

Sign in sheet:

Alicia Weiss, Rick Muise, Paul Landry, Charles Britney, Claudia Howard, RH, Wendy L'Arrivee, Rowena Orok, Patty Marsh, Brad Marsh, Kathie Gauthier, Vivian Mcguire, Chris Hand, Ted Huffman, Leslie Derro, Kelly Ball, Gerry Harrington, Ryan Ogsten, Heather Pikor, Gail Oneschuk, B Rootham, Iain McCallum, Gavin Thulien, Jake Maarse, Andrew McCallum

**CALL TO ORDER**

- The Pacers 2005-2006 AGM was called to order at 7:15 pm.
- 8 voting members present;
- Introduced 2005-06 Board members
- Received agenda; request for open agenda items
  - Kelly – regarding mold damaged skates at Sensplex, is there insurance; Brad reported the problem in the room has been fixed but will need to be monitored during the summer; Rocky didn't request anything-only older skates were damaged
- Changed order of agenda to allow for more voting members to arrive

**Adoption of Minutes** (this happened after the President's Report was given)

Gerry moved to adopt the 2004-2005 AGM minutes as presented

Ryan seconded the motion

All in favour

**REPORTS**

Reports were read; printed copies are available; these notes include some highlights and any additional comments.

1. President's Report
  - a. Summary: It was a successful year. Sensplex move continues to be positive; club continues to be healthy; lots of interest as with any Olympic year; will be interesting to see the effect on the long track program; October meet posed a possible concern, with a meet in London on the same weekend, however it was still successful and we'll keep it the same 2-day format for next year – we had 150-160 skaters and London had 140; the long track meets faced problems because of the weather – Canada Cup 2 was disappointing as weather was +10 but we did not lose money and we received a glowing report from SSC; we're in a positive position, moving forward
2. Technical Director's Report
  - a. Thanks given to coaches.

- b. Highlights: 1 hour earlier for first hour made it hard to get there for some skaters; lots of waiting; if we get more ice, would be good to get more time for intermediate hour; had a successful masters year; we held a Try Speedskating session for those interested following the Olympics – 71 names were put on the waiting list, including 15 masters
  - c. Vivian: re RTC – were juvenile/youth given info for next season, a ‘call for interest’/do you have to apply. Gerry and Rick: a message was sent to returning members.
  - d. ACTION: Rick will send a message to get juvenile and older / Gerry to call Dave to ensure this is ok and to clarify the process
  - e. Rowena: asked about the selection process for the RTC. Answer: It’s a complete new process, there is no grandfathering of members. Rick explained the RTC in a nutshell.
  - f. Heather: when kids go to university it was taking them up to 2 years to get to the right level; RTC purpose is to put them in a better position; it was more about commitment and fitness levels
3. Registrar’s Report
- a. call for questions
  - b. Rick is currently managing the waiting list
  - c. we’ll let people know by June – won’t be able to answer until July
  - d. Pacers are now the largest club in Ontario and growing
4. Fundraising Report
- a. Loblaws: again a great success and is well received; but a couple of concerns:
    - i. next year, all will have to sign for cards
    - ii. need to add a note to preregistration that this is mandatory
    - iii. a number of families opted for the buy out
  - b. we need to look at additional fundraising. Other ideas:
    - i. skate-a-thon, sell something different, another silent auction
  - c. thank you for participating
  - d. in the financials, the numbers don’t look the same as last year because the last batch of Loblaws hasn’t been bought yet
  - e. Claudia: would like to recognize Vivian’s work and efforts
  - f. Wendy: If we’re putting a note on the form, it should also be on the website.
  - g. Leslie: should indicate that the program or buyout is mandatory and if they won’t sign, they shouldn’t be allowed to join
  - h. Brad: suggested a fundraising committee to work on other fundraising events; there needs to be a fundraising arm of the club
5. Oval Report
- a. Couple of comments: on page 4 note growth of Brewer. It’s getting too busy; Ted considers it to be ‘at capacity’
  - b. On page 4, there is a bold paragraph re rink/maintenance attendants. Ted Proposes to separate the duties of maintenance and attendants. City requires attendants; they don’t have to be paid; rec volunteer club

members could do the job which entails PR, keep hockey off the oval, etc. Then we'd be able to schedule the maintenance off hours; suggest asking members to sign up early season for a time slot; flooding is hard to schedule early as it is unpredictable

