

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Board Meeting Minutes

- In attendance: Betty, DC, Kraken, Joplin, Techno, Syn, Letha, Kitty, Lawless, and Siege
- Mouse
  - Brought by bout poster draft
  - Board reviewed and gave feedback for edits, including adding sponsor logos and making font more bold and readable from a distance
  - Original design will be kept and printed for skaters and merch table
    - September 13<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for poster changes, September 27<sup>th</sup> is the cut off for programs
- Beasley recap
  - Suggested donation of \$5
  - Steve Shannon will be an announcer
  - Techno will make handout for junior derby interest, as well as a takeaway handout for new/junior skater interest
  - Beer garden to benefit Gladish community center for re-flooring purposes
    - Discussion of whether to have cover charge or not- TBD
  - VIP passes should have derby girl escort to get spectators to VIP area, to answer questions, etc.
  - If RHDD skaters have ideas for new sponsorship ideas, please talk to DC or Lawless ASAP
- Bouter Picture
  - ALL bouters (those who have passed min skills) should show up to practice early on Wednesday, **September 18<sup>th</sup>** wearing black bouter shirts and gear. Skaters will bring extra bout shirts if they have any. Picture to be taken at 6:30, please be there on time and ready to go.
- Gladish Floor
  - Sean Pattinson from Pattinson's Skate Rink in Spokane will be redoing Gladish's floor next year
  - Skaters **MUST** have knee covers by **October 1<sup>st</sup>**, or will not be permitted to skate. No exceptions
  - Kraken will be holding work party for skaters to help cover fresh meat knee pads
  - We will have another required floor cleaning before **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please keep your eyes out for this. We can do it potluck style, again ☺
- Fresh Meat Gear
  - Gear is needed for the Fresh Meat program, especially skates, toe stops and wheels. If you can part with any of these things for the program, please do so.
  - Another option is to lend outdoor skates to the program over the winter while not in use, and then picking back up when needed as the weather warms again.
- 2014 Season
  - Board voted and approved a start and end to RHDD's "season" which will end mid November and will pick back up mid January
    - Practices will be scaled back (2 hours practices, twice a week) and open during this time. There will be no dedicated FM program. Attendance will not be taken or recorded.

- More information to come
  - Board discussed travel and home bouts for next season. Aiming for approximately 10 total bouts, including home, away, and Gladish bouts.
  - Discussed interest in playing Spokarnage and/or Wild West Showdown.
    - Information and interest inconclusive, and board will re-address at a later time
- Proposed Attendance Policy
  - Board seemed in favor of new proposed policy
  - Discussed the shortcomings of the current policy, whereas the new policy would shift more responsibility and information to skaters to maintain attendance requirements
  - Would make decisions on rostering more clear cut as pertaining to attendance
  - Board did note vote on policy, and is still open to feedback and adaptations
- Fresh Meat Program
  - Curls and Coaching Committee proposed an adaptation to the FM program for next season that is in early stages of discussion.
  - Proposed 8 week cycles of incoming fresh meat, allowing brand new skaters at the beginning of the cycle, then bringing them through until testing in the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> week.
  - Coaching Committee discussed meeting the needs of FM v. Vets at FM practice, and discussed the possibility of adding another open practice during the week to be able to focus more attention on FM during their practices.
    - Will help promote bonding and retention rates if the practices weren't as big, intimidating, and filled with pre-established relationships
  - Still open for discussion and adaptation, but the board sounded in favor of the possibility
  - Funds for an additional practice will be discussed as a new contract is drafted with Gladish