

AYRSHIRE FLYERS SPEED SKATING CLUB

Minute of Committee Meeting
held on Thursday 6th January 2011
at 6.15pm in the Magnum Leisure Centre

Present: Euan Cameron, Alex McGow, Archie Marshall, Carol Miller, Sandra Taylor and Sylvia Wilson
In Attendance: Stewart Logan

Item	Description	Action
1.	Apologies	
	Apologies were received from Simon Walker-Stewart. It was advised that both S Taylor and E Cameron would have to leave just after 7.00 pm.	
2.	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minute of the last meeting held on Thursday 18 th November was proposed by A Marshall and seconded by E Cameron.	
3.	Matters rising from minutes of last meeting	
	<p>Towergate tlc (insurance) From a telephone call to Towergate A McGow advised that "if a visitor who is a member of another skates at a club session, provided their own club has public liability insurance, they should be covered. Likewise for our members skating elsewhere. If we have over 50 members of the Club who are non NISA Members we should advise NISA/Towergate. (i.e. those we pay the extra £1.00 for)</p> <p>Equipment A Marshall has not yet spoken to Simon Walker-Stewart but has worked out a price for the boots and blades based on our equipment policy.</p> <p>Mars Refuel E Cameron advised that he has still not received any reply regarding this. It was thought that a response would have been received if the club was getting any money from this and suggested that website be checked.</p> <p>Fundraising Race-night – E Young is going to advise the contact name for race-night.</p> <p>Chinese supplier of blades Cheque has now been written to pay for these blades.</p>	SW
4.	Finance Update	
	C Miller advised that there is no update available as she has not yet received bank statements so information remains the same as at last meeting.	
5.	Membership	
	<p>Attendance is poor.</p> <p>Bobby McGhee who is the Active Schools Manager for North Ayrshire schools has been contacted in a bid to raise the profile of our sport as well as the Club.</p>	
6.	Fundraising	
	<p>It was emphasised that any fundraising should be for extras and that the membership fees should be covering the ice fees.</p> <p>An email from S Logan, dated 5th January, was read out and the points raised in this were discussed. Regarding cancellation of Friday morning sessions it was advised that this had been discussed at length previously by the committee and decided that we need to keep this session. It provides extra ice time to skaters who are already disadvantaged by the number of ice sessions available to skaters in the English clubs. If the club were to give up the session we would not get it back as due to the general shortage of ice times we would lose it to another club. This session was subsidised from the beginning from a grant given for the purpose of club development and it is also much cheaper than the others and we need to encourage the use of it.</p> <p>Regarding a Learn to Skate programme whilst this would appear to be an option it would not be practical for many reasons. Rescheduling would mean taking ice time away from current members and restrict the training programme for</p>	

	them whilst not necessarily providing new members for the club; it would not necessarily bring any money into the club but could be a loss as it would require sufficient numbers to be self financing and would also require further administration input to run it; our club does not have any waiting list and the waiting list referred to is that of other clubs for their session times; A Marshall is not prepared to organise a Learn to skate programme as suggested.	
7.	Publicity including discussion re “YouTube chiller speedskating”	
	Discussion took place regarding this American club which had appeared on YouTube. It was felt that something similar could be created on DVD for Flyers and could be used for promotion including by KA Leisure.	AM
8.	Auchenharvie Update	
	Lorne Campbell's note on the meeting of 9 th December regarding Harvies Ice Rink Opening Events had been circulated prior to this meeting. It was advised that there was still no mention of actual time or date and this is needed to enable plans to be formulated. The main details from this meeting will be circulated, by email, to members.	SW
9.	Year Planner updates	
	The updated year planner was circulated to all committee members prior to the meeting. Actual date of AGM and corresponding deadlines regarding this to be inserted to planner.	
10.	Competitions and Calendar	
	No further competitions have been added to calendar. Scottish 500m being held at the Magnum on Sunday 30 th January. Announcement has gone out to all clubs.	
11.	Sub committees	
	Covered under various items above.	AM
12.	A.O.C.B.	
	Change of Junior C Distances at British Championships A McGow advised that there was a proposal by Gordon Barnes to change Junior C distances from 333m, 500m and 1000m to 500m, 777m and 1000m and would be implemented at this year's British Championships. This will take effect this season. 333m Medal Times will still be accepted for qualification this year although the distance will not be skated in the Championships. NISA Consultation This was emailed to Club Chairperson just prior to meeting (copy will be forwarded to all committee members). This consultation is taking place due to redrafting of outdated Articles and General Rules and some background information was supplied by both A McGow and A Marshall. The club does not want to host one of the consultation meetings but some of our NISA members would attend. Publicity poster to be designed and copies put up in the Magnum building. This to also include details of Scottish 500m competition in an attempt to encourage interest in sport.	AMcG SW
13.	Date of next meeting	
	The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 10 th February 2011, immediately after training.	