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Biographical/Historical Information

The Charlottesville Derby Dames are Charlottesville's first and only skater-run, flat track roller derby league. The Dames' mission is to promote sportsmanship and community by providing an alternative form of fitness and entertainment to the women and men of Charlottesville and surrounding counties.

The idea to form a derby team in Charlottesville began back in 2007 with founding members Jessika Daver and Phenol Barbie Doll. By October of that year the Dames had recruited more team members and began to practice. The Dames made their public debut in 2008 when three CDD members (Little Miss Pissed, Matilda Molish, Dark and Stormy) played in Commotion by the Ocean, a roller derby event in Virginia Beach. In 2009 the Dames hosted their first home bout, Daylight Slayings, featuring Charlottesville Derby Dames v. Northside Stranglers at Expoland.

The league has steadily grown to around 60 members. As of January 2011, the league grew to two bouting teams drafted for skill equality at the start of the season, generally referred to as "split teams" (the Downtown Maulers and the Blue Ridge Bombshells), plus a travel team comprised of reliable, devoted, and skilled skaters (the All-Stars). By the end of 2012, the team added a second travel team (now known as the Belmont Bruisers) and elected to keep the split teams primarily for intraleague scrimmages. In addition, the league comprises many trainers, coaches, refs, NSOs, and non-skating members. The Dames became members of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) in December 2012.

The Dames are active in the local community and donate portions of the proceeds from their bouts and events to local charities and engage in other community events.

Timeline January 25, 2007: First interest meeting for a roller derby team held at Atomic Burrito.

November 14, 2007: First practice at the National Guard Armory

June 8, 2008: Three members of the Dames play in their first bout: Commotion by the Ocean

October 31, 2008: Dames host their first event: Masquerade Brawl

November 1, 2009: Dames host their first home bout: Daylight Slayings held at Augusta Expo in Fishersville, Va.

April 30, 2011: Dames host their first bout at the Main Street Arena, on Charlottesville's Downtown Mall: Brawl on the Mall

November 11, 2010: Dames featured on season premiere of Charlottesville Inside Out August 5, 2011: Dames host the first annual Virginia is for Shovers Tournament

December 13, 2012: Dames become members of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association after a year-long apprenticeship with the organization

Scope and Content Information

The Charlottesville Derby Dames records include approximately 1,100 electronic documents, primarily in Word, Excel, PDF, and JPEG formats, outlining the formation of the team and its operation. An additional 12,750 digital photographs and videos are also included, as well as captures of the Dames' website and facebook circa December 2012.

The collection covers the earliest organizational efforts of this non-profit athletic organization in 2007 and include items like meeting minutes and event planning records, rosters, flyers, programs and other promotional materials, bylaws and policies. All Dames use pseudonyms when referring to each other ("derby names"), therefore supplementary documentation of actual names as well as a history of events are included.

In addition, the team has donated a small collection of physical flyers, programs, and any other media appearances (primarily newspaper or magazines with articles) from the years 2011 and 2012.

The electronic documents contained in this collection were transferred through multiple electronic systems before arriving in the custody of the University of Virginia. Transfers prior to arriving at the archive have

resulted in modifying the date of creation or last modification. In particular, many documents were copied from a Yahoo! message board in January of 2011 to a shared GoogleDocs drive, resulting in a date of creation of January 27, 2011. In some cases the date of the electronic document will appear to be out of the scope of the collection because of a file system characteristic (such as having been created in 1979) and should not be trusted. When the approximate dates of the materials are known, these are indicated in the finding aid.

Contents List

Series I: Bylaws, Policies, and Forms

Scope and Contents

This series contains the organizational documents of the team. The Bylaws exist in the original 2008 document, as well as revisions from 2012. Other documents describe proposed changes to the structure of the league into separate teams, changes required to join the WFTDA, and articles of incorporation required to achieve non-profit status. Forms include those required by third-party insurers as well as those required by the league. Other documents pertain to the Dames' Code of Conduct and Member's Handbook.

