



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 21, 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), David Cooper, Niteen Damle, John Kappler (President), Elizabeth Rice

Absent: Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), Amanda Roe, Andrew Schram (Vice President), Darin Tosse

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

Call to Order: Motion made by John seconded by Tam at 7:04 pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Niteen to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Niteen.

1. July 2019 Board of Directors Minutes
2. Synchro Director Report - Sept and Oct
3. L2S Director Report - Sept and Oct
4. TCFSA Meeting
5. MW VP CC - Sept and Oct

Reports

1. Junior Board Report- Issue with phones videoing in the locker room.
2. Treasurer's Report- First month of the year. The discount on the North Ice issue resulted in a reduced expense on the actuals and prepaid ice of sorts. Will work out over the course of the year.
3. Director's Report- Overhead, rain and condensation issues have been addressed, but Vikki reported that there seems to be a Zam issue with the rink edges and an issue with curling equipment divots. Maureen will inquire with the Rec Center Manager. The draft Ice Schedule for the summer, 2020, was presented. Need to start looking strategically at where the club wants to be in five years.
4. President's Report- John attended a club education seminar up in the cities.

New Business

1. Club trip to Disney on Ice in March 2020 - Discussion
2. Fundraising at ROCA - Discussion

In-Flight Initiatives

1. Trophy Case - Darin and Andy- no updates
2. Prop Shop work - Andy

Open Forum

No topics presented.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Brehm at 8:26pm, seconded by E. Rice.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Brehm, Board Secretary, RFSC

Calendar

Nov 3 – Dec 8: Hiawathaland Registration

Nov 11: TCFSA Meeting (President's Meeting)

Dec 16: Next RFSC Board 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

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Area Competition Schedule:

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

Feb 7-9: Hiawathaland – Deadline Dec. 8

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 September 2019

I spent time on the following things:

- We now have 13 skaters on Pre Juvenile and currently 15 skaters in the Synchro Skills class. Along with the 16 on Open Juvenile this makes 44 skaters.
 - More work on costume design & orders.
 - Making sure all commitment forms are in for Open Juv and Pre Juv.
 - Renewed Open Juv and Pre Juv memberships through US Figure Skating.
 - Sent info to my managers regarding background checks and Safe Sport.
 - Sent a reminder out to those registered for the skills class that we start on September 4th. This is a week earlier than Learn 2 Skate so is confusing for parents. The confirmation they received after registering had the wrong date.
 - Made sure registration for Midwesterns was taking place and Alicia Schminich has done this.
 - Checked figures for summer synchro with actual skater numbers and added walk-ons and am pleased that we did well.
 - Sent the Pre Juvenile team detailed information on costs, practices etc.
 - Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.
- Vikki Dalquist

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- Updated all synchro information for our website and sent to Tim.
 - Sent a pdf of our synchro manual, that Tim put together from my information, to all teams.
 - Registration for the Fall Synchro Skills class is looking good with 14 as of 10/15 and I expect 2 others for a total of 16.
 - Gave Anne information on billing for the Skills classes in a single document.
 - Communicated team monthly fees for Open Juv & Pre Juv to Anne in our office.
 - Chose a date for Open Juv to perform at a Grizzlies game and am working on Pre Juv.
 - Communications with John Kappler regarding synchro competition at Hiawathaland.
 - Made final decision on Skills costume.
 - Sent emails to the team to make them aware of the World Championships being held in Lake Placid during Rochester's Spring break.
 - Sent an email to all teams to make them aware of the Safe sport rule regarding communications needing two deep leadership.
 - Sent out information on the Poinsettia fundraiser to all teams.
 - Sent an email to the current Skills class reminding them of dates for this and the Fall session and included information on being part of the competitive team.
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Learn2Skate Board Report

September 2019

- **Back to school:** The Back to school session is the first fall session and started September 9-October 12,2019 (5 weeks). Classes are on Tuesday evening, Thursday evening, Friday evening, and Saturday mornings. Theatrical Exploration class started on Saturday, September 14.
- **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 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.

