



## Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 17, 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:** Jeremy Arnold, Tamika Ballard, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Amanda Roe, Darin Tosse

**Absent:** David Cooper, Elizabeth Rice, Andrew Schram (Vice President)

**Other:** Maureen Schembri-Wismayer, Kari Sackett, Vikki Dalquist

**Call to Order:** Motion made by J. Kappler seconded by T. Ballard at 7:00pm.

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

1. May 2019 Board of Directors Minutes
2. L2S Director Report
3. Synchro Director Report – No report for this month
4. TCFSA Meeting Notes

### Reports

1. Junior Board Report- Locker room cleanup will be on Signup Genius. There will be a parade float in the Rochesterfest parade on June 29th.
2. Treasurer's Report-
  - a. Overall budget is favorable.
  - b. Ice Show is showing a loss; attendance was the lowest in 10 years (500 less than 2018). Discussion on changing the show programs (i.e. digital order available to attendees, big program only available on pre-order).
  - c. Sponsorship from Tonic for Testing judges is now ending, so the club will be taking on expenses to feed the judges on Testing days.
3. Director's Report-
  - a. Gabby Mills will no longer be a L2S coach, but will be a sub.
  - b. Working on having a workshop on how to prepare for auditions.
  - c. Possibly only having 1 hour of contract ice available the Monday after Ice Show rather than typical contact ice.
  - d. Planning a Coaches workshop.
  - e. Artistic Show Director requested an increase in salary beginning with the 2020 Ice Show. A Roe made a motion to increase the Artistic Show Director's salary from \$1894 to \$2200 beginning with the 2020 Ice Show, seconded by F. Hangge. 7 approve, 1 abstain.
  - f. Currently have 9 participants and 8 counselors signed up for Blades and Buddies camp. Due to low enrollment, camp will be canceled.
4. President's Report- no report

**New Business**

1. Parade float discussion- we have a truck and a float available. Need kids and parents available to decorate and walk the parade.

**In-Flight Initiatives**

1. Trophy Case – Darin and Andy – No updates

**Open Forum**

No topics presented.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Brehm at 8:16pm, seconded by D. Tosse.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Brehm, Board Secretary, RFSC

## **Calendar**

Jun 10: TCFSA Meeting

Jun 22-30: Rochesterfest, Parade on June 29 at 2, Sportsnight is on Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:30 and they have us listed on the attendees list.

Jul 15-19: Blades and Buddies

Aug 9-11: Synchro Camp

Aug 12: TCFSA Meeting

## **2019 Test Schedule:**

6/18 All FS and MIF, dance thru pre-gold or gold **REGISTRATION OPEN THRU JUNE 4th**

8/6 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

11/12 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

## **Area Competition Schedule:**

Jun 21-22: Braemar Competition – Deadline May 31

Jul 18-21: Skate St. Paul – Deadline Jun. 20

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

## **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

## Learn2Skate Board Report

May 2019

- **Spring Fling:** Spring Fling session is April 29-May 18 (3-week session and no testing). There will be classes on Tuesdays 6-6:30, Thursday 6-6:30, Friday 5:15-5:45, Saturday 11-11:30. Practice ice Tuesdays 6:30-7, Thursdays 6:30-7, Fridays 5:45-6:15, Saturdays 11:30-12. Explorers 2 class Mondays 7-7:45.
- **Summer 1:** Summer 1 session is June 3-July 11 (5 weeks) with no classes July 1-4 due to the Fourth of July week.
- **Blades and Buddies camp** is July 15-19
- **Summer 2:** Summer 2 session is July 22-August 22 (5 weeks).