Bylaws

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

31 digital files

Scope and Content

Copies of the approved Bylaws of the Dames from both 2008 and 2012, as well as documents drafting changes to the Bylaws and outlining membership tiers and criteria.

Forms

Unit Date 2010-2012

Extent

22 digital files

Policies

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

7 digital files

Scope and Content

Policies primarily include the Code of Conduct and the member handbook.

Series II: Committee Documents and Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 2008-2012

Scope and Contents note

The Dames have multiple sub-committees as well as monthly overall team meetings. This series contains meeting minutes and other documentation produced by these committees. The original committees in 2008 were Membership, Public Relations (PR), Coaching, Fundraising, Community Service, and Bout Production/Space. The committees were simplified into three major committees in 2010: Community Relations (including the former PR, Fundraising and Community Services committees), Team Building (including the former Coaching and Membership Committees) and Productions. In addition, the Dames vote in a Management Team every year consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Two Skater Representatives, and the Heads of the three committees.

Team Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

57 digital files.

Management Committee Minutes

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

47 digital files

2012 Nominations and Elections

Unit Date 2011-2012

Extent

21 digital files

Community Relations Committee Minutes

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

17 digital files

Community Service sub-committee

Unit Date 2008

Extent

2 digital files

Fundraising sub-committee

Unit Date 2008-2009

Extent

17 digital files

Nerd Herd sub-committee

Unit Date 2011-2012

Extent

14 digital files

Public Relations sub-committee

Unit Date 2008-2009

Extent

2 digital files

Sponsorship sub-committee

Unit Date 2010-2012

Extent

15 digital files

Productions Committee

Unit Date 2009-2012

General Bout Preparation Documents

Unit Date 2009

Extent

7 digital files

Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 2010-2012

Extent

50 digital files

Announcers sub-committee

Extent

7 digital files

Fearleaders sub-committee

Extent

4 digital files

Team Building Committee

Unit Date 2008-2012

Scope and Contents

2011 is the only for which general Team Building meeting minutes exist. Minutes from general Team Building meetings were not saved as documents in 2012, instead they were posted to the group's online message board which is not included in this collection. A large sub-committee of Team Building is Coaching and minutes exist for this group going back to 2008 before it became a sub-committee of Team Building.

2011 Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 2011

Extent

12 digital files

2012 Bout Eligibility Task Force

Unit Date 2012

Extent

8 digital files

2012 Team Structure Workgroup

Unit Date 2012

Extent

5 digital files

All-Stars sub-committee

Unit Date 2012

Extent

19 digital files

Coaching and Training sub-committee Minutes

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

45 digital files

Assessments

Extent

20 digital files

Training Guidelines and notes

Extent

22 digital files

Officials' Guidelines and Statistics

Extent

32 digital files

Membership sub-committee

Unit Date 2008-2009

Extent

9 digital files

Uniform Task Force

Unit Date 2011

Extent

5 digital files

Series III: Membership

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

9 digital files

Scope and Contents note

Documents related to the membership of the team including team members' names, taglines, profiles, and directions on registering "derby names." The sub-series "Fresh Meat and Recruitment" contains documents used for recruiting new skaters into the introductory program known as "Fresh Meat." During Fresh Meat, new members learn how to skate and the basic rules of roller derby. Documents in this series include promotional flyers as well as Fresh Meat membership packets.

Subseries A: General Membership Documents

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

9 digital files

Subseries B: Fresh Meat and Recruitment

Unit Date 2008-2010

Extent

30 digital files

Series IV: Bouts

Unit Date 2009-2012

Scope and Contents note

Documents related to the planning, promotion, and execution of home bouts.