- c. Paul: this is a good idea; not hard to get parents to do since they're there; is a need for identification; could ask city to supply vests or something; Maintenance: have had to schedule at odd hours, which is not when we need attendants

#### 6. Equipment Report

- a. Rick – more skates will be biggest challenge if we get more skaters; idea – we don't offer skates to Tom Brown program
- b. Vivian – asked re Trillium fund. Next deadline is July 1, Rick is working on the proposal
- c. K Gauthier – asked re fund; yes, it was used up
- d. We purchased about \$10,000 of new equipment this year; biggest expense was a blade bender, but it's a huge benefit

#### 7. RTC

#### 8. Masters Report

- a. Good year; growing group
- b. Long track program didn't exist and needs to be worked on for next season

#### 9. Skaters Report

- a. all skaters were happy to have the Sensplex; there are a couple of concerns
- b. skinsuits for Pacers – can we encourage more to wear them
- c. need to encourage some of the younger skaters to go to dryland training
- d. Brad, re skinsuit – this has been an issue for years. Q. Should we make it mandatory? Reality is, at Ont Cup and Provincials it will be mandatory to wear club suits (at higher levels). For ability meets, club shirts are fine.
- e. Ryan – the club shirts were a great idea; if it's mandatory for suits, can we look into a bulk order
- f. needs to have logo; to approach Lyn Morrison; Forbes does not include built in pads; a number of other options, including Bont
- g. also need to find other options to identify than silkscreen, eg embroidery
- h. for kids outgrowing suits, where are the used ones?
- i. ACTION – board to discuss where we can get skinsuits, including talking to Gavin
- j. ACTION – Vivian offered Lauren to look into options

#### 8. RTC

- concept is great on paper; hard to follow; is having problems across the country
- SSC is committed to it, to getting some funding to skaters to help
- our team has been making progress
- good idea; some problems with follow through and lack of communications

Youth

-Kelly asked if some masters will coach; Rick advised that the board is working on getting more help

### **Move to Adopt reports as Read**

Ted moved

Wendy 2<sup>nd</sup>

All in favour – Yes

### **DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

- Question from Chris Hand: With the new tax rebate, can we ensure that the club issues an appropriate receipt; we'll need to find out rules ACTION – Ashley to find out rules and requirements for official receipt
- Rowena explained that the statements are draft because Ashley is out of town; there may be some items missing. Rowena will take questions for Ashley
- Discussion of how we proceed: we can accept as draft and if significant changes are required, accept as final at a later time; if changes are required, it's to be presented in the Fall at the parent's meeting for approval
- Question: operating at loss – appears that the oval is the main contributor to losses; Ted spoke to this – not sure of the actual cost, the oval figures presented include operating, meet, and trailers; some of the costs should be offset to Meets; a portion of the trailer cost we're expecting back; SSC is holding some funds from Canada Cup 2 until they see all the paperwork
- There are enough discrepancies that we can't vote on this report; If you have questions, send them to Brad or the exec

