

TCDG Meeting Notes 1/30/2024

In Attendance:

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| • Katie | • Marisa | • Sam (Slamilton) |
| • Jill | • Nakita | • Tamira |
| • Anne | • Hailey | • Leah |
| • Michael | • Jessi | • Stephanie |
| • Sam (Rumble Jane) | • Tommy | • Lindsay |
| | • Cari | • Dan |
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Facilities

Champaign practices at Douglass Gym

- Will continue Thursdays at 6pm-8pm as per usual.

Illini Skateland (Danville) Practices

- Track is being added to the floor on March 16. (Experienced derby members who have track laying experience are encouraged to help, Contact Cari for more info.)
- We will institute practices in Danville from 10am - Noon at Skateland every other Sunday beginning Feb 11.
- Practices will cost \$5 cash/per person paid to Illini Skateland
- Will coordinate Car pooling (via facebook group?)
- Danville practices will focus on derby gameplay and will essentially be scrimmages 😊

Illini Skateland (Danville) Scrimmages/Games

- April 7 we will host our first beginner scrimmy
 - We need to be out by 12, so the scrimmage will start early morning (8am?)
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Team Administration

Dues!

- The paypal link for the dues can be found at the footer of our website twincityderbygroup.com and is pinned in the Facebook group <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/TwinCityDerbyGroup>
- **PAY YOUR DUES!!!** We are lacking in funds and having issues paying for the practice space until people pay up. We might start having to enforce no dues/no practice.
- If you can afford it please back pay whatever dues you may owe.
- January and December dues were combined so if you paid for one of these months it covers both.
- Payments can still be made in alternative methods (cash venmo etc..)
- In April Max and Lindsay will be taking over dues.
- If you are having problems with paying dues please talk to Katie or Jill.

New Skaters/ Recruitment and Training!

- We currently have a solid group and need to focus on building our current team so we may be holding on any recruitment this year. We can revisit this decision later in the year.
- May allow experienced skaters who may reach out to us to potentially join mid season on a case by case basis.
- Drop in Skaters will be welcome for experienced derby skaters who may reach out to us. Will institute a cost of \$5 a practice. **No insurance, no contact policy.**

Banking/Financials

- Things are still being sorted out to get all the banking and finances of the club on track.
- **Will need to get this sorted and renew our 5013c ASAP**

TCDG Schedule of Events

Meetings:

- Formal full league meetings were decided to happen quarterly.
 - We should try to fit in another before our next big fundraiser.
- Board meetings maybe happen monthly? Maybe discuss this next meeting?
- Committees can decide how often they want/need to meet.

Spring Fundraiser or Banquet

- Used most of last year's fundraiser funds to pay Douglass rent and fund our current Merch.
- Another Merch Fundraiser?

- Need ideas for more fundraising opportunities (Meals? Donut sales? Sponsoring Fast Casual restaurant days? Car washes, Etc...)

Sponsorships

- These can start to happen once we have worked out where/how to promote sponsors
- Scrimmages/Bouts helps this
- Can push on social media and our website, programs, shirts, gear, etc..

Merch

- Katie mentioned supplying new members with some of the merch that last years members received (Bottles/buttons/etc..) Need to determine if these will cost (like last years startup fees or not).
- We will organize another group order for the basic black and white logo scrimmage shirts. Discussed going with the same vendor Katie went with last year. TBD.
- Katie mentioned the group store that was set up for us by this vendor.
<https://www.madgd.com/twin-city-derby-group-fan-page?fbclid=IwAR24oLY80u4i-a9RHG6N18F5iLc8rHPG0MWltWR99ip787INrMFdLrZwiaU>
- Jerseys were discussed. We will need to figure out official jerseys in the future (costs, vendor, who is paying, sponsorships, design, etc..).
- For now basic scrimmage attire will work. Reminder for anyone who is diy-ing their own scrimmage shirts, WFTDA does have rules/standards for uniforms for both players and refs in sanctioned games. This is not as big of a deal in unofficial scrimmages but may be considered for best practices. (WFTDA Uniform policy can be found here on page 5 <https://static.wftda.com/sanctioning/wftda-sanctioning-policy.pdf>)

Calendar

- An official calendar will be worked out that will detail information like practices, events, social gatherings, etc.
- Discussed on how we will host this (public/private, where, etc...) Currently thinking of google calendar? TBD.

Roles and Responsibilities

Coaches:

Head Coach: Tommy

Assistant Coaches: Dan & Leah

Others are welcome to guest coach at coaches discretion with Katie and Jill as Backup.

It was mentioned that Hails and Slamilton have offered good advice on drills and may be used for coaching assistance in the future.

Committees:

There was a breakdown of 6 main committees that Jill and Katie feel like we need and nominations for members to head these committees were mentioned and detailed below. Many still need help.

1. **Membership Coordinator.** Reports to Katie.
Maintains contact info for all members. Names, Jersey Numbers, Phone, Email, Emergency contacts, status (i.e. member, skater, coach, ref, non-skating member, doppel), new member intake, forms for new members, board and committee file organization
Nominated: Ali. Could use 1 or 2 more members.
2. **Communications Committee.** Reports to Jill.
Marketing, Social Media, website, PR, Merch Organization and Sales
Anne & Sam. Could maybe use more help
3. **Safety Committee.** Reports to Jill.
Refs, NSOs, WFTDA updates, Training, Medical
Marisa, Nakita, Emily, Michael
4. **Facilities and Operations Committee.** Reports to Katie.
Facilities management, Danville coordination, bout and scrimmage coordination and scheduling. Katie will schedule actual bouts/scrimmages. Committee will just help with coordination or venue and day of operations.
Lacy, Cari. Could use 2-3 more members.
5. **Outreach and Fundraising Committee.** Reports to Katie.
Planning and Coordinating fundraisers, sponsorships, team collaborations, annual events (Pride), Etc...
Lacy, Cari, Tamira, Ali? Could use a few more.
6. **Team Activity/Social Committee.** Reports to Jill
Plans and coordinates team activities such as social outings, team building opportunities, holiday celebrations, etc..
Max, Lindsay, Leah. Could use some more help.

Could use a street team that helps when it comes to spreading the word. Can aid Communications and Outreach as needed. Jessi mentioned helping here.

Current Board:

Board is composed of current members and new committee heads. Things can change as we evolve and official board member votes will be held in future.

President: Katie

Vice President: Jill

Treasurer: Katie and Jill are doing this currently. Will change once banking is sorted out.

Secretary: Nikita

Head Coach: Tommy

Facilities Coordinator: Cari

Safety Officer: Marisa

Communications Officer: Anne

Membership Coordinator: Ali (?)