

Incline Booster Club Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2019 at 6:00pm  
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**In Attendance:**

Tanya Rock	Teresa VanWinkle	Kim Thorn
April Bradley	Amie Durocher	Ivelise Herrera
Maria Smith	Ligia Zapparoli	Adam Rocklin
Mandy Novak	Marianne Anzaldua	Kris Merrill
Monica Pulver	Mairo Anzaldua	David Jolly
Glenn McWilliams	Andrea Brinkerhoff	Lorraine Bockman
Kathi Curtiss	Jacquie Hannason	Christa Lambert
James DeClaire	Jenn Hellem	Melia Gobble
Monica Witkiewicz	Barbara Skalla	Julie Levy
Karen Allen	Jorge Zappara	Kari Zarlengo
David Bradley	Heather Allen	
Veronica Johnson	Kristin McWilliams	
Sasha Campbell-Lott	Stacy Albright	

**President Report – Glenn McWilliams**

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to sign in.  
Announced this is the first meeting of the new fundraising year.

**Vice President Report – Mandy Novak**

Working on Restaurant nights, hoping to have one a month & will send out a sign up genius asking for volunteers. Also looking for team parents.

**Vice President of Communications – Monica Pulver**

Set up Text Messaging Reminder – Text Incline to 484848 to receive text message reminders. Will send out reminders for fundraisers & other important events.

**Treasurer Report – Kari Zarlengo**

For Distribution in June/July 2019 - \$20,956.00  
Reserve Account - \$2,500.00  
Banquet Account - \$1,000.00 (will be paid out for the June 12<sup>th</sup> banquet)  
3 Accounts – Xcel Travel Meet/JO Boys National Fund/JO Girls National Fund - \$1232.73/each  
Scrip to date has raised \$815.00 for the Booster Club  
Individual Scrip - \$2,445.00 – will be paid out June/July 2019 to individual gymnasts

Distribution will be paid out to Xcel and JO Gymnast when the commitment fee is paid to Incline Gymnastics and we get a list of committed gymnast for the next season from the gym. It will be deducted off Total Meet Fees/Dues that the gymnast receives from Incline Gymnastics.

**Secretary Report – Tanya Rock**

Getting updated team list from Christi.

- The booster club did not have at time of the meeting numbers of Xcel & JO Gymnasts. Since the meeting, Christi sent the team lists. As of June 1, 2019 -

## JO Boys & Girls – 65 Gymnasts and Xcel - 31 Gymnasts

**Gym Report** – no report at this time.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Scrip & King Sooper** – remember to log onto King Sooper and choose IGBC as your charity of choice.

**Restaurant Nights** – Mandy Novak working on sign up genius

**Salsa Fundraiser** – Lauren Woodin

**Starts June 5 – 17<sup>th</sup>. Orders/money due on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Delivery date is June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Forms will go out to JO gymnast this week & Monica will send out reminders.

**Peach Fundraiser** – Mandy Lupher/Mandy Novak

Palisade peaches – will ask for no messaging on the boxes this year as part of the contract. They provide forms and Mandy looking into selling & delivery dates, will be in August 2019. She will check if they sell pears too.

### **Reminders –**

**Amazon Smile** – log your Amazon account to IGBC. The club has made \$82.00 this past year from the program.

**Pure Vida Bracelets** – sold at front desk for \$5.00

**IG Logos** – sold at front desk \$5/small logo - \$7/large logo

**Corporate Sponsorship** – The club has 4 corporate sponsorships. Two credited to last year fundraising & two new sponsorships credited to this year fundraising.

This is a yearly renewal based on the time the banners are put up in the gym.

### **New Fundraising Ideas –**

**Unique Air Fresheners** – 50% return – Christina Stoltz recommended. Will ask Christina if she wants to head up the fundraiser.

### **Old Business**

**Communication** – David Bradley/Monica Pulver

Once we get new email list, we will send out a reminder to opt in to text messages - Text Incline to 484848. Will text out important fundraising dates & details.

### **New Business –**

#### **Separate Xcel from the Booster Club & Vote by the IGBC Board**

\* Discussion about the proposed separation --

\* The board stated the separation is proposed due to the IRS Guidelines for a 501c3 – and specifically that the IRS requires that a non-profit organization have an acceptable “Charitable Purpose” defined within their relatively tight parameters, and that such a narrowly defined charitable purpose exists only if the gymnastics club “fosters national and/or international amateur sports competition”. The JO program meets this standard, however, the Xcel program does not.

\* The Board further discussed how the differences between the Xcel and JO programs (in terms of time commitment, costs, frequency and distance of travel and, therefore cost of travel) create divergent perspectives on what method of Distribution of Booster Club funds is “fair”, and that to continue as a combined booster club with ongoing ill will about overall fairness (or the lack thereof)

is dysfunctional, and that two independent clubs could address the specific and different needs of the two programs better, and more equitably than one club can.

