

FSCM MINUTES FOR November 14, 2009
BOARD MEETING HELD AT TERRI KING'S HOUSE

The meeting was called to order at 1:18pm and attendance was taken. Present were Terri King (President), Rona Mogil (Vice President), Jane Bush (Publicity), Christina Phipps (Treasurer), Lauren Hunt (Assistant Basic Skills Director), and Lori Weide (Secretary).

I. Membership Report

There are currently a total of 93 members. Of this total, 38 are full members, 45 are basic skills members, and 10 are coaches.

II. Treasurer's Report

Our total account balance, after expenditures and income as of 10/31/09, is \$9444.43. If you would like a full accounting of this report, please contact Christina and she will email you a copy of the report. Terri King passed out a report showing projected fees not yet collected. Contact her for a copy of this report. Christina Phipps is now the club Treasurer, taking over for Saja Montague. She is in the final stages of transferring information from the old treasurer. Christina will also submit our amended bylaws to Shelby Cty.

III. Coaches Meeting

A coaches meeting was held at the DCC on November 7, 2009. In attendance were Jenny Kilmer, Rona Mogil, Christina Phipps, Lauren Hunt, Trish Bush, Carla Bressler, and Andrea Bippus. Key issues that were discussed at this meeting and were brought up at the board meeting included:

- A. Coach placements for Session 2 Basic Skills classes. Rona will contact the coaches and coordinate with Jenny where to place the coaches. It was understood that each coach could make a request as to which class they would like to teach, and Rona and Jenny will try to accommodate this to the best of their ability.
- B. Coaches fees: The wording in the minutes is misleading regarding fees our coaches will charge. It was understood that no one will set the rates for any of our coaches. But the junior coaches should not charge more than their experience allows. All rates should be based on each coach's prior skating experience and skills.

C. Coaches handbook: Jenny Kilmer will coordinate making up the handbook for our coaches. We discussed at the board meeting the need for each coach to have their specific set of responsibilities written down for all members to see, and eliminate some confusion regarding this.

D. Hockey lessons: Lauren Hunt will contact Kim Severson to advise her of the new rules for private hockey lessons. It was decided that we will allow only one hockey student in a private lesson at a time with a private coach during the freestyle session, and up to two hockey students for a private lesson during the basic skills practice ice, of which they must restrict power skating drills to designated coned off areas.

IV End of Season Show

Lauren Hunt and Carla Bressler are coordinating a proposed end of season show. The show will be approximately one hour long and the theme is tentatively set for Music from the Movies. There will be a mixture of group and solo routines. Classes for skaters to learn their routines will occur during Session 3 and will be announced once that schedule is set up. Carla and Lauren will write up a detailed proposal that they will present to the DeSoto Civic Center for consideration. This will need to be approved by the DCC before we can move forward.

V. Session 2

There was some frustration with the delay in receiving our schedule for session 2. We got all the Sundays in December that we requested, and although we did not get any Tuesdays, we did get a few Thursdays. January's schedule should be released by the end of November, beginning of December. There was much discussion about the pricing of our freestyle session for our next set of classes. Terri felt that charging \$10 for a half hour freestyle session is very expensive, and not in keeping with prices in the region. It was decided to keep the pricing as is, and try to persuade skaters to purchase the freestyle pass early as this is a much better bargain. It was also mentioned that we need to be respectful of the DCC staff and to continue to foster a good relationship with them, as well as with the MYHL staff.

Jane Bush will coordinate with Mangiante Photographers for season 2 & 3 end of session photographs.

VI. New Business

A Web site: A motion was put forth and passed to move the web site to godaddy.com. The use of this site will cost FSCM about \$200/ year. Terri will take care of getting this set up.

B. PA system: We are not allowed to use the DCC 's PA system for free anymore. They will charge us \$25/ hour if we decide we want to continue using their system. Christina Phipps has volunteered to look into finding a cheaper alternative.

C. Holiday social: A motion was put forth and passed to organize a holiday social for the skate club members. The party will take place on either Dec. 13 or 20th after the skate session. Lori Weide will coordinate this if no one else steps forward. Terri King will find out if we can get a room upstairs at the DCC. It was decided we would have a sign up sheet for people to bring food, drink, and utensils, and possibly have an ornament exchange, and some kind of craft.

D. Holiday float: A motion was put forth and passed to have the FCSM participate in the Southhaven Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 5th. Christina Phipps will allow us the use of her SUV and trailer to pull our float during the parade. Cost for entry is \$20.00. A number of people have volunteered to work on the float. They will get together at Carla Bressler's house Saturday morning. Terri King will coordinate getting 1/2 page flyers printed up to pass out with candy during the parade. Adult volunteers will walk alongside the float passing out candy and flyers, our skate kids will be up on the float.

E. Holiday coach's gift: A motion was put forth to purchase holiday gifts for our coaches. It was decided to table this until the end of the season and bring the motion up for vote again later. It was felt the end of the season would be the best time to give our coaches thank you/appreciation gifts.

F. RiverKings fundraiser proposal: The RiverKings have contacted us regarding a proposed ticket sale fundraiser. A motion was put forth and was unanimously voted no by the board members present. Most did not feel they could sell enough tickets to cover the expense at this time.

G. Final Session 1 class: Lauren Hunt will coordinate with coaches all testing for Basic Skills classes on November 22. A photographer from Mangiante Photography will be on hand to take group and individual photos of our skaters.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.