



NEWSLETTER NO. 2
OCTOBER 2009.

Dear Club Members,

Firstly, can I on behalf of the committee, the coaches and everyone else at the club offer a mighty WELL DONE! and CONGRATULATIONS! to all our skaters who took part in the **Dundee Open** and the **Scottish Championships in Dumfries**. You are all a credit to this club and we are all very very proud of you. Keep up the good work!

SKATING NEWS:

I am aware that I said in the last newsletter that a skating bulletin would issue following the newsletter. I am sorry that this has not happened, as I hate to promise something then not deliver.

My difficulty is I am a member for one of the youngest children in the club so I am mostly ignorant about what is happening at the senior levels

Please bear with me for a while longer as I am actively working on setting up an arrangement with all the coaches to update me on everything that is going on. Then you will get your skating bulletin.

It may be old news by the time I get it out but you will get one whether you want it or not! Be warned!

Funding and Sponsorship.

As I reported last month, the committee had submitted applications for some grants

I do not know if you are aware but the club cannot apply for grants just for club funds. The applications have to be event specific. So the Lottery application was targeted at helping our international skaters with their heavy expenses; the Police application was for the difference in patch ice costs between East Kilbride and Braehead and the SLC Community Grant was pitched at recovering entrance fees for the Scottish Championships at Dumfries.

Disappointingly, our Lottery application was rejected. A

severe blow to the hopes of our international skaters. The Police Board have not yet responded but I am happy to say that we received £250.00 from SLC. A small amount I know but it is better than nothing. We can apply again next year but from what I have read, it may be SLC asking EKIFSC for funding next year!

As the club presented forty-two (42) skaters at Dumfries, it works out about £6.00 per head.

Any member wishing to have their £6.00 refunded should contact the Treasurer or any other committee member and we will pass on the request to our Treasurer on your behalf. (SEE ** BELOW)

Swanson's

Our begging letters have been successful in adding Swanson's of Clarkston to our list of retailers who will now advertise on the club site. For that concession they will pay direct to EKIFSC 5% of any goods bought from their store.

N.B MEMBERS HAVE TO PRODUCE THEIR NISA CARD AT THE POINT OF PURCHASE

(I realise that not all members have a NISA card but in that case just give your name to the shopkeeper who will check with me that you are a member of the club).

We have had no further responses from our other begging letters but I live in hope and will inform you as soon as I hear any news.

If any members know of any organisation/ company who may be willing to help the club in any way, please feel free to progress either on your own or by contacting a committee member to take it forward.

Fleeces and Tracksuits,

This subject will be the cause of an early demise for me I'm sure. The goal posts change by the minute and being old has me in a state of almost perpetual confusion. What I can say for sure is all our skaters now have their fleeces at no cost to the members. They are a gift from the club to say thanks to our skaters for all their hard work in the past year.

As I told you last month we have applied to **TOA** for sponsorship of the club but as yet we have had no reply. However, we have sourced cheaper tracksuits, from the same supplier as the fleeces, so there may be a chance that the skaters can get tracksuits as well as fleeces at

very little cost should the TOA funding come through.

(SEE ** ABOVE) (It has been suggested that the £6.00 per head from the SLC grant could just go into the pot to help finance the purchase of the tracksuits rather than refunding the money to each member who competed at Dumfries. This decision must be made by each individual however so there is no pressure to do this)
To keep it simple we shall assume, if we do not receive a request from you for a refund by the end of October, that you are all happy with this suggestion.

Future Events

Bag Packing: This is the news that I know you all have been waiting for. We have managed to arrange a bag-packing day at Sainsbury's in Hamilton on Sunday the 6th December. Starting time will be about 11.00am until around 5.00pm. We need as many volunteers as we can get so let's see if this can be the best bag packing ever and we can raise lots of funds for the club!!!! What else could you be doing on a Sunday 3 weeks before Xmas?

Dress Sale.

Another date to put in your diary is the weekend of the 21st/22nd of November 2009 as we have obtained permission from the rink manager to hold our dress sale on those dates. So look out all those dresses that are taking up space that you wish to pass on and get them ready for the sale now. I will contact everyone again soon with all the details.

Xmas Party

A couple of ideas were discussed at the committee meeting that require some further investigation before any decision can be made. The next committee meeting has been brought forward to 31st. October so hopefully I can let you know what is happening about Xmas after then.

Dance Classes

All members may wish to note that the ballet/dance tuition continues to be available on a Sunday morning from 11.15 am until 12.00pm. Class tuition is provided by Karen Bordon Dance Academy. These classes are open to all age groups. Fees are payable four weekly in advance at a cost of £20.00 per member. Contact Karen Leslie direct for all info either on 07983119342 or e-mail i-leslie@sky.com

I think that is all the news for the moment but remember to keep consulting the web site and notice board for any further updates.

Cheers,

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EKIFSC.