

OCTOBER 29, 2017

There was a GLRB meeting on Sunday October 29, 2017 at the Quality Inn in South Bend, IN. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cathy Carmack at 10:15 a.m. local time. Those delegates attending:

John Peck and Donna Turner- Illinois

Cathy Carmack and Chris Keesler- Indiana

Bob Babcock and Joe Kenworthy-Michigan

Reene Kitts and Jack Muransky-Ohio

Marty Laufer and Kelli Stahl -Wisconsin

Joe Kenworthy had Cecelia Kelly's proxy. Others attending-Steve Turner, Illinois.

Secretary Donna Turner read the minutes from the April 9, 2017 meeting. Chris Keesler made the motion to accept the minutes as read and Kelli Stahl seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Treasurer John Peck provided a detailed report for the 2017 artistic regional championships. The contest had a net profit of \$3,587.28. The balance in the GLR account is \$21,591.06. The entries for the 2017 regionals were down from 2016 but we still profited \$1,007.19. Chris Keesler made the motion to accept the report. It was seconded by Bob Babcock and passed unanimously.

Bob Babcock provided a detailed report for the 2017 speed regional championships. The speed meet showed a net profit of \$3,079.55. The total in the Speed Regional account is \$5,593.24. The total of the combined Great Lakes Regional accounts is \$27,184.30 to date. A motion was made by Marty Laufer to accept the report. It was seconded by Renee Kitts and passed unanimously.

Problems that occurred during the regional contests and ways to increase profits for the operator and the regional board were discussed. Several new ideas will be implemented and tried for the 2018 contests.

#### STATE REPORTS:

Indiana – Speed has no USARS meets planned in the state this season. Indiana rinks have joined the new RSA league. Art has nothing new to report.

Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan (Great Lakes Speed League) – Speed has 5 meets planned with one of them already completed.

Illinois- Art has 3 meets scheduled: Aurora Jan. 27 & 28, 2018; Appleton April 21 & 22, 2018; and Lynwood June 2 & 3, 2018. The awards banquet is Sat. Nov. 25, 2017.

Michigan- Art has 4 meets scheduled: Dec. 3, 2017 Rolladium; Jan. 21, 2018 Utica; Feb. 11, 2018 Skateworld; and March 4, 2018 Riverside.

Ohio- Art has 3 meets scheduled. Brookpark is already completed. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Nov. 18.

Wisconsin- Art has 2 meets scheduled: Appleton Dec. 3, 2017, and Butler sometime in mid May, 2018.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Cathy Carmack shared information from the fall national board meeting in Lincoln. Details will soon be on the official website.

It was decided that some update to the wording in our by-laws was needed. John Peck made the motion that: On page 1- Article 2 # 1 "to advance artistic and speed roller skating" be changed to "advance all forms of roller sports"; on page 2-Article 11 #2 the words "the sport of roller skating" be changed to "roller sports"; and on Page 4-Article 7 #1 the word "skating" be changed to "sports". Marty Laufer seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

#### 2018 Artistic Regional Information:

John Peck made a trip to certify the Appleton rink. It was noted that the rink had only 5 sets of figure circles and need 6 sets of big circles and 6 sets of loops. The rink operator assured John that any changes would be taken care of and the floor coated by the April meet. John made several suggestions to the owner. He stated that she seemed more than happy to comply and was looking forward to hosting the contest.

There was discussion about increasing the entry fees for the regional meet. It was felt that we should keep the entry fee as skater friendly as possible since many other expenses would increase due to the distance that many had to travel. John Peck made a motion to raise the amount of the first entry for artistic by \$5.00-from \$55 to \$60. The additional event fees would remain the same at \$50 each, and combined would also remain the same at \$15 each. The entry fee for the precision events would also remain the same at \$40 each. Marty Laufer seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously. (Note: national guideline set the maximum fee at \$65 per event, including precision events, and \$25 for combined events. This board has tried to keep fees within reason for the skaters.)

There was then discussion about how to admission to the contest for spectators more doable. Kelli Stahl made a motion that that the GLRB pay the rink operator \$500.00 for per day for spectator fees. (No admission fee will be charged to anyone coming to watch the contest for the 2018 regional championships.) John Peck seconded the motion and it was passed with a unanimous vote. (It was

suggested that the operator contact day care and school groups to attend, increasing publicity for our sport and increasing snack bar sales.)

Judges for the 2018 regionals: Gary Callahan, John Cawly, Billy Mastriano, Lona Davis, Bob Behrendt, Verna Quaranto, John Lehni, John Gustafson, Sylvia Haffke, and Cecelia Kelly. Bruce Muench is the meet director.

2018 Speed Regionals Information:

Note: The 2018 speed regional dates are changed from May 26 and 27 to May 12 and 13, with the practice being on May 11.

Bob Babcock made a motion to raise the amount paid to the operator for admission fees for the GLR Speed Contest to \$750/per day (from \$500). The operator would charge no admission fee to anyone coming through the doors to watch the contest. Marty Laufer seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Bob Babcock meet director is meet director for the 2018 speed meet.

A seminar/clinic is being planned during the Great Lakes Speed League Thanksgiving contest this year. Marty Laufer asked the board for money to help bring in trainers. Bob Babcock made a motion that this board give up to \$1,000 to help with expenses for trainers for the Thanksgiving Speed Seminar/Clinic. This money will be used for expenses for Kay Gallatin and her husband. Chris Keesler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2019 Regional Bids:

Donna Turner will send out the 2019 regional bids at the beginning of January, 2018. Any rink interested should have the completed form returned to Cathy Carmack NO LATER THAN March 15, 2018. Bids forms will be sent to rinks in Ohio and Illinois for the 2019 artistic contest and to Crystal Lake and Skate Express for the 2019 speed regional.

The spring meeting is scheduled for Sun. March 25, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the Quality Inn in South Bend, IN.

Election of Officers:

Jack Muransky made a motion that the present officers be re-elected for another year. The motion was seconded by Renee Kitts. John Peck made the motion that nominations be closed. Chris Keesler

seconded the motion. Officers for the 2017-2018: Chair: Cathy Carmack, Vice-Chair: Bob Babcock, Secretary: Donna Turner, Treasurer: John Peck, and Sergeant-At-Arms: Chris Keesler.

Marty Laufer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Joe Kenworthy.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Turner

Secretary GLRB