in the show and Advanced Training participants will contract directly with a coach of their choice to help with choreography of their numbers. Ice time and coach time will be paid for by each individual group of skaters and they will be responsible for their own costumes. There will be no charge to participants for being in the show.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 6.30PM

Many thanks to all who attended this month's meeting, please do join us again.

Remember this is your club – be an active member.