



MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDRA ICE SKATING CLUB (AISC) COMMITTEE MEETING

LOCATION: LJ Hooker, Alexandra

DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2024

TIME: 6:30pm

- **WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Attendees: Mandy Wilson, Tania (TJ) Sangster, Mike Sangster, Aimee Wilson, Rebecca Cowley, Bridget Sangster

Apologies: Angie Sutherland

- **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION *"That the minutes from the meeting held on August 14 2024 are adopted as a true and correct record"*

Moved: Tania Sangster / Seconded: Mandy Wilson
Carried

- **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

There was no presidents report as Angie Sutherland was unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting due to personal circumstances.

- **CORRESPONDENCE**

INCOMING

- IceInline - cleaning up
- Jeanine Coleman - re prizegiving
- Return of rink keys
- IceInline - club affiliation fees (membership numbers)
- Andrea Murphy - adult figure skating
- NZIFSA - board minutes + nominations
- Centaurus Club - profiles of skaters attending nationals.
- IceInline committee minutes
- Mike Sangster - committee resignation
- TJ Sangster - committee resignation
- Dunstan High (Sally Mullaly) - info on skaters for achievements

OUTGOING

- Jeanine Coleman - re prizegiving
- IceInline - concussion headbands
- Letters of support for Tahlia Sangster
- NZIFSA - nomination for Tahlia Sangster
- Sally Mullaly - Dunstan High School.

MOTION *"That incoming correspondence be accepted, and outgoing correspondence be adopted"*

Moved: Bridget Sangster / Seconded: Mandy Wilson
Carried

● **TREASURERS REPORT**

Mike confirmed to committee that he will continue his treasurer role to the end of the clubs financial year being 31st December, and continue as acting treasurer until the AGM is held in the new year, at which time a new treasurer is to be elected.

Mike updated the committee of current funds in bank accounts.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

- IceInline - \$120 - Out of town skater (skate camp)
- NZIFSA - \$180 - TC Registration
- Sign It Central - \$216.78 - trophy engraving
- Michelle Clarke - \$154.16 - fuel reimbursement - club champs & testing
- NZIFSA - \$180 TC registration
- A K Sutherland - \$260 - reimburse prize giving gifts
- M & T Sangster - \$220.80 Website freeparking reimbursement
- IceInline - \$870 - 2024 affiliation fees
- NZIFSA - \$405 - testing fees

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

- IceInline - \$3180 speakers reimbursement

ELECTRONIC MOTION TO BE RATIFIED: *That the committee authorises the payment of above listed payables"*

Moved: Rebecca Cowley / Seconded: Aimee Wilson

Carried

● **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

RESIGNATIONS:

The committee thanked Mike and TJ for their time on committee and accepted their resignations. Discussion was held on the impact the committee has had over the previous two seasons, from the club being in a position where a SGM had to be held following the resignations of previous committee members to ensure the club was not wound up.

Mike and TJ thanked the committee for stepping up into committee roles, and believe the club is in a strong position to further grow with fresh new faces and ideas. Mike and TJ were thanked for giving notice prior to last season of their intention to step down, and giving others time to join the committee and learn what's involved. Mike was thanked for continuing as treasure and TJ for taking on the TC Secretary role for 2024.

The question was raised about the TC Secretary role which TJ replied if she was about over winter 2025 she may be able to continue this role for the club if required, but would do so as a separate role outside of the executive committee.

FEEDBACK:

The committee has received some great feedback from club members on the season, and this has been encouraging - particularly the adult skating classes and sync which proved popular thanks to Sam's expertise.

NZIFSA - NATIONAL AWARDS:

Committee members have been contacted and received messages from members and coaches on the NZIFSA National Awards following AISC member Jesscia Coleman receiving the national award for sportsmanship.

Committee were aware of the nomination and in hindsight maybe should have contacted NZIFSA, however trusted our governing body had systems and processes in place to verify accuracy of nominations, partially when a nomination is made by a nominees mother. Committee all agree with members and coaches who don't believe the criteria has been met.

It's unfortunate that the general feeling is the nomination was made in the most unsportsmanship-like manner and the committee need to be careful as parents have involved teenage skaters, therefore the committee need to be careful to handle the feedback and matter in a considerate way. It was discussed that a lack of participation in club activities throughout the season may mean a small group genuinely don't see what coaches and other members are witnessing too.

A common theme committee has received feedback from first time competitive skaters families that their skaters were not supported, encouraged or in a majority of cases ever spoken to by their skaters rep.

A Committee member has also received private messages from a NZIFSA Judge asking the club to post on Facebook of the award, and also note of public comments made online.

Committee discussed how best to proceed. All agreed the outcome would not change but it is important committee represent our members, for the club to be in this position is disappointing and caused by a lack of systems and processes by NZIFSA to verify nominations. Committee discussed the two options left with:

- Post of the Award and leave it at that.
- Lay a formal complaint with NZIFSA around their process for the National Awards.

All agreed in hindsight they should have acted sooner to avoid this situation getting as far as it has. All agreed to lay a formal complaint with NZIFSA around their processes for the National Awards which raises questions about the fairness and integrity of the selection process. All agreed it to be important no other club be put in this position in future, and the importance of the committee's role to represent our members. Committee members will together draft a written complaint and circulate to all for approval prior to being sent to NZIFSA board members and secretary.

All agreed not to post the award as the nomination was not supported by the club and the club will be making a formal complaint.

TO BE ACTIONED:

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| Formal written complaint to NZIFSA | Committee |
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The next Committee meeting date TBC

The meeting closed at 8.30pm