



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2021

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: Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), John Kappler (President), Mark O'Byrne, Elizabeth Rice, Amanda Roe

Absent: Jeremy Arnold, David Cooper (Vice President), Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), Erin Kirmis-Stein, Lisa Lee, Andrew Schram

Additional Participants: Maureen Schembri-Wismayer, Vikki Dalquist, Kari Sackett, Payton Kappler

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

Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was not made due to not having enough voting Board Members in attendance.

1. June 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Reports

1. Junior Board Report- Made a list of specific tasks for locker room cleanups; Jr Board Bios have been created and will be posted in locker room; will be coming up with the Halloween date/time
2. Director's Report-
 - a. Contract skater numbers are down
 - b. Budget is showing a loss. Expenses are increasing, proposal to increase locker room fee from \$5 to \$7, registration fee from \$25 to \$30, and membership fee from \$15 to \$20. Board tabled fee increases but recognized that fees will need to be increased at some point in the future to cover increased expenses.
 - c. Various policies were discussed with updates presented. Discussion and voting on approval will be done at the next Board meeting
3. Treasurer's Report- included in Maureen's report
4. President's Report- Skating magazine included a write up on long-term volunteers from Clubs throughout the country and honored Tim Rinkel as one of 100 Contributors.

New Business

1. Club Spirit Wear - Jennifer- the Board was excited and interested in getting Spirit Wear developed for the Club, that is fit for parents/skaters, etc. This will help to positively promote the Club. Amanda and Mark volunteered to get this started.
2. Lettering Program Discussion - Jennifer- discussion on doing the mandatory requirements meeting in-person or ZOOM
3. Competition and Ice Show Budgets - Review

In-Flight Initiatives

Open Forum

Next meeting will be September 20 at 7:00pm. In-person TBD.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Brehm, seconded by A. Roe at 9:32pm

John Kappler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: RFSC Board Meeting

Time: Aug 16, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Calendar

2021 Test Schedule:

November 9, 2021

Area Competition Schedule:

MN State – Aug. 19-21

Maplewood Fall Classic – Sep. 10-12

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

May 2021: 102

(Adults not included)

(11 Graduating Seniors and ~14 Juniors included)

Volunteer Vacancy Tracker

Open Volunteer Slots:

Testing Co-Chair

Planning:

Carrie Wise (Senior Skater): Shadow needed for 2021-22 Ice Show

Learn2Skate Board Report

August 2021

- Blades and Buddies camp was 6/21-6/25 and went well. We had 31 campers and 16 counselors & buddies. I heard great feedback from Learn2skate families and skaters, as well as, great feedback from counselor and buddies families and skaters stating they had a great time and look forward to camp again next year.
- Summer 2021: The summer session started 7/5 and ends on 8/19 (7 weeks). We have classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
 - The Explorers class is on Mondays and started on 7/12 and ends 8/16.
- Back2School 2021: The Back2School session starts 9/7 and ends 10/16 (6 weeks)
 - The Explorers class begins 9/13 and ends 10/18 (6 weeks) due to Labor day on 9/6.

<u>Summer 2021</u>	<u>**Summer 2020</u>
Skaters-113	Skaters-59
Starts-162	Starts-75

**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 June & July 2021

I spent time on the following things:

- The synchro budget for 2021-2022.
- Communicated with Fawn Hangge about Hiawathaland and synchro for 2022. I am very pleased that the plan is to get the needed IJS panel to have synchro at our competition.
- Sent an email to a number of synchro coaches/directors about Hiawathaland.
- Met with Maggie Panetta and Samantha Romenesko in early July to discuss their interest in being substitutes and other possible involvement in our synchro program. Maggie and Sam both skated with our club program and went on to skate on Junior and Senior National and International level teams.
- Sent out the school year practices and competitions to the Open Juvenile and Pre Juvenile teams in mid-June. I sent this information again on August 7th including the Saturday practice and training schedule.
- Sent information to the Open Juvenile managers, Janis Miller and Brooke Wodziak, to include in their parent meeting on August 14th.
- Recruited managers for the Pre Juvenile team. They are Julie Tschumperlin and Ellen Sassenberg.
- Informed my team managers that they need to have a US Figure Skating membership, do the background check and Safesport.
- Made and sent out the commitment forms and anti-bullying pledge to the Open Juv and Pre Juv teams.
- Recruiting emails for the summer synchro class and camp for the "Aspire" team.
- Chose and cut music for all three teams.
- Organized and held our 19th annual synchronized skating camp. We had 36 participants. The weekend went very well.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

We had a wonderful banquet on May 16th by Zoom and a brief in person gathering at the Rec Center for the team members where we handed out certificates and prizes.

We are expecting to have 16 skaters on the Open Juvenile team and 17 on Pre Juvenile. We had 7 skaters in the summer class and I am hoping we can increase that number for the back to school session.

- Vikki Dalquist