



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

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: Jeremy Arnold, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), David Cooper, Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Erin Kirmis-Stein, Lisa Lee, Elizabeth Rice, Amanda Roe, Andrew Schram (Vice President), Darin Tosse

Call to Order Motion made by J. Kappler seconded by J. Brehm at 7:01pm

Consent Agenda: Motion made by A. Schram seconded by F. Hangge

1. June 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. July 2020 Special Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
3. Synchro Director Report – Aug & Sept
4. L2S Director Report – Aug & Sept

Reports

1. Junior Board Report: Trying to figure out how to proceed with the RFSC Halloween Party on October 24th. Decision made to proceed and the party will be after the conclusion of Ice Show Tryouts.
2. Director's Report: No updates, everything is going well.
3. Treasurer's Report: The accountant the club has been using has retired and RFSC has contracted with a new accountant, Deborah L Haas Ltd.
4. President's Report: No updates, discussions to be held in New Business.

New Business

1. Holiday Exhibition: To be or not to be - Will be held December 13th. Looking for a volunteer to Chair this event. Safety protocols will be in place with distancing, etc.
2. Hiawathaland and the budget - Board decided to move forward with planning for Hiawathaland. Some events may be removed this year, will work with Lee, who has been our Referee for years. Safety protocols will be in place.
3. Ice Show budget - Discussion. Some things might be canceled just as Picture Day (group photos, may possibly still be able to do individual photos), programs, ticket sales depending on how many would be allowed to attend, cast party, advertising/publicity. Plans to move forward with having the Ice Show.

In-Flight Initiatives

1. Trophy Case - On hold

Open Forum

No topics presented.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Brehm, seconded by A. Roe at 9:23pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Brehm, Board Secretary, RFSC

Calendar

Sept 23: MW VP Virtual Meeting
Oct 19: RFSC Board Meeting
Oct 24: Show Tryouts
Nov 16: RFSC Board Meeting
Nov 16: TCFSA Board Meeting
Dec 13: Holiday Exhibition

2020/21 Test Schedule:

Nov 10

Area Competition Schedule:

Oct 2-4: Robin Lee Midwest Open: Minneapolis, MN – CANCELLED (USFS Website)
Oct 25: Northern Blades – Rising Stars: Blaine, MN (Deadline: Sept 25)
Nov 7-8: Autumn Skatfest: Burnsville, MN – Possibly CANCELLED
Nov 13-14: Granite City Classic: St. Cloud, MN – CANCELLED (Club Website)

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

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for September 2020

I spent time on the following things:

- Attended (via Zoom) "Synchro office hours" with US Figure Skating staff and officials.
- Responded to US Figure Skating survey regarding competitions.
- Lost a skater from the Pre Juvenile team due to financial issues putting us in a place where we need one more skater under age 13 in order to fit into this level. Emails to potential skaters trying to recruit someone.
- Secured dates for 2021 Synchro Camp with Ed Staiert – August 3-15. Also sent these out to current team skater's parents.
- Adjusted our Saturday time earlier for four dates due to no registrations for the Theatrical Exploration class for the Back to School session. Sent these adjusted times to the teams.
- Composed Email to Skills team parents explaining how skaters are moved up this season due to us being unable to hold our normal spring team placements. This was in response to several inquiries.
- Successfully recruited a skater for the Open Juvenile team who was on one of our teams when she was much younger.
- Sent several recruiting emails to potential Skills team skaters.
- Communications with John Kappler and a synchro coach from Eau Claire and one from Minnetonka about Hiawathaland 2021.
- Communications with parents for permission to connect explaining about masks and use of hand sanitizer.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

We currently have 15 skaters on the Open Juvenile team, 12 on Pre Juvenile, and 10 in the current Skills class. Unfortunately, the Skills group does not include any new team skaters. I am optimistic this will change with the Fall session. We have one skater normally on the Open Juvenile team and one on the Pre Juvenile team who are not currently skating due to the Pandemic.

- Vikki Dalquist

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for August 2020

I spent time on the following things:

- Communications about re starting synchro on July 7th with COVID restrictions.
- Monthly fee for July to the teams and our office.
- Sent information out about US Figure Skating's virtual Dream camp held in July. I am unaware if any skaters participated.
- Communications about masks, distancing, and use of hand sanitizer.
- Email to four skaters on the Pre Juvenile team about our lack of tryouts this season and what they would need to do to move up onto the Open Juvenile team.
- Discussing skaters to potentially move to Pre Juvenile with Kristina.
- Cut music for Pre Juvenile 2020-21 season & am working on ideas for the Skills team.
- Synchro Camp: After determining what we could do safely we held a successful camp August 7-9 with 14 Open Juvenile skaters, 13 Pre Juvenile skaters, and 8 Skills level skaters participating.
- Worked with Jamie Santee on adjusting our new Saturday time to accommodate TOI not taking place in September & October.
- Sent information out about our school year schedule including Saturdays to our Pre Juvenile team and will be doing the same shortly for Open Juvenile.
- Communicating with The Line Up about costumes for the Open Juvenile team. I decided to re-use the Pre Juvenile costumes for a second season because they will fit the new theme and save most families from having to buy a new costume this season.
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- Vikki Dalquist

Learn2Skate Board Report

September 2020

● **Back to School Session** : The Back to school session goes from 9/8/2020 -10/10/2020 (5 weeks). The Explorers class goes from 9/14/2020-10/12/2020 (5 weeks) The start date and end day is a week later due to Labor Day. Testing report cards are given to skaters the week of 10/6/2020.

o We have a limit on numbers in order to follow the Executive order of regulations. The guidelines for the numbers allowed on the ice have gone up slightly. We are following the current guidelines put into place by the city, state, USFSA, and youth sports.

o We have Snowplow Sam classes starting back up for ages 4-5 years.

● **Fall 2020 Session:** The Fall session goes from 10/19/20- 12/19/20 (8 weeks) no classes the week of 11/23/20-11/28/20. Testing report cards are given to skaters the week of 12/15/20. We will continue to follow the Executive order of guidelines and make any necessary changes if and when the guidelines change.

**Back to School

2020

Skaters-134

Starts-198

Back to School

2019

Skaters-226

Starts-324

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

Learn2Skate Board Report

August 2020

● **Summer Session:** Summer session (7 weeks) starts 7/6/20-8/20/20. Testing week is 8/18 and 8/20. Registrations are open.

○ We have a limit on numbers in order to follow the Executive order of regulations.

○ There will not be any Explorers class or Snowplow Sam classes for the summer session. We are offering Basic skills class, Freeskate class, and private lessons. There are two L2S class times on Tuesday and two L2S class times Thursday for Basic 1 and up levels.

○ The max numbers of people allowed on the ice was decreased significantly due to the pandemic. Our summer classes were at the max number allowed by the guidelines.

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****Summer 2020**

Skaters-59

Starts-75

Summer 2019

Skaters-142

Starts-218

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