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Dear Club Members,

Firstly I would like to formally introduce myself. My name is Eleanor Farrell and I am the Secretary of EKIFSC. Maybe I will be better known as Holly Freeman's Nana and I am the one who has been harassing you for e-mail addresses.

The reason for writing to you all today is to bring you up-to-date with what has been happening since you voted in the new committee at the AGM on the 8th May. I know that is ages ago but better late than never!

YOUR COMMITTEE

As you know a new committee was elected at the AGM with some "old hands" being re-elected and some raw amateurs (like me) joining for the first time.

Unfortunately the first committee meeting couldn't take place until Saturday 1st.August due to a number of circumstances e.g. Kate Cockburn regrettably resigned her position as Chair due to personal circumstances; holiday commitments and skating commitments.

Jim Leishman kindly agreed to step into the Chairperson role and David Hunter is now the Vice-Chair.

A full list of committee members has now been passed to the club Webmaster and should be available on the club site in the very near future.

WHAT HAVE THE COMMITTEE BEEN DOING SINCE 1ST AUGUST?

Communication with everyone in the club is understandably difficult when we all come to the rink at different times and different days so the first job to be tackled was setting up group e-mails systems: one for all members and one for the committee.

I am glad to say that that exercise is now complete, well 99% anyway, with just one or two stragglers still to get back to me.

I hope you agree that compiling a member's group e-mail is worthwhile as it will significantly improve communication. The knock on effect being that members can feel more involved and able to play a more active role within the club.

It is of course not intended that it should replace the web site and notice boards, more of an additional medium for communicating within the club.

FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

The committee have also been very busy behind the scenes trying lots of different avenues to raise funds for the club and/or find sources of discount for members. Funding applications have already been submitted to the **Lottery**, **South Lanarkshire Council** and **the Police**. We expect to receive decisions on at least 2 of these by the end of September.

A further application is being submitted to **Frankie and Benny's**, who is known to be interested in sponsoring clubs like ourselves.

Keep your fingers crossed! We will let you know how successful we are as soon as we can.

DARLA'S DRESSES

Darla's Dresses will now advertise through our web site. For that concession they will pay direct to EKIFSC 5% of any goods bought through their site or from their stalls at ice competition venues.

REMEMBER you have to say you are members of EKIFSC at the point of purchase.

KAOS

This store will also advertise through our site but in this case you, the members, will receive 5% discount on any goods purchased from his store or stall at skating venues

Again you should say that you are EKIFSC members. In addition **KAOS** will make a small annual donation to club funds.

Further "begging" letters have been sent out to other companies just this week so watch this space!!

If any members know of any companies/organisations who may be willing to help please feel free to progress either on your own or by contacting a committee member.

TRACKSUITS

This is a dangerous subject! One that has caused much wailing and gnashing of teeth let me tell you.

However after much debate and taking into account membership views it was decided that the best way forward is to go for a fitted fleece instead of a tracksuit for

all the skaters. The ball is now rolling and I will keep you informed as best I can.

The best bit of news is that we are hoping to get some sponsorship from TOA Taxis and should this materialise we will be able to keep the cost of the fleece to a minimum.

(Track suits can still be ordered if any member particularly wants one. However our supplier has informed us the current model has been discontinued but a very similar model is available. The difficulty is that they would have to be ordered in batches of no less than 12 and the cost would be about £40.00.)

FUTURE EVENTS

We are hoping to run a dress sale sometime in December.

(Date to be confirmed) and a

Bag packing day is scheduled to take place in November.

(Date to be confirmed) I can hear the groans already but it does raise a lot of money which will benefit your child in the long run. It'll be a laugh!!!!

What is Happening with our Skaters?

A further bulletin will be issued shortly letting you all know all about our international skaters and what they will be doing and where they are going.

I think that is all the news for now. Remember to keep checking your e-mail, notice board and web site for future updates.

Thanks,

Eleanor Farrell
Secretary
EKIFSC.