\* At least one Xcel parent commented that the fund distribution plan, although she didn't like it, was a settled issue. However, several other Xcel parents wanted to continue to discuss and debate it, thereby confirming the point about how the differences in the programs calls for independent booster clubs and decision-making.

\* There was general discussion and disagreement regarding other gymnastics booster clubs and whether they have separate or joined booster clubs for Xcel & JO teams.

\* Multiple copies of a spreadsheet were provided by an unknown Xcel parent listing gyms in CO. The spreadsheet appears to be intended to show whether these other gyms have booster clubs, and if so, whether that club has both JO and Xcel under a single club or as separate clubs, and whether they are non-profit or for-profit clubs. However well-intended, the spreadsheet was incomplete and unclear as to the above categories, and contained no information regarding whether or not these booster clubs were adhering to IRS rules, and was therefore unhelpful in establishing any sort of trend or providing any global information or facts with which to make a decision.

\* Several Xcel parents expressed a concern that a split of the booster club will cause separation in the teams and we will not be all one family. Several JO parents disagreed and offered comments and ideas as to how the separation provides an excellent opportunity for Xcel to establish an independent club to address the specific needs and goals of the Xcel gymnasts and families, and that this separation is the best moving forward since the program needs of both are so different.

\* A couple of JO parents said they feel the gymnasts get along in the gym and don't have any ill will or negative feelings toward each other, and probably should be allowed to focus on their gymnastics rather than worry about what is really just parent politics. A few Xcel parents disagreed with that & think it will affect prospective Xcel gymnasts wanting to come to Incline Gymnastics.

\* More than one Xcel parent pointed out that JO Parents have chosen the JO path and the costs that come with it. At least one JO Parent pointed out it isn't about the cost, it comes down to the fairness issue and the IRS guidelines and how Xcel doesn't legally qualify to be in the non-profit booster club.

\* It was brought up that this isn't the first time this discussion to split the booster club into 2 – non-profit and for-profit has come up. The previous Board voted to keep Xcel, but had not considered the narrowness of the IRS guidelines regarding the charitable purpose in that decision.

An Xcel parent asked why the Board has not moved forward with changing to a for-profit model, even though it has discussed it throughout the year, and further, if the Board rejected it, why should Xcel have to use a for-profit model for their new booster club? The Board pointed out that it did not want to give up the 501c3 status and some of the great fundraising possibilities that come with it, and that Xcel would not be able to create, or qualify as a non-profit club, and would therefore need to move forward with the for-profit model. In addition, it was pointed out that there are terrific advantages to operating as a for-profit club, and that this would serve the Xcel program well.

\* Xcel parents expressed a concern that the current Board is made up entirely of JO parents and no Xcel parents. At least one Board Member reminded meeting attendees that there were three positions open last year and two positions open last month during elections. One Xcel parent replied that the current board is hostile and that is why they haven't volunteered for board positions the past 2 years. Another Xcel parent stated that they were not aware of elections being held. A Board Member described the multiple methods used to communicate this information via the website, emails and the posting and handing out of paper notices prior to both of the elections.

- \* Several Xcel parents asked for the Board to be changed to an even number of JO and Xcel parents (presumably immediately). Several Board Members explained that the Bylaws and prudence would not allow such a change. A JO parent pointed out that she was on the board 3 years ago for two years, and not one time when elections were held did an Xcel parent volunteer.
- \* With the split, Xcel families will still receive fundraising money from last year when the distribution payout is finalized, which should be in June 2019 or July 2019 after gymnast pay their commitment fee to Incline gymnastics.
- \* After a long discussion, it was clear that many of the Xcel parents present were not in support of the proposed separation, and many of the JO parents in attendance seemed to support the proposed separation. Although, some Xcel parents seemed to be agreeing by the end of the meeting that a split was best, or at least were asking questions and talking amongst themselves about how the new booster club might operate and what it would take to start a for-profit club and how, or whether both clubs might work together and share in some fundraisers.
- \* The board again pointed out the IRS Guidelines require that a non-profit booster club “foster national and/or international amateur sports competition and the Xcel program does not meet that standard.

**A motion was made by Kari Zarlengo –**

**“I move to revise the IGBC membership roster definition to include as members those involved in the JO Programs, allowing the Xcel program members to establish and operate an independent booster club.”**

**Motion Seconded by Tanya Rock**

**Discussion was before the motion.**

**Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion – Yes to by Glenn, Kari, Tanya, Monica and Mandy.**

Glenn stated that the JO Board would be happy to help Xcel set up their booster club and hope moving forward that we can share fundraisers.

The board believes this is the best decision for the booster club and all of the Incline families moving forward.

**Next Meeting : Monday, July 8, 2019 at 5:00pm**