<u>Spring Fling,</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Spring Fling,</u> <u>2018</u>
Skaters-155	Skaters-153
Starts-264	Starts-189

## **Synchronized Director's report to the Board for May 2019**

I spent time on the following things:

- Team placement: Sent reminders and checked registrations to make sure everyone who participated had registered. Sent our individual emails with results. We had 19 skaters "tryout" for Open Juvenile and placed 15 on the team plus one to train this summer with a possibility of being placed here. One skater who took part is moving away in July. 11 Skaters took part in the Pre Juvenile team placement and all were placed here plus two who did not get placed on Open Juv.
- Held a Fundraising/sponsorship meeting with several Open Juvenile parents to help with decisions regarding how we go about this.
- Held our annual Synchro banquet which went very well.
- We had 20 skaters and parents participate in Litter Bit Better on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Sent a reminder to register for Spring Fling session to the Pre Juv and Skills teams.
- Decided on and gave Maureen a list of cancel dates for next school year.
- Lots of time putting together information and figures for the 2019-2020 budget. This info is currently with Sue Skifter.
- Set the monthly fee for the Pre Juvenile and Open Juvenile teams and determined walk-on rates.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

The synchro skaters who I have used the new video monitor with on the North rink were thrilled to see things easily on the nice large screen! Thank you Andy & Darren!

- Vikki Dalquist

## 5/13/2019 TCFSA Meeting Minutes

1. Tax return is available for those who are interested. Contact Gay Ann Louise  
TCFSA relies on i) investments ii) fundraisers iii) testing fees. Looking into other options :
  - a) Reducing expense, reducing grants to Minnesota State Scholarship, reducing Ad Stipends for next fiscal year
  - b) US National Championship 2008 made a fair amount, but not 2016. Looking into other options: increase in membership, creating education/seminar etc, bid for other national or larger competitions
2. Compete USA : Current standings information is available. Series will end in June. Skaters will be announced at Minnesota State
3. **Membership and Hospitality fees are due June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. - Maureen**
4. Nominating Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> secretary/treasurer positions open. No one has stepped up. Please pass around if anyone is interested.
5. Governing Council was very beneficial/educational. Great way to connect with figure skating individuals. Some Minnesota individuals honored:
  - a. Chris Larson: Midwest Vice President
  - b. Pat St. Peter, an attorney (Maplewood FSC ): Chair of Safesport. Will be recognized at Official dinner in September
  - c. Dan Krieger
  - d. Lynne Maker Kuechle
  - e. Lexie Kastner
  - f. Jenn Marker Johnson (referee)
  - g. Tammy Gambill Olympic Committee
  - h. Anne Murray Murphy – International Dance Judge
6. **USFSA updated Safesport. Check it out on the web – Maureen and Fawn**
7. Bridging Program: New program offered. This program helps ease and prepare newly graduated skaters from basic skills into their next levels (individual skating) to avoid/reduce surprises on the commitment, the costs, and the expectations.
8. 1<sup>st</sup> year of Excel series National Festival will be held June 7 - 9, 2019 in Florida:

The National Festival is made up of three parts:

  1. An invitation only Series Final for skaters in the Excel Series at the Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Novice, Junior & Senior levels;
  2. An open invitation Series Final for skaters in the Excel Series at the Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile levels;
  3. An open invitation Compete USA competition for any Learn to Skate USA member
9. **Minnesota State 2021 and 2022 (held in 2020 and 2021). Still looking for club volunteers to host events. If no club step forward, board will distribute tasks evenly. - Board**
10. Official dinners for 2020 and 2021: Eagan has expressed interest in hosting.
11. **Minnesota State 2020 registration is open and online. Deadline is July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. - Coaches**

12. Club education: 1 day seminar/class for club members, committees and parents. Topics to be discussed: financials, management, hosting test sessions and competitions, memberships and anything to help your club grow. Topics still under construction and more details to come. Will be held in Sept/October. Highly recommended.
13. IJS Crisis: It is becoming difficult to get officials to come to competitions. Make sure your competition committees are aware of this and communicate to skating officials ahead of time. There is a shortage of controllers and technical specialists for competitions.

14. New USFSA Mission statement: <https://usfsa.org/story?id=83967>

[In a notable bylaw amendment change, U.S. Figure Skating revamped its mission statement in accordance with the 2018–2022 Strategic Plan to better reflect the organization’s vision of “Together, we foster fun and inspire a lifelong passion for skating while developing champions on and off the ice.”

A mission statement is the core purpose of an organization and explains why it exists and serves as a guide for day-to-day operations and the foundation for decision-making.

The new mission statement focuses on “we” and empowers all members to work toward the mission: “We create and cultivate opportunities for participation and achievement in figure skating.”] - **Board**

15. Next meeting June 10<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne will try to attend.