2009

Unit Date 2009

Extent

9 digital files

2010

Unit Date 2010

Extent

34 digital files

2011

Unit Date 2011

Extent

28 digital files

2012

Unit Date 2012

Extent

31 digital files

Scope and Content

Contains bout contracts for 2012 bouts

General Documentation for Bout Planning

Unit Date 2011-2012

Extent

17 digital files

Scope and Content

Documents guidelining bout activities such as selling ads, task lists, and schedules.

Merchandise

Unit Date 2010-2012

Extent

324 digital files

Scope and Content

Documents included in the creation of and selling of merchandise featuring the Dames, usually sold at bouts. Includes a merchandise price list, artwork for buttons and trading cards, and ordering and inventory documentation

Series V: Virginia is for Shovers

Unit Date 2011-2012

Scope and Contents note

Documents related to the planing of the annual, state-wide roller derby tournament "Virginia is for Shovers" hosted by the Dames.

2011

Unit Date 2011

Extent

5 digital files

2012

Unit Date 2012

Extent

19 digital files

Facebook page

Unit Date 2012

Extent

2 digital files

Website

Unit Date 2012

Extent

12 digital files

Series VI: Events

Unit Date 2008-2012

Scope and Contents note

Documents pertaining to the planning and promotion of non-bout Events including fundraisers, promotional events, and charity events. The Dames first major public event was the "Masquerade Brawl" a party and derby demo event held in Charlottesville's IX building. Other events include the Belle of the Brawl fundraiser, car wash fundraisers, and participation in Charlottesville events such as parades, festivals, and charitable events.

2008 Events

Unit Date 2008

Extent

16 digital files

2009 Events

Unit Date 2009

Extent

4 digital files

2010 Events

Unit Date 2010

Extent

15 digital files

2011 Events

Unit Date 2011

Extent

9 digital files

2012 Events

Unit Date 2012

Extent

8 digital files

Series VII: Multimedia

Graphics

Unit Date 2008

Extent

16 digital files

Scope and Contents note

Team logo in various formats

Audio

Unit Date 2012

Extent

3 digital files

Scope and Content

Audio captures from promotional spots on WCNR, 106.1 The Corner during the 2012 season.

Photographs

Unit Date 2007-2012

CDD Headshots

Unit Date 2008-2011

Extent

64 digital files

Photos by Jason Lappa

Unit Date 2009-2010

Extent

13 digital files

Photos by "Jugglenaut" (Dan Purdy)

Unit Date 2010-2012

Scope and Content

Photos from the 2010, 2011, and 2012 season including posed photo shoots, events, practices, and bouts.

2010 Season

Unit Date 2010

Battlefield Team Photo

Unit Date 2010

Extent

27 digital files

Car Wash Fiesta

Unit Date 2010

Extent

38 digital files

Bout vs. Rocktown Rollers (Staunton, Waynesboro, Rockingham and Augusta Counties)

Unit Date June 2010

Extent

72 digital files

Practice

Unit Date 7-18-2010

Extent

122 digital files

Bout vs. River City Rollergirls (Richmond, Va.)

Unit Date 7-2010

Extent

152 digital files

Bout vs. Star City Rollergirls (Roanoke, Va.)

Unit Date 7-2010

Extent

206 digital files

Bout vs. NRV Rollergirls (Christiansburg, Va.)

Unit Date 9-4-2010

Extent

116 digital files

Bout vs. Camel City Thrashers (Greensboro, NC)

Unit Date 10-10-2010

Extent

202 digital files

2011 Season

Unit Date 2011

Bout vs. Mason-Dixon Roller Vixens (Hagerstown, MD)

Unit Date 3-11

Extent

201 digital files

Bout vs. H.A.R.D. (Harrisburg Area Roller Derby, Harrisburg, PA)

Unit Date 3-13-2011

Extent

234 digital files

Doctors vs. Germs mock bout for the Charlottesville Free Clinic at Main Street Arena

Unit Date 4-11-2011

Extent

421 digital files

City Hall Announcement

Unit Date 4-18-2011

Extent

23 digital files

Bout vs. Chemical Valley Rollergirls (Charleston, WV)

