Welcome & introductions – President Steen has again provided funds for the OS members coffee at our meetings. We will also have a sign-up sheet at the meeting for members to contribute as well to bring snacks to go with our coffee.

Elaine Doell – discussion about 2011 holidays – Elaine explained the previous year holidays aside from the regular holidays were Columbus Day, the day after Thanksgiving and a floating holiday. We were then given an option to vote on whether to keep these holidays again this year or change them. A motion was made by Barbara Noyes to keep this holidays which was seconded by Antonio Medaglia, all voted in favor of keeping the holidays as Columbus Day, the day after Thanksgiving and have a floating holiday.

Welcoming committee – introduce new OS members – Introduction of the new OS members that were in attendance at this meeting. Brad Johnson (Ice Arena), Joe Arena (PP), Amanda Superchi (Ice Arena), Mead Miller (Ice Arena).

Approval of June meeting minutes – The motion to approve the June minutes was made by Barbara Noyes and seconded by Nikki Nunes.

New things this year –

   Question of the month – OS members were seated at round tables that contained a piece of paper and pen. Members were asked to introduce each other if they were sitting with other members who they were not familiar with and to discuss the question topic together and state their answers on the paper. Questions will be provided at our monthly meetings in this same style and the results of the questions will be provided at the following meeting.

   Punch cards - Mark Casale explained to OS members the purpose of the punch cards which is another new initiative we are hoping will improve attendance at OS meetings. Each time you come to a
meeting, you will receive a punch on your punch card. If you bring someone with you who does not normally attend, you will receive 2 punches each time you do that. The goal would be to fill your punch card as many times as you can in order to win a laptop at the end of December.

Comment basket – Mark also explained the comment basket which is an anonymous way for OS members to tell us what they are thinking. Whether it be a comment or suggestion for a future meeting, or a problem they think needs to be addressed. The basket will be in the back of the room where we are meeting allowing anyone to put their thoughts into the basket anonymously.

Committee reports posted on blog – Diane Tiffany reviewed how committee reports will be handled this year. All committee reports will be due to Colleen Kenny the 1st week of each month in order to be posted on the web for the following meeting. This would allow everyone to check out our blog, review committee reports, etc., prior to attending the next meeting. This process will be more efficient, save time at meetings, and provide details that can be lost during submission on the OS Meeting Minutes.

Introduction of committee members and representatives – All committee members and representatives were named for this year at today’s meeting. A current and updated list was also provided if anyone would like an email copy.

2011 Sara Jayne Steen Operating Staff Service Award on November 10, 2010 – Nomination information will be forthcoming for this year’s award.

Announcements - Ice Arena Public Skating sessions have time ranges that should be checked out before assuming skating is open. PSU members do receive $1 discount with a PSU ID. The only night there is not a discount is the $3 night which is understandable. Remember this is a self-sustained rink and not financed by PSU, revenue generation is how it will be maintained.

Laconia Eye Clinic is now in Plymouth and part of Harvard Pilgrim. Laconia Eye has moved into the former location of Dr. Richards, while Dr. Richards has moved to the Boulder Point facility.

FY10 raises will be in this week’s check – and were retro back to 1/1/11.

Blood donation this afternoon at the Armory from 12-6. Also – organ donations are always needed, please think about changing this on your license if you have not done so already.

Discussion of the Scholarship Committee funds on an OS event. This seemed to be quite the topic at today’s meeting which some believing the funds should be used strictly for student scholarships and some believing it would be appropriate after 2 scholarships are funded to use the funds for an OS event. Bylaws were reviewed which stated that a ‘portion’ of the funds were to be used for scholarships from this Fundraising Committee. More discussion on this at next meeting.

Treasurer’s report - $2,676.13 in our regular account and $302.60 in our food account.

Announce October meeting speaker
Review of 50/50 drawing

50/50 drawing – *Deana Atwood was this monthly winner of the 50/50.*