

**WALSALL ARTISTIC ROLLER SKATING CLUB**  
Minutes of the Meeting held at West Walsall E-Act Academy  
on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014



**Committee Members Present** : Carole Colclough, Karen Daker, Glennys Fletcher, Adrian Head, Howard Shelley, Dee Wilson, Nicki Westwood, and Parents

**Apologies** : Adrian Head, Amy Henworth, John Henworth

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising.** Minutes of the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014 were presented as a true record. Matters arising:
  - Membership** – A few memberships lapsed and therefore we no longer have a waiting list
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Beginners Course** – Unfortunately not enough interest but did gain one member so it was worth it!
  - Registered coaches** – Glennys is now re-registered.
  - Club show** – went really well. We aimed to break-even but actually made a profit of just over £100! The video by Adrian was a great success and the coached stated it was great to see how everyone had progressed since the show.
  - Extra hour on Saturday** – (far side 11am-12noon) This started from half term and we are just about covering the cost of it. We will review every half term to see if this continues to be viable.
  - **Reduction in skate hire cost** – This was introduced from September.
  - Session plans** – the chairman commented that the coaches still haven't got these sorted out yet.
2. **Christmas Social Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

We plan to have our usual fun skate plus a little party afterwards upstairs. The idea being that everyone brings a plate of food. A letter will go on the noticeboard along with a list of foods to bring.
3. **Club Competitions Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015.**

Judge, Max Wahid is booked for Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Skaters are working hard on programmes. A letter has just gone out with details of the competition. Some of the skaters have expressed an interest in entering as a duo so we might look at this.
4. **Club Finances.**

Details of the club finances were passed around. The chairman stated that finances are very good at the moment. Autumn is historically bad but we have managed to more than cover our costs. We are a "not for profit" organisation so it was proposed spending some of our surplus as follows:-

  - Competition – Medals & a small token for all who take part. Expenses and gift token for judge
  - Equipment. Upgrade what we have rather than buy new. E.g. Skate Bags, good quality skate covers.
  - Material & Leotards – Large initial outlay but would recoup the costs. Propose buying a leotard and getting skirts and boot covers made.
  - Attendance Awards.
5. **Planning for 2015**
  - List of provisional Dates for 2015 was passed around. See Appendix 1
  - The coached would like to start doing figures on a Saturday. The centre has given us permission to put down circles as long as we get them up before we leave.
  - The chairman stated that we are considering an extra hour on a Saturday 12-1pm. For skaters with grade 6 looking to go in competitions and prepared to work hard. We may need to charge more and ask for payment in advance. The idea is that in 2015 we would start entering FARs and open competitions. Costs of competing were discussed with one parent mentioning that a weekend competition at Great Yarmouth had cost over £500. The Chairman said we would try to enter competitions nearby to keep the cost down. Howard talked about how we used to hold our own open competition and should consider this. It was felt this was a possibility for 2016.

-FARS grades – It was explained that the club has its own grading programme but to enter FARs competitions skaters must have FARS Grade 6. It was agreed that FARS badges be paid for by the club as skaters who make it to FARS grade 6 will have contributed substantially to the club.

- Skate Audit – The chairman asked if any parents were willing to help John with sorting out the skates. Lee Mandry has offered his services.

6. Any other business

Glenny's mentioned that a parent not present had asked if we would be likely to organise a visit from a super coach. The chairman said this could be looked into.

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and said that it was great to have so many parents join the meeting.

**Proposed date of Next Meeting: Sat 18th Januar 2015 – Competition Planning Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 1:00pm

## Appendix 1

Provisional Skating Dates - 2015				
Monday's	Saturday's			
	03-Jan-14		Cancelled	
05-Jan-14	10-Jan-14		Show	
12-Jan-14	17-Jan-14		Fun Skate & Social	
19-Jan-14	24-Jan-14		Fun Skate	
26-Jan-14	31-Jan-14		Club Competition	
02-Feb-14	07-Feb-14			
09-Feb-14	14-Feb-14			
16-Feb-14	21-Feb-14	Half Term		
23-Feb-14	28-Feb-14			
02-Mar-14	07-Mar-14			
09-Mar-14	14-Mar-14			
16-Mar-14	21-Mar-14			
23-Mar-14	28-Mar-14			
30-Mar-14	04-Apr-14	Easter	W'sall, W-ton, B'ham	Mon 30 Mar 2015 to Fri 10 Apr 2015
06-Apr-14	11-Apr-14		Staffordshire	Mon 6 Apr 2015 – Wed 15 Apr 2015
13-Apr-14	18-Apr-14			
20-Apr-14	25-Apr-14			
27-Apr-14	02-May-14			
04-May-14	09-May-14	May day		
11-May-14	16-May-14			
18-May-14	23-May-14			
25-May-14	30-May-14	Half Term		
01-Jun-14	06-Jun-14			
08-Jun-14	13-Jun-14			
15-Jun-14	20-Jun-14			
22-Jun-14	27-Jun-14			
29-Jun-14	04-Jul-14			
06-Jul-14	11-Jul-14			
13-Jul-14	18-Jul-14			
20-Jul-14	25-Jul-14	Summer Hols		
27-Jul-14	01-Aug-14			
03-Aug-14	08-Aug-14			
10-Aug-14	15-Aug-14			
17-Aug-14	22-Aug-14			
24-Aug-14	29-Aug-14			
31-Aug-14	05-Sep-14			
07-Sep-14	12-Sep-14			
14-Sep-14	19-Sep-14			
21-Sep-14	26-Sep-14			
28-Sep-14	03-Oct-14			
05-Oct-14	10-Oct-14			
12-Oct-14	17-Oct-14			
19-Oct-14	24-Oct-14			
26-Oct-14	31-Oct-14	Half Term		
02-Nov-14	07-Nov-14			
09-Nov-14	14-Nov-14			
16-Nov-14	21-Nov-14			
23-Nov-14	28-Nov-14			
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