



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2022

7:00 p.m. | Remote Meeting via Zoom



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 Present: Jeremy Arnold, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), David Cooper (Vice President), Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Erin Kirmis-Stein, Lisa Lee, Mark O'Byrne, Elizabeth Rice, Amanda Roe

Absent: Andrew Schram

Additional Participants: Lori Brakke, Natalie Thiese, Maureen Schembri-Wismayer

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:03pm by J. Kappler, seconded by J. Brehm.

Consent Agenda: Call to approve the Consent agenda, motion made by J. Arnold, seconded by D. Cooper.

1. October 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. L2S Director's Report
3. Synchro Director's Report

Reports:

1. Junior Board Report-

- . Discussed the Jr Board's role at Hiawathaland. They will decorate Thursday evening before the competition starts Friday.
- a. Reviewed and gave feedback on the new logo's.
- b. Discussed what the responsibilities are for the Jr Board in regards to the locker room.

2. Director's Report-

- a. We will not be having an audit done for 2021 due to lower income generated due to the pandemic.
- b. New jump harness has been ordered.
- c. Maureen proposed to increase the monthly membership fee from \$15 to \$20 and the monthly locker room fee from \$5 to \$7, beginning with the summer contract.
- d. Encouraging information is that the RFSC has grown, not had to decrease staff or services, not had to decrease ice opportunities, not had any COVID outbreaks, throughout the pandemic.
- e. Mark O'Byrne made a motion to increase the monthly membership fee from \$15 to \$20 and the monthly locker room fee from \$5 to \$7, beginning with the summer contract; seconded by David Cooper. Board members discussed pros/cons and other options. Motion passed.

3. **Treasurer's Report-**

- a. Have received some COVID relief thanks to grants submitted by Maureen.
- b. Have recently generated a lot of income, but the expenses have yet to come in to be paid out.
- c. We are on track with the budget set by the Board.

4. **President's Report-**

- a. Six of the twelve Board members' terms are ending in May. Recruiting is needed to get parents to be interested in joining the Board and get involved with the Club.
- b. Lisa Lee volunteered to be the new Nominating Committee Chair.

Discussion/Decisions

1. **Competition Update-**

- a. Schedule is posted.
- b. Practice Ice sessions open to registrants tomorrow.
- c. Need a ton of volunteers as several Chair positions are unfilled.
- d. Volunteer sign ups will be coming out very soon.
- e. Will need parent volunteers, in particular, for the Interpretive events on Saturday afternoon/evening.
- f. 183 registered skaters.
- g. Rules with the new mask mandate: masks must be worn by everyone, at all times in the Rec Center, unless a skater is on the ice.

2. **Ice Show Update-**

Picture Day Plan- same as last year with individual headshots and no group shots. Father/daughter and buddy pics will be allowed. Will be in the concessions area.

Cast Party- The overall consensus by the Board members was to have the Cast Party. The skaters love it. It is up to each individual to attend based on their comfort level with the pandemic.

Ticket Prices- Last year with the pandemic and required pods, we increased the ticket prices to cover some loss in revenue with decreased attendance allowed. This year we will resume back to our past ticket prices. We are assuming that there will not be limits on attendance numbers, especially if people are required to be masked.

3. **Club Logo Proposal** – Mark O'Byrne shared a powerpoint on the process of developing a new logo and shared a 3-logo set. J. Arnold made a motion to approve the 3-logo set, seconded by J. Brehm. All in favor, motion passed. A style guide will be created by Mark O'Byrne and Elizabeth Rice.

Open Forum

Next meeting will be February 21 at 7:00pm.

Closed Session

Adjournment-

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Brehm, seconded by D. Cooper at 10:03pm

Calendar

2021 Test Schedule:

February 3
March 8
May 10
June 14
August 2
November 8

Area Competition Schedule:

Hiawathaland: February 4-6
Skate in the Park: February 27
Skate Bloomington: April 8-9
Roseville: May 20-22
Skate St. Paul: July 22-24
Robin Lee: August 5-7
MN State Championships and TCFSA Open: August 18-20

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	
February 2020:	125	
October 2020:	96	(Adults not included)
May 2021:	102	(11 Graduating Seniors and ~14 Juniors included)
September 2021:	111	(Includes 14 adults)

Open Volunteer Slots:

Testing Co-Chair
Competition Officials Hospitality (Shadow with Janis)
Competition Coaches Hospitality
Competition Awards
Show Picture Day Chair
Show Program Ad Sales
Show Costume Distribution
Show Chair (Shadow with Carrie Wise)

Learn2Skate Board Report

January 2022

- Winter 2022: The Winter session started 1/ 3-2/29 (7 weeks) with no Learn2skate classes the week of 1/31-2/5 due to Hiawathaland competition.
 - L2S show registration extension open until 1/31 to get any new L2S skaters who have started in the Winter session. Still have to skate 2 sessions Winter and Spring.
- Spring 2022: The Spring session starts 3/7-5/21 (8 weeks) with no Learn2skate classes 3/21-4/2 due to Spring break and Return of the Robin tournament; 4/18-4/23 due to show week.
 - L2S show rehearsals are 4 weeks 3/7-3/12; 3/14-3/19; 4/4-4/9; 4/11-4/16
 - Explorers show group will rehearse the first four weeks of the Spring session. There will be an Explorers Spring fling session (3weeks) 5/2-5/16.

<u>Winter 2022</u>	<u>**Winter 2021</u>
Skaters-421	Skaters-205
Starts-514	Starts-290

**Please note that the numbers reflect a decrease in numbers due to the pandemic and the Executive order guidelines.

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for November-December 2021

I spent time on the following things:

- Dealt with Fond du Lac canceling their competition and with the managers explored other options and decided not to do a different competition. Unfortunately no competitions offered a virtual option this season which would have worked well for us.
- Lots of emails with Fawn Hangge regarding Hiawathaland and synchro.
- Requested information from Pin Depot and had Anne order a new batch of Rhythm & Blades synchro logo pins. I am currently collecting money & distributing pins as requested by families.
- Sent emails looking for someone to take over the administration of our Rhythm & Blades Facebook page. Unfortunately, there were no volunteers and we have let the page go for now.
- Quite a few communications regarding the Aspire team & the ice show.
- Finalized dress order for the Aspire team.
- Sent the camp dates, August 12-14, 2022, to Tim Rinkel, John Kappler, and the Aspire team. The other teams already have them.
- Recruited two managers for the Aspire team. They are Bethany Larson and Karen Nase.
- Sent Tim summer class info for the website.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

I am happy to report the Pre Juvenile team placed 3rd out of 7 teams at the Maplewood competition. Open Juvenile placed 4th out of 8 teams. I am excited about attending the upcoming Midwestern Championships with the Open Juvenile team. We leave on Tuesday Jan 25th and compete on Friday the 28th.

- Vikki Dalquist