### **Brewer (as discussed during Financial Statement discussion)**

- Question: was there any financial help from the Concordes for the oval?
- Brad asked for help from the RTC. They contributed \$150 and \$275. Concordes received the same.
- Gerry pointed out that we have uncompensated use of the oval; RTC camp is eg. Brad indicated that the issue has been raised
- Paul: we have a “purchase of service” contract with the city. It is a public facility, but people come and charge to do something at the oval; we have approval with contract
- Rick: it's up to us to say to RTC, “no, you can't use it for a paying camp”
- Brad: It's always been understood that the oval is the Pacers; Kathy Elliot didn't know how it worked; once explained, we did see an increase in volunteer
- Ryan: Trailer Rentals – RTC, camps need the oval; Pacers do have control over the trailers and therefore do need to set costs for their use – we should be telling the RTC what the honorarium for use is; need to create/set a standard
- Gerry: long track membership is separate. \$100 allows them to compete but they aren't allowed to skate indoors; we are defeated by our fee structure – our long track fee is not recognized; Rowena indicated \$400 in Lt memberships this season. Ryan pointed out 4000 users

- Ted agreed with Ryan's idea of setting a fee
- Rick: suggested we ask city to pay a portion of trailer fees
- Claudia: in past we've made a slight profit on the oval; she moved that we take steps to ensure that we're covering the costs; we're supposed to break even, but we're showing a \$5000 deficit
- Brad: we have a meeting coming up with some exec and city and will show them the report and will ask for more funds
- With 2<sup>nd</sup> hockey rink, 1<sup>st</sup> year was great; now it's been three years and we need to address additional costs due to hockey
- Last year a committee was set up with both clubs. Needs to be reconvened and set mandates for both clubs and if run a deficit, both clubs to ...
- Paul: propose we mandate the committee to determine whether purchase/service contract is sufficient
- Claudia moved that the Pacers run the long track camp, Gerry agreed we provide the coaches; requested RTC financial statements – Gerry has and will share them
  - If it's an OSSA camp, we can run it; but OSSA is a sponsor of RTC
  - What if Pacers just run a long track camp
  - Ryan indicated that it requires planning; the coaches looked at this in the fall but it didn't come together
  - Ted: if Pacers run it, we need to let people know up front
  - This year there were 60 participants
  - Wendy volunteered to be a coordinator
- Jake commented that we need structure. Brad indicated that we're working under the structure; we need to keep oval with Pacers as we're responsible for signing
- MOTION: That we make the Brewer skate Park committee mandatory, with the mandate to recognize Pacers are responsible for the Brewer Skate Park and costs; and ensure we recover costs of the BSP, to oversee the whole operation of the park, including sustainability. Accepted. After that, Jake indicated he had concerns.

Wendy - Back to Financials

\$4500 in storage room rental

We're looking at \$8000 for expenses; are we looking at trying to reduce costs with the Sensplex

Claudia: questions the \$250 figure; need to get Ashley to check this amount

Claudia: last year we paid to Aug 31<sup>st</sup>

Rowena: to ask Ashley to verify

Kelly – asked about Skate Park Fund

Claudia: it's designated for use for improvements to the park, eg: used for new ramps

Ted: would like to see it allocated, a certain amount a year

Paul: if we were to generate a surplus, we would put it there

Ted: there's an amount under donations – that was a donation made directly to the Oval; money from RTC should go to this account

Rowena: is keeping a list of items for Ashley

Heather: suggests the new exec set a budget and allocate funds (%) or lump sum, into specific areas; we're mandated to carry over 30% (reserve fund)

MOTION: To not accept financial statement – Wendy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Paul; Carried

### **Volunteers**

- It was recognized that we need more volunteers to help out; as well, someone to organize and recruit.
- Wendy L'Arrive agreed to be the volunteer coordinator

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

The following items appear on the agenda, but the minutes are lacking.

1. Sensplex
2. Membership growth/ice times

### **ELECTION OF NEW BOARD**

The following people were elected:

President – Paul Landry

Past President – Brad Marsh

Vice President – Vivian Maguire

Treasurer – Ashley Thriscutt

Secretary – Gail Oneschuk

Director at Large 1 – Rick Muise

Director at Large 2 – Alicia Weiss

Director at Large 3 – Leslie Derro

Director at Large 4 – Kathie Gauthier

**Meeting adjourned.**