

**SK8SCOTLAND BOARD MEETING
GRAMPIAN HOTEL, PERTH
SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2008**

Present:

Bryan Morrice
Archie Marshall
Noel Grimshaw
Judy Clinton
Alice Fell

Apologies:

Graeme Summers

1.08	The Chairman opened the meeting and apologies were received from Graeme Summers	
2.08	<p>Minutes of previous board meeting – 9 Sept 2007</p> <p>The minutes were approved by the board, and signed by the Chairman</p>	BM
3.08	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>It was agreed that most of the matters arising from the previous minutes would be covered in the agenda items during the meeting</p>	
4.08	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
5.08	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p><u>Finances</u> Chairman tabled draft audited accounts received from Greenhalgh for financial year ended 30 Sept 2007. In addition, Chairman also tabled summary of finances to date for current year including the current cash balance in Sk8scotland (NISA) Account as advised by NISA Finance manager.</p> <p>Item (£110) previously queried regarding hire of Murrayfield Riverside Suite on 27th March 2007 appeared to relate to an IJS Coach Seminar (delivered by A Findlay); costs accrued to Sk8scotland but no income. This has been queried with NISA, but not yet resolved.</p> <p><u>Sportscotland</u> Chairman reported that he had recently contacted Catherine Goodfellow (sportscotland) who confirmed that Sk8scotland's formal recognition application may be heard by the UK & Home Nation Sports Council's Panel which is due to meet in mid April. It appears that the process would</p>	BM

still necessarily involve inviting an application from the existing body recognised by sportscotland (SISA), with sportscotland then making a recommendation to the Board of the sports council.

Aberdeen

Chairman updated board members on the imminent closure of the Aberdeen Linx Ice Arena due to City Council budget cutbacks. Chairman reported that he had been approached by a group of technical, business and legal/financial experts to act as an advisor to the group with a view to establishing a not-for-profit trust to take over the running of the arena, and hopefully effect an early reopening. Chairman clarified that he was only acting as an advisor, and would remain independent from any trust.

6.08

2008 Events

British Short Track Championships 2008

Chairman confirmed that following an approach from Carol Miller (organising committee), Sk8scotland had agreed to allocate up to £650 to cover transportation of safety barrier pads to/from Sheffield/Magnum and possibly costs relating to First Aid cover at the Championships. There had been unanimous board agreement to this request (AM excluded) by previous e-mail. AM reported that an excellent entry totalling 98 skaters had been received for the event.

2008 Championships

NISA has announced dates for the 2008 John Curry JGP at iceSheffield as being 15-18th October. As with 2007, this conflicts with the half term dates for Scotland (13-24th) and the availability of ice from Dumfries. Unfortunately the JGP is scheduled for the middle and spans both half-term weeks. Board members discussed a number of possible options for the 2008 Scottish, and agreed that it should commence on Tue 21st or Wed 22nd October running into the weekend of 25-26th October. This in effect reverses the order of previous years. It is likely that (depending on total entries) Figure events would commence on Tues/Wed, with Dance/Solo Dance events held Thur/Fri and Synchro / Short Track events scheduled for Saturday. It is possible that a Synchro camp could be scheduled for Sunday. The advantage of this timetable is that the weekend of 25-26th October is (a) a weekend and (b) represents the end of Scottish schools half-term for most regions and the commencing weekend of many English regions half-term.

It was agreed that Chairman would approach potential referees for the Figure section, with Noel Grimshaw appointed referee for Dance, and Cyril Yates referee for Synchro.

British Championships 2007-8

Presentations of Scottish Trophy to highest placed Scottish skaters at British Championships took place as planned. However, there was apparently some confusion over presentation of other medals (Silver and Bronze) which did not take place as planned. It was agreed that with hindsight, it was probably more appropriate not to present all medals in future.

Championships 2009 onwards

The current format of the Scottish Championships have proven capable of breaking even, and the introduction of a major Synchro section has proved extremely promising. However, it is of some concern that Scotland is unable to offer an IJS event. Given the likelihood that the JGP may become a regular event in the UK at this time, it will continue to prove difficult to offer an IJS event.

NISA Cup 2008

Chairman updated board members on the team qualified to represent Scotland at the Deeside Final in April, following Magnum. It was disappointing once again to note the relatively small entry to NISA Cup, despite the concessions announced allowing some participation in IJS.

Adults

The possibility of an adult event was again addressed and will continue to be further investigated, however it is possible that some adult events could be incorporated in this year's Scottish in October given the timing of dance events scheduled for Thu/Fri. One possibility suggested was to include a "dance social" on the Friday evening.

Northern Cup

Chairman reported that the 2007 Northern Cup event went well at Aberdeen, and remains popular, however, given the imminent closure of Aberdeen, this could have implications for this event in 2008.

Solo Dance – Dumfries April

Chairman reported extremely low entries for this event, with only a few days remaining before the closing date. It was likely that only one day (as opposed to two allocated) would be required, and discussions would have to be held with Dumfries Council with regard to scheduling and/or viability, given they are funding the event. It was reported by NG that the Dumfries Club has now formally affiliated to NISA, however too late for purposes of hosting/permit etc. Directors once again agreed to express thanks to Paisley Club and committee for their assistance.

7.08	<p>Directors Reports</p> <p><u>Speed</u> Previously circulated, and contents noted. Although not a specific Sk8scotland Board report contents were extremely relevant.</p> <p><u>Synchro</u> Previously circulated, and contents noted.</p> <p><u>Dance:</u> Previously circulated and contents noted.</p>	
8.08	<p>Child Protection/Equity</p> <p>Chairman had been in contact with Children 1st (K McInulty / D Martin) re progressing Sk8scotland Child Protection. We have also been advised of a Workshop aimed at Governing Bodies to be held in Perth on 28th May 2008, and board members agreed it would be appropriate to attend. AM expressed interest.</p>	
9.08	<p>Co-options</p> <p>It was suggested that it might be appropriate to consider bringing in specific expertise to strengthen the activities of Sk8scotland board, in particular, Events (to assist with Scottish), Sk8scotland website design and legal/financial. Board members felt that calling in assistance was appropriate but not necessarily requiring formal board membership.</p>	
10.08	<p>Any other business</p> <p>No other business</p>	
11.08	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>TBC</p>	