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- **Winter Session:** Winter session starts January 6- February 29, 2020 with no classes the week of February 3 due to the Hiawathaland Competition.
- **Learn2skate registration:** Below is from the September report with the Back to School session. The Learn2skate registration numbers for the Fall session will be on next month's Learn2skate board report because we are still receiving registrations for the Fall session.

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TCFSA Meeting 9/9/2019

- MW Conference call
 - – June/July Safesport updates. New handbook available
 - Safesport starting 2020 will require renewal yearly
 - Review Excel Series – New handbook can be downloaded
 - Sept 1 : New Excel Series effective
- Basic Skills award ceremony took place at MN State. Results are posted on TCFSA website
 - Trophy for Ana Sanchez (1st place Basic 4) at the RFSC office
 - MPLS FSC won team trophy – congrats
- This weekend competition at Maplewood
- MN State : Completed. Average number. TCFSA Open number is low. Open for discussion: Should we continue and or not continue? Should we continue and open to everyone outside of MN? Try for one year?
- Olympic level coach Tammy Gambill (big connection to Minnesota) was recognized and presented with a lifetime achievement award at the MN state competition. Gambill has just retired. Gambill has also served on several U.S. Figure Skating committees, including Athlete Development Committee, Sports Sciences and Medicine Committee, and Coaches Committee. In 2006, she was chair of the Coaches Committee. She has been on the Board of Directors for both U.S. Figure Skating and Professional Skaters Association, and was honored with the PSA Development Coach of the Year award.
- Oct 5th (Sat) – Club education offered by TCFSA to all club members. This is a free event to all club members. Flyer included
- Oct 6th (Sun) – PSA Seminar for coaches. Flyer included
- TCFSA is hoping to run a new meeting structure to take advantage of new innovations and to make them more convenient and efficient to all clubs. Offering 4 mandatory meetings as a trial for this year: 9/9, 11/11 (Presidents Meeting), 4/13/20 (Govern. Council) and 6/8/20 (Election). This new trial doesn't limit additional Webinars or calls for additional meetings at a notice. To qualify for stipends, all 4 meetings must be attended by a club delegate (in addition to all other previous requirements). This is just an experiment for this year and club will vote for this option during April's meeting. Please discuss this with board members.
- How did we use the stipends: Most clubs indicated the funds go back into operations of the club or ice time.
- How can TCFSA support all skating with funding getting tighter? This is something we will take a closer look at. Encourage all to take a look and give their thoughts or input.

John Anderson, the USFS Legal Chair for SafeSport, was on the line and provided the following:

- The USFS SafeSport program was audited and received the highest grade on every factor.
- Auditors stated that figure skating is doing better than most sports.
- New policy: Skaters that turn 18 that are on a team of two or more and has a minor athlete on the team must take the SafeSport training.

A representative for the USFS Event Management System (EMS) system was on the line:

- The EMS system is ready for all competitions to use, including nonqualifying competitions.
- They have been fixing many bugs and making many improvements.
- They have a number of direct data connections to the USFS member tracking system, which makes doing things like compliance checks easier.

John's note: I have heard of many complaints by Qualifying competition officials about the bugs in the EMS system. When this person ended her presentation and asked if there were questions, several people laid into the system as ineffective. We should wait a couple of years before we consider it. It should be "better baked" by then – let everyone else suffer the pain and request the fixes.

Each Regionals and the Sectionals LOC Main contacts provided overviews of their competition preps. Nothing significant to report for our club.

Kathleen Kreiger was on the line to provide a summary of the National Qualifying Series results for its inaugural year.

- Went very well for the first year,
- Provides a new opportunity for skaters to qualify for Regionals,
- Working on a few fixes to the process.

John's note: We cannot participate as a competition due to the window being from June 1 to September 15. Hiawathaland is outside the window.

An overview of the USFS board meeting revealed one interesting point; USFS is hiring a full time IT Director for the first time. He is a prior Deloitte consultant. Hopefully, he'll be able to improve the website and possibly bring more automation to the sport at the amateur level.