Unit Date 4-30-2011

Extent

182 digital files

Bout vs. B-Dazzlers (Charlotte, NC)

Unit Date 6-2011

Extent

679 digital files

Bout vs. Star City Rollergirls

Unit Date 6-2011

Extent

147 digital files

Calendar Shoot at Blue Moon Diner

Unit Date 7-2011

Extent

222 digital files

Calendar Shoot at X-Lounge

Unit Date 7-2011

Extent

338 digital files

Bout vs. Charm City Rollergirls' Female Trouble (Baltimore, MD)

Unit Date 7-2011

Extent

138 digital files

Virginia is for Shovers Tournament

Unit Date 2011

Unit Date 2011

Extent

242 digital files

Bruisin Burgs vs. Star City

Unit Date 2011

Extent

234 digital files

CDD vs. Uncivil Warriors**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

282 digital files

Final CDD vs. Mother State**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

636 digital files

Flashmob**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

63 digital files

Open scrimmage**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

140 digital files

Cigars n Brandy vs. Milk n Eclairs**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

266 digital files

Booty vs. Boobies**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

207 digital files

Amazon vs. Short Stack**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

261 digital files

Jocks vs. Nerds**Unit Date** 2011**Extent**

251 digital files

Wonder Woman n Batman vs. Supergirl n Robin

Unit Date 2011

Extent

236 digital files

Car Wash

Unit Date 8-2011

Extent

52 digital files

Bout vs. Blackwater Rollers (Lynchburg, Va.)

Unit Date 9-2011

Extent

156 digital files

Bout vs. Rocktown Rollers (Staunton, Waynesboro, Rockingham and Augusta Counties)

Unit Date 10-2011

Extent

159 digital files

First practice at "Zombie Piano Warehouse" 2011

Unit Date 2011

Extent

421 digital files

2012 Season

Unit Date 2012

Bout vs. River City Rollergirls' Poe's Punishers (Richmond, VA)

Unit Date 2-2012

Extent

264 digital files

Bout vs. Star City Rollergirls (Roanoke, VA)

Unit Date 3-2012

Extent

228 digital files

Bout vs. Blackwater Rollers (Lynchburg, Va.)

Unit Date 2012

Extent

149 digital files

Bout vs. H.A.R.D. (Harrisburg Area Roller Derby, Harrisburg, Pa.)

Unit Date 4-2012

Extent

295 digital files

Dogwood Parade

Unit Date 4-2012

Extent

36 digital files

Bout vs. Charm City Rollergirls Junkyard Dolls (Baltimore, Md.)

Unit Date 5-2012

Extent

171 digital files

Belle of the Brawl Fundraiser

Unit Date 5-2012

Extent

29 digital files

Maulers vs. Bombshells Scrimmage

Unit Date 5-2012

Extent

592 digital files

Photos by "Lockdown Sally" (Charlotte Tisdale)

Unit Date 2010-2012

Roller Derby Car Wash

Unit Date 2010

Extent

278 digital files

Team picture at Key Recreation Center (Charlottesville, Va.)

Unit Date 3-2011

Extent

52 digital files

Last Wednesday Practice at Charlottesville Armory

Unit Date 3-2011

Extent

41 digital files

Belle of the Brawl Fundraiser

Unit Date 5-2011

Extent

206 digital files

New Practice Space

Unit Date 11-2011

Extent

191 digital files

Uncredited Photos

Unit Date 2007-2012

Extent

47 digital files

Press and Clippings

Unit Date 2012

Extent

1 digital files

Slide Shows

Unit Date 2011-2012

Extent

5 digital files

Video

Unit Date 2008-2012

Extent

39 digital files

Website and Facebook pages

Unit Date 2012

Extent

1083 digital files

Scope and Content

Captures of the Dames' website and facebook pages from September 2012. Includes a screenshot of the page, as well as html and supporting files for each.

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