



EVRD BOD meeting Minutes
 Meeting Date: Tuesday March 5/2024
 Meeting Location: Teams
 Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Board of Director Attendance:			
Chair: Grace Bones (Erika Olbey)	Co-Chair: Mary F'n Sunshine (Tracy Primc)	PR Director: vacant	Administration Director: Magic Wanda (Bonnie Richards)
Athletics Director: Emsky Hammer (Emma Goodall)	Games Director: Resident Weevil (Rachel Keglowitsch)	Finance Director: Hoochie (Lesley McDonald)	Junior Rep: Curvicious (Nerissa Hymers)

#	Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Item
	Call to order	Grace called the meeting to order at 7:02pm	
	League Culture - Men's update	Mary met with the men of E-Ville - they are enthusiastic about periodic checking in to make sure the league culture is mutual. They'd rather focus on the character of who we're recruiting over numbers - maybe hockey beer league type guys (not highly competitive). They wanted to make sure people are comfy with doing drills with them and are concerned about fitting in. They want to show appreciation and give back at the end of the year - maybe by running a practice or something.	Mary will keep checking in with the guys.
	Women's only practice inquiry/mixed level practices	Grace heard from a member who was interested in having a women's only practice, but Grace wasn't sure it was feasible. Open discussion: Mary loves women only playing but loves our guys as well and moving back to some women only practices seems exclusionary and would likely hurt feelings if it was put to a league vote now. Derby has changed - high level players mostly only have opportunities to play mixed gender scrim/games. Curvicious says sometimes practicing with men is terrifying - she trusts them to not intentionally hurt people but size is also a factor. Grace doesn't skate mixed for that reason - not all of our teams need to be mixed, and we want to carve out opportunities for WFTDA gender skaters at high level too. Mary wonders if it would be possible to change the structure of practice for less mixing of A level skaters and rookies. Weevil has seen posts in subreddits asking about different levels of skaters - important for rookies to feel safe and for A level players to get intensity. Grace thinks it will be easier with more space in	Emsky will reiterate to trainers to make sure to remind everyone at the start of practices that everyone's comfort around who they're working with is important, and that no one needs to skate with anyone they're not comfortable with. This will also be reiterated as an agenda item at the League Meeting.



	<p>our spring venues. Curvicious gets the wish list of separating levels and gets how high level skaters might not be challenged, but the numbers aren't there right now, and she thinks training is doing a great job. Weevil states that she is comfy with men in practices and scrimms but would be hesitant to play in a more competitive game setting with men until she increases her own stability and strength. Grace wants Emsky to remind trainers to empower everyone to make their own decisions around who to go out on a line with etc in practices - it's better for training to bring it up than for the men to need to ask in the moment. In the interest of finding a balance, we will leave all practices mixed.</p>	
<p>Rookies: Recruitment/Recruitment Ad Budget</p>	<p>Looking at a rookie adult and rookie junior session for spring. Mary suggests doing one practice per month as a "try it" (use different words) thing and push it on social media. Grace thinks we should do a rookie session as well with a set amount of practices - we'll be finished at the Slovenian Hall at the end of March and will be in other venues starting in April. Curvicious brought up an idea Emsky had about having an all-weekend junior rookie session with pizza. They will come up with dates and then we can put some ad money behind it. Curvicious has also emailed all former GEJRDA families. Mary wonders if we could include a shirt for each rookie at the end of a session (as part of registration costs). Wanda mentioned the Raw Zombies shirts we still have in our merch. Curvicious says it takes more oomph as a rookie adult to come out to a practice alone - more new skaters at once is good. Weevil agrees that a rookie group is less intimidating. Emsky and Weevil will work on setting rookie session dates for the spring. Once dates are set, Grace will get PR stuff set up - possibly even a press release. Boosting facebook posts is about \$30 per post. If we could get a print sponsor, we could put posters up all over. Cheeky is the contact for booking city venues and can help with that once we have dates in mind. It may be a possibility to do an adult rookie weekend as well - long sessions tend to lose momentum through the weeks.</p>	<p>Curvicious and Emsky will figure out dates for a junior rookie weekend.</p> <p>Emsky and Weevil will coordinate a good "try it" night and rookie session dates. Emsky will talk to Tuf and other trainers about rookies. Grace will do PR stuff once dates are set.</p>
<p>Finance - fundraiser update</p>	<p>Plant fundraiser update - our goal is \$2000 and sales are currently at \$952, so halfway there. Hoochie says we've sold 26 units so far. People will still need to do pushes - we'll talk this up at the league meeting. Grace will make a QR code with the fundraiser link. Hoochie and Mary will coordinate</p>	<p>Grace will talk up the fundraiser at the League Meeting.</p>



