**Annual Meeting of the Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati**

**June 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jeff Privett.

Barb Kreunen, Secretary, distributed the minutes from the Annual Meeting held May 4, 2014. Paolo Cappellari made a motion to approve the 2014 minutes as stated. Melissa Wright 2nd. The motion passed.

President’s Report - The President reviewed club activities and provided information about the past year including:

* Successes
  + High level of membership
  + Well attended competitions (Buckeye and SEGL)
  + Growth of Cincinnati Skating School
  + Improved rink relations at Sports Plus. Thanks to Cathy Brinkman and Melissa Wright.
  + Good reputation with parents, coaches and officials
  + Test sessions were well attended. Thanks to Laura Reinhardt.
  + Good relationship with Indian Hill Winter Club
  + Active presence on social media including Facebook, website and e-newsletters. Thanks to Melissa Wright, Paola Cappellari and Monica Wehr.
* Challenges
  + Club ice
    - Spent more on club ice than revenue earned in ice packages
    - 60% of the budget was spent on ice vs. 40% in the previous year
    - The club needs to consider how to increase ice package revenue and/or other ways to bring in revenue.
  + Indian Hill Winter Club
    - Represents 40% of membership
    - Need to find ways to better engage those members
  + How to grow the volunteer base
* The Future
  + Continue efforts for active and positive rink relations
  + Add hockey component to Cincinnati Skating School
  + Explore opportunities with Indian Hill Winter Club
  + Develop a plan to install a jump harness
  + Develop a plan for competitions
    - Buckeye Invitational is scheduled for 10/31/15 at Cincinnati Gardens
    - Awarded SEGL competition for early 2016
    - Proposed Skate Cincinnati in April 2016 at IHWC with a test session following the next day
    - Buckeye Invitational fall 2016
    - Awarded Adult Midwestern Sectional Championships March 2017
    - Proposed Tri States 2017
    - Skate Cincinnati 2017

Other Reports

* Junior Board (Kelly Bixby and Sydney Wright)
  + Junior Board President Sydney Wright reported that the main goals of the board are to provide a way for junior members to bond and to do fundraising for the club. The goal of fundraising is to purchase a jump harness.
* Cincinnati Skating School (Lisa Graham)
  + The director, coaches and skaters attended a number of marketing events throughout the year including HowlZooWeen and various parades where they distributed information about the school.
  + Conducted a special program for Girl Scouts. 246 Girl Scouts participated. Working on ways to keep them interested in skating and future lessons.
  + Financial results improved over the previous year. Increased revenue by ~ $795 per session.
  + Had good volunteer participation from parents for the ice shows
  + Will have summer mini-camp for Basic Skills
  + Will have a fall Halloween show instead of a Holiday show.
* Show Team (Dori Murray)
  + This is the 4th season for the show team.
  + The team did a different type of routine this year with a dramatic theme. The skaters liked the change.
  + Competed at Owensboro, Miami and the Holiday Show
  + Financially broke even
  + Dori will not coach the show team next year. There is an opportunity for another coach to take over for the 2015-2016 season.
* Membership (Stacy Brinkman)
  + 136 members
  + Presented the new membership categories to be effective starting 7/1/15.
  + Rhonda Owen will be the new Membership Chairperson for the 2015-2016 season.
* Test Sessions (Laura Reinhardt)
  + Laura announced the tests passed during the past season and presented test patches and certificates.
  + Stacy Brinkman will be the new Test Chairperson for the 2015-2016 season.
  + A kickoff meeting will be held in June.
* Club Awards (Jeff Privett and Dori Murray)
  + Axel Rose Award – The newly created award honors those skaters who landed their first axel during the year. Each was announced and presented with a rose. The Axel Rose Award was presented to: Sammy Jo Murray, Annasofia Scheve, Laureli Ivnik and Sydney Wright. A special award was given to Maya Cole for landing her double axel. (Other recipients not in attendance: Megan Brinkworth, Paige Ellingson, Jordan Sovik & Mikal Stoughton.)
  + Erdman Artistic Award – Presented to a skater who portrays creative artistic impression in their skating. Awarded to Grace Cawdry.
  + Britnall Most Improved Award – Presented to a member(s) who has shown great improvement over the past year. Awarded to Emma Loux and Diana Taft.
  + David C. Prince Memorial Hospitality Award – Created in 1988 in memory of David Prince, devoted member of FSCC and judge, this award pays tribute to David’s ever-present club hospitality, his unrelenting patience with his own skating and those whom he helped. David’s devotion and love of this sport should be an inspiration to all skaters. This recipient should exhibit friendliness and a welcome feeling to new members and visitors of FSCC; consistently helps and watches those people striving to improve their skating; seeks out members and provides encouragement to all skaters. Awarded to: Melissa Wright.
  + Betty Lee Duvall Sportsmanship Award – Created in 1969 to honor Betty Lee Duvall, this award is given to a skater under 18 years of age who exemplifies sportsmanship and character during the skating year. Criteria includes good social behavior, manners, consideration of others, participation in club activities, sportsmanlike conduct and adherence to club rules. Awarded to Sammy Jo Murray.
  + Griffin Outstanding Skater Award – This award is given to a member who has shown improvement, integrity, volunteerism, sportsmanship and positive representation of the club. This recipient is an all-around outstanding skater. Awarded to Melissa Townsend and Sydney Wright.
  + Shipley Dance Award – This award is given to a member who has shown the most improvement in Ice Dance. Awarded to Annasofia Scheve.

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Privett.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Kreunen

Secretary