

WALSALL ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING CLUB

Minutes of the First annual general meeting held at West Walsall E-Act Academy on 22nd April 2013



Howard Shelley opened the meeting at 12:10 and explained the background and how the unfortunate death of Joan Preston had necessitated sudden and major changes in the management of skating in the Club. An Interim committee had been appointed in January to place the Club on a secure financial and administrative footing. This AGN was the end point of that process.

The members thanked Karen Daker for the support she had shown the club over the past four months.

The members unanimously resolved as follows:

1. The club shall be called the “Walsall Artistic Roller skating Club” and shall adopt the term “Walsall Rollers” as a short form title and in promotional material.
2. The Club shall adopt the design in the Top Right hand corner of this agenda as its Logo.
3. The club shall adopt the Constitution (referred to as Version Apr 2013) to regulate it’s business.
4. The club shall adopt the following policies as previously circulated:
 - a. Affiliation Policy
 - b. Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy
 - c. Coaching Policy
 - d. Health and Safety Policy
 - e. Documents and records policy
 - f. Skate hire policy.
5. The draft budget for the financial year 2013/14 was approved subject to the proviso that the Committee shall review the financial position of the club in October 2013 and if it is felt necessary to do so, submit a revised budget thereafter.
6. The general fees and charges (i.e. excluding extraordinary events and skate hire charges) levied by the Club for the following financial year shall be as follows:
 - a. Membership fees payable in advance:
 - i. £6.00 per year or £0.50p per month remaining in the financial year for Adult members.
 - ii. £3.00 per year or £0.25p per month remaining in the financial year for Junior members.
 - b. £2 per hour Rink fees.
 - c. £0.50 for each certificate of achievement.

7. The Following members having indicated their willingness to sit as committee members were elected to the Club Committee for the coming year:
 - a. Karen Daker (Chairman)
 - b. Carol Colclough (Treasurer)
 - c. Amy Henworth (Secretary)
 - d. David Jones
 - e. Jim Ramsden
8. The members asked whether there was a limit to the number of members the club could support. Howard Shelley explained that – however member is defined – the maximum number of members the club was currently able to have was 30. This was the ceiling set by the insurers.

The members were unanimously of the view that 30 members was too low and Carol Colclough agreed to explore with the insurer if the ceiling could be increased.

There was then the question of how many members could be accommodated with the existing coaches. It became clear that as we stood we did not have a view on this matter. As a general rule Glynnis Fletcher pointed out that 5 students to one coach would be regarded as the norm but it was accepted that a coach working with an advanced skater might only be able to deal with one student where another teaching basic skills to a group of absolute beginners all at the same level might be comfortable with ten or even fifteen skaters.

This is clearly a matter for the Committee and the Coaching team for the coming year but it was universally agreed that if we could move to a system where we were teaching groups of skaters all more or less at the same standard it would be much easier to accommodate larger numbers.

David Jones pointed out that in many ways the more members the club had the more successful we would be and the more financially secure and this was accepted however the members however it was pointed out that if we reached the stage where we could not adequately supervise all the skaters and members were becoming dissatisfied a limit would have to be set.

The meeting closed at 13:30