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		the drop off location - Mary is flexible work-wise and can enlist her father-in-law's help. Also Curvicious has big vehicles and a heated garage.	Hoochie and Mary will pick the drop off location.
Bank account update		Mary can be added as a signatory to the bank account - will need a written letter and the AGM minutes. Hoochie wonders if we should still use TD or if RBC would be better - Curvicious has experience with RBC being difficult for societies and that Servus or TD are better. Hoochie says let's stick with TD then and just add Mary, so we can start paying bills with the account. We'll no longer need two signatures but will still use two. Mary would be able to log in and verify balances. Hoochie likes paying one cheque for the hall so no one is paying personally and needing to be reimbursed. Grace has an email from Belle with the TD info and contact person - Hoochie and Mary will get that done.	Grace will send the email from Belle with the TD info and contact person to Hoochie. Hoochie and Mary will get Mary added to the account as a signatory.
Finances and buying loaner junior gear		Hoochie says that there is currently \$20311 in the bank - that includes the GEJRDA money in the bank. We won't buy any junior loaner gear until we know exactly what sizes etc we will need for the rookies. Each kid will leave the gear with us. Hoochie will make a separate finance page for the juniors to keep track separately.	Hoochie will make a juniors finance page separately.
Juniors updates: juniors at adult practices, waivers, C of C for parents		Curvicious wonders about having juniors at adult practices - do we have comfort levels for older juniors, 16-17 years old, or level 3? Grace mentions that the Wetaskiwin registration form for the most recent scrim mentions "consistently skates at an adult level". Do we need waivers/sign off from parents? Emsky thinks that league practices for level 3 benchmarked skaters at say age 15 and up sounds good - with parent permission, and games would be different. There could be a liability issue, and it may look bad to spectators. We don't have any level 3 junior skaters in E-Ville yet. Mary says that maybe trainers could choose to invite juniors to practices. Weevil says that Wetaskiwin has taken feedback into consideration and are having adults only for the next scrimmage. Grace thinks it would be good to look at Red Deer for an example of how to integrate high level juniors. Curvicious wants to have online waivers for parents of juniors to sign off on and code of conduct for parents to sign as well. Curvicious needs a second email address to be listed as a contact to join JRDA - Emsky volunteered to use her and the training email.	Curvicious will work on parental waivers for juniors skating with adults and parental code of conduct forms with QR codes. Curvicious will finalize our application to join JRDA using the training email address.



<p>WFTDA for 2024/25?</p>	<p>Should we reactivate our WFTDA status for the 2024/25 season? Emsky says we need to see how game commitment goes because it's a big time/money/energy commitment - we need more of a team culture back, and more strategies together. 2024/25 seems really close. WFTDA charter roster has to have a minimum 7 and maximum 20 skaters, with max 15 being rostered per game. Curvicious isn't sure it's worth it if we can't fill a roster. Mary thinks the opposite - that if we commit to WFTDA, more high level skaters might return. Right now the rankings are all messed up so it's a good time to get back in. Having a goal creates a culture - if we state the goal now to be back into WFTDA next January, that could create excitement. We could potentially draw from people between here and Red Deer etc. Not everyone in the league needs to play at a WFTDA level, but we used to have a full WFTDA roster for years. There are more WFTDA teams around to play now too, like Red Deer. Curvicious agrees that people need a motivation factor and will likely buy into the goal and deadline. Grace isn't sure about the process of getting back into WFTDA as we're on a hiatus right now, but thinks we should keep the discussion going! Maybe in the summer gauge people's interest. Weevil wants to go ahead with getting back into WFTDA - players can now be on two charter rosters. Emsky agrees that if it motivates players to come back that would be worth it.</p>	
<p>Ref/NSO training</p>	<p>Curvicious says that Summer Fling was asking if people would be interested in an NSO clinic. Yes! Would the refs be interested in doing official/ref recruitment alongside our rookie session? Mary is head NSO and has Jefftimus and Pamtera's contact info. Mary wonders if we could get rookies to help NSO a scrimmage at the end of the rookies session - Weevil agrees this is a great idea - Grace wonders if we could do a full scrim instead of a short track scrim that month. Weevil wonders if we could book a library room for NSO training at some point. Or we could roll the NSO training into the rookies sessions somehow.</p>	<p>Emsky will reach out to Jefftimus and Pamtera after the rookie session dates are set. Mary will send Summer's email to Emsky as well.</p>
<p>NSO gear</p>	<p>Mary says that E-Ville's NSO gear needs to be replaced - stopwatches, whistles, clipboards. Also the bag itself was old and gross. Mary will look into replacing all the gear and the bag.</p>	<p>Mary will get new NSO gear and a bag to store it in.</p>
<p>June 8th - double header booked at</p>	<p>June 8th is booked at Millennium Place in Sherwood Park for 1pm - 8pm for a double header. This will be a junior</p>	



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	Millennium Place	invitational game and an E-Ville game. (We may look at booking a black and white scrimmage separately.)	
	League Meeting	Grace will start a thread on the board page on slack for agenda items for the League Meeting. Grace wants to talk about general practice etiquette (ie being on time), the upcoming practice schedule, and volunteering commitment.	Grace will start a thread on the board page on slack for agenda items for the League Meeting.
	Last shout outs	Grace gives big thank yous to everyone on the board, and reminds everyone to form committees to help wherever needed. Curvicious gives a big shout out to all the trainers for doing so well at including all levels at practices.	
	Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.	