

LSA Board Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2014

Called to order by VP Andrea Sower at 7:09AM. The meeting was held at Iceland Sports Complex. Minutes taken by LSA Secretary, Jodeen Whitlow.

Attendance: Andrea Sower, Sheri Carey, Jeannine Flynn, Jodeen Whitlow, Becca Hatch-Purnell, Chrysanne Moser, Sheri Weyhing, Sharon Perkins, Bill Harper, Jessica Mill-Kincade, Amy Scheinler

Absent: Amy Crisafulli, Kim Miller, Louise Renaudin

Special Orders

Effective January 18, 2014, LSA President Kim Miller resigned. Her daughter has decided she no longer wants to skate. Resignation letter on file.

Effective January 01, 2014, LSA Board member, Louise Renaudin resigned. Her daughter has decided she no longer wants to skate.

Motion to vote to accept Kim Miller and Louise Renaudin's resignations were made by Chrysanne Moser, 2nd by Amy Scheinler. Vote to accept was unanimous.

At this time, discussions were held to accept Sheri Carey as LSA's Interim President until February 01, 2014 at which time Sheri Weyhing will serve as LSA's President for remainder of Kim's term, until March 31, 2014

Motion to vote made by Sharon Perkins, 2nd by Chrysanne Moser.

Vote to accept was unanimous.

A motion was made by Sheri Weyhing and 2nd by Jeannine to discussion two 14 month board vacancies. Discussions were opened. Cindy Merrell and Jessica Pugh have agreed to fill these board positions.

Motion to vote made by Both passed unanimously

Consent Agenda Members received reports prior to the meeting by email. Motion to accept with a correction to the President's Report, competition date corrected, made by Jeannine Flynn, 2nd by Andrea Sower.

Reports in the consent agenda: President's Report, VP Report, Director's Report, November Board Meeting Minutes, November Membership Meeting Minutes, Governance Reports

Treasurer's Report - presented by Jeannine Flynn. Financial statements were reviewed. Everything looks to be on track. Jeannine is working on preparing taxes.

Nominating committee

The Nominating Committee was in charge of recruiting candidates for eight (8) board positions: six (6) board members terms expire on March 31, 2014, and two recent resignations.

Two recruitment e-mails have been sent to the general membership soliciting self-nominations and/or nominations of other qualified members. The dates of these e-mails were November 24 and December 23. The committee received no response from either e-mail. Additionally, the Nominating Committee solicited names of potential, qualified candidates twice from the full board and once from the executive board. The Nominating Committee worked vigilantly conferring, calling, and seeking candidates. Approximately 12 eligible members were asked to consider a board position – eight (8) members declined, two (2) accepted appointments by the Board to fill the positions created by resignations, one (1) has accepted to run for a director position, and one (1) has expressed interest but is undecided as of this time. Additionally, two (2) current board members have announced their intention to run for a second term.

Open nominations from the membership closed January 10. After a diligent and sincere effort, the Nominating Committee presents to the Board a slate of four (4) candidates for election (Jodeen Whitlow, Jennifer Thacker, Liane Moeller, and Andrea Sower) and two (2) candidates for appointment to vacancy positions (Jessica Pugh and Cindy Cram Merrell).

A legal opinion was provided subsequent to the board meeting by LSA counsel Leslie R. & H. Patrick King, junior. This legal opinion states that (1) the resolution to amend the perceived bylaw requirement of a “full slate” as provided to the Board by the Nominating Committee and voted as passed on January 18, 2014, is void, (2) the bylaws do not mandate the Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates sufficient to fill a 13-member board (absent eligible member self-nominations and with sincere, honest efforts to solicit and recruit candidates), (3) the Board can fully operate so long as a quorum of seven (7) is maintained, and (4) the Board should continue to seek and recruit eligible members for appointment to the remaining vacancies.

New Business -

A proposal of Membership Sponsorship of Advancing Skaters was presented by Becca Hatch-Purnell

The LSA Executive Committee proposes to the LSA Board of Directors a Membership Sponsorship July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015 for those skaters who in the 2014 Qualifying season advanced from one qualifying level to the next, i.e, Regionals to Sectionals, or Sectionals to Nationals, in USOC recognized disciplines – singles, dance and pairs. This sponsorship is to be reviewed annually according to budgetary situations.

LSA will provide full membership, including USFSA fees, for one year at no charge. All forms and releases will still need to be filled out and signed according to LSA policy.

Moved to vote to accept proposal. Motioned by Chrysanne Moser, 2nd by Andrea Sower

Vote was unanimous

Spirit Committee will be formed. Amy Scheinler and Jessica Pugh will chair this position. The intent is to recognize LSA skaters accomplishments.

Unfinished Business -

National Skating Month Clinic will be February 15th, chaired by Jessica Mills-Kincade. Details to follow.

Nutcracker on Ice - the committee will hold a wrap up meeting. Jeannine Flynn will set a date for this meeting.

Next Board Meeting will be Sunday, February 9th at 7:00PM at Owl Creek Country Club

EC Committee will meet at 4:00PM, February 9th.

Moved to adjourn meeting by Chrysanne Moser, 2nd by Sheri Weyhing

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53AM