

## WALSALL ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING CLUB

Minutes of the Meeting held at West Walsall E-Act Academy  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015



**Committee Members Present :** Carole Colclough, Karen Daker, Glennys Fletcher, Howard Shelley, Dee Wilson, Nicki Westwood, and Jeffrey Clarke

**Apologies :** Adrian Head

**Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.** Minutes of the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014 were presented as a true record. Matters arising:

- Finances** – Since last meeting bought skating bags, and boot covers.
- **Coaches Polo shirts** – Karen has bought these for the coaches and everyone seems happy with them. A number of skaters have requested tops so an order form has been designed to allow them to order. Fleeces are also available.
- **Christmas Party** – everyone agreed this went well and everyone enjoyed the day.

### **Club Competitions Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015 & FARS Grade 6.**

**FARS Grade 6** - Glennys gave details of skaters ready for their test. There are 5 potentials. They will decide next week on final numbers. They need about 15 minutes each and two badminton courts.

**Competition.** It was decided that set-up should be done before the tests start at 10am so as not to disturb those taking their test. Timings were discussed. It was felt we needed to book until 1pm. These will be sent out to parents. Max Wahid can't make it so Mary Clarke will be judging. Skaters are working hard on programmes and Karen commented that they were really improving. Numbers were discussed. At the moment we have 17 skaters split across 5 events. A request was made for raffle prizes. At the moment we have 5. The costs and income were discussed. The event is likely to make a loss however it is not of concern as it has given the skaters something to work towards and will be good practice for us on organising a competition should be decided to run the old "Alumwell Gala" Glennys suggested contacting Jim Ramsden to present the medals if he is well enough. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

### **Planning for 2015**

Karen put forward an idea for organising the classes after the half term holiday in February. The idea is that being that rather than trying to cater for all skaters at all sessions, we offer different sessions depending on skaters abilities. Howard felt this was a good idea. Glennys said we should not be too rigid with the rules for who attends when as we may need to change it based on the skaters we have at any one time.

**Monday Class** - It was decided that from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February we would go back to 2 hours on a Monday & split the class into two 1 hour sessions:

- 6-7pm to be for grades and would be open to all skaters. Howard mentioned that he would like to take some more of the advanced skaters as it could be boring taking grade one all the time. Everyone agreed although said that the reason they left him with grade one was he was so good at teaching them!
- 7-8pm to be for skaters with grade 2 and upwards. It was felt that maybe we would need to make exceptions to this for current members who had not attained grade 2.

**Saturday Class** – It was proposed that on a Saturday we would have an extra hour 12-1pm.

- 10am-11am would be for grades and figure skating. Three badminton courts would be for grades and 1 badminton court for figures for skaters with grade 6 (currently only one skater) The grades would be split between the number of coaches available.
- 11-12am to be for skaters with grade 2 +. (Again exception may be needed for current members) The class would be split into 3 groups. Each taking turns to do figures, jumps and spins. Karen said that she would like it that a coach keeps a group of skaters for the whole session and rotates with them. Howard said he would like to do dancing as it helps with musicality. It was agreed we could do this occasionally.
- 12-1pm – To be programme practice for skaters interested in competing. It may be that we would need to charge more for this hour or ask for payment a term in advance with no refund for classes missed.

1. Any other business

- **Skate Audit** – Karen said another skate audit was needed to ascertain if we need to order any more skates.
- **FARS training day** – Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Karen & Glennys would like to attend. It clashes with our Saturday class. Four skaters names were put forward to go. All would need to join FARS. Karen needs to do CPD but has requested forms. Glennys said that hers was still being processed but FARS have agreed this would be OK. Karen to arrange completion of the form.

**Proposed date of Next Meeting:** Sat 28th March 2015 – A.G.M.

The Meeting Closed at 1.30pm