

**DFSC Regular Board Meeting  
6:30pm, Jul 26, 2007 F. S.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm. Board members attending: Rachel Bakhour, Robin Meadows, Suzie Nyquist, Barb Philipp, Alicia Carr, Cassie Papajohn, Wendy Julia, Lisa May and Denise Archulata.

Members not attending: All board members were present

**Minutes of May Meeting-** Previously e-mailed. Lisa May moved that the minutes be accepted and Suzie Nyquist seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bev is preparing a final report. We have amounts of money sitting in several accounts. We discussed taking the \$40K for nationals and placing it in a one-year CD. We discussed taking \$30K and holding it in reserve by placing it in a five-year CD. This would be earmarked as a one year operating fund placed in reserve. Should we combine all our small accounts into one? There are security issues with that. For accounting purposes, keeping separate accounts is easier to track. We need to think about what is a good amount to place in surplus: a one-year budget or \$10K? What we do as a club for our members is dependent upon what we make. We also discussed what we could do to improve the club for a broad spectrum of our membership. We could perhaps sponsor a clinic with Tracy and Susan and cover the costs. We also need to send out an email to membership asking for a financial planner who would be willing to volunteer his/her time. Robin Meadows moved we accept the budget as presented. Lisa May seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Update from DU:** Susan Williams attended the meeting and wants to continue to have a presence at our meetings to develop a more hands-on relationship. One of her students' mothers suggested we contact new members and welcome them. Can the membership application be more inviting and attractive? In the past, we have sent out a welcome letter and called new members. We discussed developing a welcome packet that could include a calendar of events and forming a membership committee headed by Cassie Pappajohn and Rhonda White. Denise Archuleta, Wendy Julia and Rachel Bakhour offered to call new members this year. We also discussed hosting a membership social. Copies of a letter and email from the DU Rink and DU club president were read and discussed. Their correspondence focused on different items than we intended. Several USFSA rules were quoted that indicate their position. Our focus at the meeting was to focus on collaboration, prompted by feedback from our coaches two years ago at the coaches' reception. A matter-of-fact response will be drafted by Lisa May. We will also ask to rent ice at DU for club ice. We could hold an open house at DU with ice time and an ice cream social. We could hold a seminar at Family Sports where there might be more flexibility with ice times. Susan will check to see what ice is available at DU in August. If not available, she will see what other times are available. If Susan and Tracy have new members, they will send us a name and phone number to call at this time. Cassie will merge and compare last year's list with this year's list. She will assign a list of new members for each board member to call. Lisa and Cassie will make a script for us to use.

**Laura Shively Memorial Fund:** Lisa would like the club to sponsor a seminar/clinic focusing on something Laura executed very well, such as spirals. It would be a one-time event. The club would make up the difference in cost between donations and the amount needed because the club still needs to make a contribution. Lisa will talk with Mark Shively and see what he wants to do, but her thought is this will be fine.

**Coaches Reception:** It will be at Maggiano's. We discussed dates and decided to go with Sunday, Sep 9 at 10:00. If Maggiano's is unavailable, Suzie will pick a place.

**Mile Hi Report:** Lisa attended the meeting again. Mile Hi is a union of all the clubs in our Denver area. They host 2 competitions, Champs and Funtastics. Because we did not staff all our volunteer hours, we received a reduced amount of the proceeds. At Champs 2007, we are staffing Awards with 2 people per shift during competition times. Lisa has developed a schedule and will request volunteers via email. They discussed not hosting Champs next year. Conference calls are available monthly with USFSA and Mile Hi is encouraging all clubs to participate. The videographer issue was discussed on the last conference call. Parents will not be allowed to tape any event at qualifying because of agreements USFSA reached with the ice skating channel. Alicia will attend the next meeting on Jul 31 at 7:00 pm. Sep 10 and Nov 7 are the following meetings.

**Website updates and Email Distribution:** We have a new club email account: [denverfigureskatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:denverfigureskatingclub@gmail.com)

Password: dfscboard

When the new membership list is entered as contacts, we can email all members. Cassie set up the account and will be in charge of sending out emails. She will set up a board group for us to send items to one another. Coaches will also have a group.

**DFSC Newsletter:** Cassie gave us a sample one-page newsletter. Shauna has agreed to help. Rachel will provide a copy of Microsoft Publisher for Shauna to use. It will be distributed electronically. One last email will be sent by Rhonda to inform the membership of the email change.

**Calendar Update:** Pirates Cove is Sunday. We have 175 people registered and can accommodate 250. Rachel will try to bring the DFSC banner and all board members should arrive at 6:30. The event will run from 6:45 to 8:45.

SW Exhibitions: Oct 6 at South Suburban for SW participants only

We will check on September ice at Family Sports for exhibitions with critiques. If time permits, we will open it up to Colorado Springs Invitational exhibitions.

Nov 3: will be used to host the Open House for Showtime on Ice. We will ask for another date in November for Carol Fox to host a dance clinic.

South Suburban will host a Christmas Ice Show on Dec 15. Lisa will call Jerry and see who is involved.

Dec 16: Keystone on Ice.

Jan 26: Clinic by Lisa and Shellane with skate swap  
Mar 1: DI exhibitions

*New Business:*

**Denver Invitational:** Dates are March 13 – 16. There will be an announcement meeting in a few weeks. Alicia has coordinated with Jayme and Cassie and submitted dates to the new regional Sanctions officer. The sanction will be submitted by Sep 15. The announcement will be out by Nov 15.

**Southwesterns Ad:** We will submit a full page ad. Can Roger handle this? Can we use a banquet picture or have everyone submit a photo for a collage?

**Future Meetings:** .Aug 30, 6:30 pm, Lisa's house. Please bring an appetizer.  
Sep 27, at 6:30. We need to research a location.  
Oct 25  
Dec 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm. The next board meeting will be on Aug 30 at Lisa May's house at 6:30 pm.