



## Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2019

7:00 p.m. | Rochester Recreation Center | Bob Fick Room



RFSC Mission statement: The purpose of the Rochester Figure Skating Club (RFSC) is to foster, promote, improve, and encourage the sport of figure skating among youth under 18 years of age in the State of Minnesota. The RFSC will encourage and facilitate youth participation in regional, sectional, national and international figure skating competitions. The RFSC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, gender or national origin.

**Board Members:** Tamika Ballard, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), David Cooper, Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Elizabeth Rice, Andrew Schram (Vice President), Darin Tosse

**Absent:** Jeremy Arnold, Amanda Roe

**Other:** Maureen Schembri-Wismayer, Vikki Dalquist, Kari Sackett, Tim Rinkel, Carrie Wise, Megan Engelken

**Call to Order:** Motion made by J. Kappler seconded by T. Ballard at 7:03pm.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion by D. Tosse to approve the consent agenda, seconded by F. Hangge.

1. June 2019 Board of Directors Minutes
2. Synchro Director Report – No report for this month
3. L2S Director Report
4. TCFSA Meeting Notes – No Meetings in July or August

### Reports

1. Junior Board Report- Discussed locker room policy. Discussing JB t-shirts. Finalized locker room cleanup leaders list.
2. Treasurer's Report- L2S is continuing to be a strong program for the club. Budget is favorable.
3. Director's Report- Working on the new Junior Academy program. Introduced a scholarship program, capped at \$5000 per year, for L2S program. Coaches workshop coming up. On Sept 7, RFSC is participating in an open house format with the Rec Center and 125 Live for the public to come experience the building.
4. President's Report- Storage room shelves are purchased, along with rollers for the rubber pads. SafeSport is quickly evolving and we must be knowledgeable on the regulations. Hiawathaland announcement will be coming out soon, and we will be applying for the Excel series again. SafeSport change: emails and texts from adult participants that go to skaters or groups of skaters must be copied to another adult. Reminder, all RFSC Board Members are Mandatory Reporters.

### New Business

1. SafeSport Training and Background Check Requirements – John and Fawn
  - a. We need to get more adults trained and have background checks to help with various volunteer areas such as locker room monitor, etc.

2. Parade Event Summary – Tam
  - a. 15 parents helped put together the float
  - b. 20 kids participated during the parade along with 7 or 8 parents
5. Synchro Camp Theft Issue – Tam
  - a. 2 phones stolen out of the hockey locker rooms, there is a video of the suspect, appears to be a random Rec Center ‘visitor’.
6. 2019-2020 Budget – Fawn and Maureen
  - a. A. Schram made a motion to approve the budget, J. Brehm seconded. All in favor.
7. Show Cast Party Event Price – John
  - a. Fee is \$5. Club is taking a loss. Even with raising it to \$10, the Club would still be at a loss. Board agreed to maintain the \$5 fee as a benefit to the skaters.
8. Show Prop Shop Options – Show Chairs
  - a. New location (several were discussed) or possibly updating the current location is needed.
  - b. Preferred Option: Spend approximately \$4000 to insulate and heat the current location. A. Schram made a motion to have \$5000 allocated to renovate the current Prop Shop with insulation and a propane heater. T. Ballard seconded. All in favor.

### **In-Flight Initiatives**

1. Trophy Case - Darin and Andy- no updates
2. Lettering sign-ups and TOI Lettering at Intermediate
  - a. Waiting for School Board approval, meeting is in September.
  - b. Mandatory meetings will be held August 27, September 12, and September 21. The skater and one parent must each attend one of the meetings.

