

SSNB – 2016 AGM – Fredericton, NB

May 7, 2016

Attendees (24):

Ray Harris
Derrick MacLeod
Shawna White
Kevin Scott
Rob Lunn
Vicky MaGee
Joe Oliver
Nathalie Bujold
Devin Patterson
Sarah Groom
Jamie Shanks (GNB)
Chris Gauthier

Peter Steele
Chandler Scott
Charles MacNeil
Nicky Scott
Andy MaGee
Renaud Gionet
Liz Keyes
Melanie Charlong
Susan Chin
Charles MacNeil
Jackie Doak
Dominik Gauthier

1) Call to order at 1250 pm

2) 2016 Agenda - Motion Shawna / second Nicky – approved agenda

3) 2015 Minutes - Motion Kevin / second Charles – approved 2015 minutes

4) Business arising from Minutes – none

5) Committee report highlights:

Officials Development (Jeff Cross acting):

- Not present

Competitions (Nicky):

- On-line registration introduced, generally positive feedback. Need to consider extra costs of on-line system (approximately 4%)
- Need to review meet fees for next year

Provincial Coach & Technical Director (Peter):

- Consider growing additional clubs in the province
- We need more club representation on various committees to ensure all clubs are properly represented

High Performance Coach (Derrick):

- Solid year at FPVQ, Regionals, Juniors and Seniors
- Looking to improve efficiency of our budgeting and CSC funding process
- Derrick to help coordinate a group to look at club growth
- Recommend a review 85-100m and 100-111m track movement standards by AD
- Recommend review of start time and coaches meeting in morning for consideration of a later start which would allow skaters more sleep

Athlete Development and Coaching (Kevin):

- High level of performance at Regionals, Juniors and Quebec meets, as well as long track this season. Good post CWG retention of skaters
- Need to consider how we add more coaching depth as our current coaches approach retirement
- Review SSNB position on options for athletes to attend Regionals vs. juniors and juniors vs. seniors where SSC provides options – Kevin / Derrick / Joe to review with Steve Harris

Treasurer's Report (Ray acting):

- Opening balance of approximately \$40,000
- Gain of approximately \$10,000 during season, current balance approximately \$50,000
- Audit has not been completed yet

President's report (Ray):

- Good progress with the on-line registration this season
- Juniors in Fredericton was a great event for both skaters and the sport in NB
- Need to rebuild our surplus in Finances
- Need to figure out how to build our numbers across the province
- SSC communication to SSNB was poor this year

Motion Devin / second Trevor to accept the Committee reports as presented

AGM attendees thanked Ray for his service as our Chairman over the past years

6) Discussion of Budget and club contributions:

Need to discuss club contributions – club treasurers and Finance Director to meet after audit and decide if any changes for this season by August 1

7) Election of officers:

Nomination of election master: Jamie Shanks – GNB served as election master

Chairman: Andy Magee nominated Joe Oliver and Kevin Scott nominated Nicky Scott. Both agreed to let their name stand and after an election based on bylaws and vote allocation, Joe Oliver was elected Chairman.

Finance – Vicky MaGee nominated for Finance Director, no other nominations – Vicky was appointed by acclamation

Officials (ODC) – Chris Gauthier nominated for ODC Director, no other nominations – Chris was appointed by acclamation

Competitions - Sarah Groom nominated for Competitions Director, no other nominations – Sarah was appointed by acclamation

ADC – Kevin Scott has one additional year left in his term as Chair of ADC.

8) SSC Update (Ray)

SSC AGM - June 16-19 – Ottawa - Joe should attend, paid by SSC.

SSNB to pay for Kevin Scott to attend if possible.

Chris Gauthier volunteered to attend on his own if his schedule allows.

9) SSNB Business (Ray):

Meet registration:

AGM approved keeping meet registration on-line for next season. Competitions committee to review current system versus other options such as Race Roster

Discussed fees for meets for 2016-17 season. Fees for SSNB sanctioned meets remain at:

\$50 for individual and \$95 for families for 2 day meet

\$30 for individual and \$55 for families for 1 day meet

From fees, \$5 from individual and \$10 from family rate will go to SSNB.

Motioned by Vicky MaGee, second by Nicky Scott - approved

Standards for Canada East:

Devin Patterson and Derrick MacLeod provided input on the discussion on whether we should set entry standards for Canada East attendance. AD committee to make a recommendation to the board on an entry standard.

Helmet covers for meets:

SSNB will purchase 4 sets of coloured helmet covers for next season and we will no longer issue or use personalized 3 digit helmet covers. Skaters will keep their current 3 digit numbers. Approved by all attendees.

SSC Sanction of Meets:

Clubs to endeavour to seek SSC sanction where possible. Good suggestions received from Joe and Sarah on reducing costs of medical staff.

Meet schedule

Considering cancellation of Restigouche meet in 2015 due to lack of registrations, need to find a schedule that could work for all clubs. Competitions to follow-up with all clubs on a draft schedule.

Size of competitions

Competitions committee to make recommendations about meet size and how to cut attendance if current 185 maximum cap is reached. Guide will need to be updated.

Relays

Attendees discussed making relays compulsory at all two day meets. Making these races part of the normal racing routine on the Saturday as a strategy to enhance training for the skaters potentially heading to regional competitions. This approach has been recommended by Peter Steele. Need to discuss the age group or ability level in the division list for implementing this approach to relays. This could be reviewed by the AD committee, with a recommendation to the board for discussion or decision.

QQR and 100m track movement

ADC to revisit 100 to 111m track movement standard to possibly align with Quebec standards and if done, consider the need for QQR's. Agreed changes will need to be made to the guidelines.

SSNB Awards

We haven't been awarding SSNB awards in recent years, as they need to be rewritten to match our current track sizes and distances. Competitions to make a recommendation on the path forward. There was also a discussion of looking at hosting a provincial SSNB Awards Banquet in the future as other provincial sports do currently.

Sport NB Award

There is an opportunity to nominate recipients for the Sport NB awards. Competitions to recommend potential recipients, which may need approval by the Chairman.

Provincial Growth Strategy

There was a brief discussion on developing a Provincial Strategy aimed at increasing registration numbers to Speed Skating across the province. This obviously would need to be part of a fall registration strategy or marketing strategy for SSNB and our sport.

Discussion and Approval of TD / ED job posting

We need a process to define an agreed posting for hiring. Joe, Kevin, and Jamie Shanks to work as a hiring committee after consulting with all clubs. A survey for clubs and a draft job posting is targeted to be completed by May 30.

Finance

Signing officers will be changed at the bank to reflect the outcome of the SSNB elections. Vicky Magee and Joe Oliver will be added as signing officers.

10) Other business

St. Croix presented Peter Steele with a gift to acknowledge his many years of contribution to their club.

11) Motion to adjourn

Motion by Chris Gauthier to adjourn at 440 PM.