### **Open Forum**

No topics presented.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by A. Schram at 8:51 pm, seconded by E. Rice.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Brehm, Board Secretary, RFSC

## **Calendar**

Sep 9: TCFSA Meeting

Sep 16: Next Board meeting

Nov 11: TCFSA Meeting

## **2019/20 Test Schedule:**

11/12 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

2/6 Hiawathaland - all FS and MIF, dance thru gold or international depending on judge availability

3/10 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

5/5 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

6/16 All FS and MIF, dance thru pre-gold or gold depending on judge availability

8/4 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

11/10 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

## **Area Competition Schedule:**

Aug 2-4: Robin Lee Midwest Open Competition – Deadline Jun 24

Aug 15-17: MN State and TCFSA Open – Deadline Jul 7

Sep 13-15: Madison Open – Deadline Aug. 19

Sep 28-29: Rising Stars Competition, Blaine – Deadline Aug. 25

Nov 8-9: Granite City Classic – Deadline Oct. 6

## **Statistics (Contract Skaters)**

June 2018: 123

July 2018: 104

August 2018: 104

September 2018: 122

October 2018: 122

February 2019: 124

April 2019: 126

May 2019: 123

## **Synchronized Director's report to the Board for June/July/August 2019**

I spent time on the following things:

- Determined and sent info on summer fees to the Open Juvenile & Pre Juvenile teams. Also communicated with Anne Pappas-Owen about who to bill.
- Finalized budget info with Sue Skifter and Maureen.
- Selected and cut music for all three teams.
- Adjusted the fee for Summer 2 Skills due to giving up our ice on August 21<sup>st</sup> for the Basic Skills seminar for our coaches.
- Forwarded US Figure Skating summer camp opportunities to the teams.
- Communicated with Maureen about unused 2019-2020 club ice that I would like for the teams.
- Sent out a list of extra practices and time changes for 2019-2020 to the teams.
- Held a parent meeting for the Open Juvenile team and sent information to those who were unable to attend.
- With help from others, came up with a new anti-bullying pledge for our team skaters.
- We have 16 Skaters on the Open Juvenile team and 11 on Pre Juvenile (I am working on recruiting two others).
- Planning and communicating about our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual synchro camp held August 9-11. We had 38 skaters participate in camp: 15 Open Juv, 10 Pre Juv (2 more paid but dropped out of synchro and skating shortly before camp), and 13 Skills. Camp was very successful. The skaters loved Becky Gallion, our main presenter, and we all learned a lot from her. Kristina and I are using the edge exercises she taught with all of the teams. The team's elements and quality of skating should definitely improve with all of the information gained. Besides the on ice sessions, skaters had sessions on Judging with US judge Stephanie Pusch, Nutrition with Makayla Krajewski, Acting with Dinah Toups, Dance with Avin Honecker-Sherman, Team building with myself, Stretching with Kristina, and fun sessions including Black Light Yoga and games. We also held information sessions for the parents including judging and ice monitoring.
- Sent a camp follow up email to the Skills participants which included three skaters who had not participated in synchro before. This included information on our "Back to school" and "Fall" classes as well as competitive team info.
- Sent 2019-2020 team info to the Pre Juvenile team parents.
- Using The Line Up Company, I chose costumes with Kristina's approval. I am working with team volunteers as we finalize designs and materials.
- Recruited managers for all three teams.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

- Vikki Dalquist

## Learn2Skate Board Report

August 2019

- **Summer 2:** Summer 2 session is July 22-August 22 (5 weeks). Summer classes are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Learn2skate testing days for Summer 1 is August 20 and August 22.
- **Back to school:** The Back to school session is the first fall session and starts September 9-October 12,2019. Classes are on Tuesday evening, Thursday evening, Friday evening, and Saturday mornings.
- **Fall Session:** Fall Session is the second fall session and starts October 21-December 21, 2019 with no classes the week of Thanksgiving (November 25-30, 2019).
  - **Junior Academy:** We have added a Learn2skate class called Junior Academy. The Junior Academy class is designed for skaters who are working on Basic 2-Basic 5 Learn2skate levels and this class will run from the Fall session through Spring (October through May). The goal of the Junior Academy class includes additional ice time and an off ice class to help advance the skater through the Learn2skate program. Skaters in the Junior Academy will have two on ice group classes (Junior Academy class and one Basic skill class), a designated practice ice and an off ice group class. The Junior Academy on ice class is offered on Saturdays from 11-11:30am and the off ice class is offered on Saturdays from 11:45am-12:15pm. You can choose a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday Basic skills and practice ice class depending on your schedule. The class also includes competition instruction during January and your skater will compete in our Hiawathaland competition in February.

<u>Summer 2, 2019</u>	<u>Summer 2, 2018</u>
Skaters-142	Skaters-136
Starts-218	Starts-172