

Rochester Figure Skating Club

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

September 19, 2022

7:00 p.m. | Bob Fick Room with Remote Meeting option 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, David Cooper, Fawn Hangge, Erin Kirmis-Stein, Lisa Lee, Mark O'Byrne, Elizabeth Rice, Amanda Roe

Absent: Terri Ufkin

Additional Participants: Payton Kappler , Kari Sackett

Call to Order: Call to order at 7:03pm by M. O'Byrne, seconded by E. Rice

Consent Agenda: Call to approve the Consent agenda, motion made by J. Brehm, seconded by L. Lee.

1. June 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Synchro Director's Report (included in this document)
3. Learn-to-Skate (L2S) Director's Report (included in this document)

Reports

1. Junior Board Report- Halloween Party on Oct 29th- will provide goodie bags, started planning ideas, snacks/crafts/skating. Discussed concerns with locker room rules and etiquette being followed and scheduled cleanup dates through the school year. Still a problem with food and phone use in the locker room. Many skaters are not showing up for cleanups or a skater shows up and picks up a piece of garbage and counts that as their cleanup. The Jr Board discussed how important they feel it is that a Live Safety Seminar is scheduled ASAP as many dangerous situations are happening on the ice. There are a lot of new skaters that have never attended an in-person seminar and there is value to that.

2. Director's Report- None

3. President's Report- TCFSA delegate is Suzanne L and Mark O. John Kappler has agreed to be an alternate. New requirement for State Competition...depending on Club

size is how many volunteers you must send to volunteer.

4. Treasurer's Report- Budget is favorable. Proposed budget for 2022-2023 was reviewed with the Board members. Next step is for the budget to be shared out to the Board members to review and then proceed with an online vote in an upcoming week(s). Budget is very similar to 2021-2022. For the on-ice classes, most are not breaking even in costs. RFSC did not do an audit this year, but will have to do an audit next year with an approximate cost of \$10,000. L2S continues to be our primary profit maker.

Discussion/Decisions

1. TCFSA stipend information and requirements- RFSC gets a \$1000 stipend and is allowed to volunteer for TCFSA competitions. Skaters can also apply for a stipend if they meet specific criteria. Education Day is Oct 29th in the south Metro, with guest coaches, open to skaters.

2. Lettering update- New requirements agreed upon by the coaches. One contract versus multiple. Adding new areas like Theatrical and separating out the Dance areas. Lettering meeting Wednesday, September 21. Forms due Wednesday, September 28.

3. Live, in-person Safety Seminar- Junior Board is proposing that a Live Safety Seminar be required and scheduled ASAP. There are a lot of younger skaters who have never participated in a Live Safety Seminar, which is a valuable experience. There are safety concerns on the ice. Requiring skaters to watch a video is fine but not as effective as in-person. Also needing to be addressed with regards to safety is phones usage in locker room. This is part of the locker agreement contract but is not followed. Many rules in the agreement are not followed and the Jr Board can only do so much (put up tons of signs, give verbal reminders, modeling) as it is their peers.

4. School year schedule contract- Discussion on having more flexibility (built by semester, not an entire school year). Contract allows for changes Dec 1 and Mar 1 with no penalty...wondering what is the reasoning behind those dates? Discussion on having 2 registrations a school year, plus summer registration. Or could we change up the verbage and take out the penalties for changes and allow more flexibility. Consideration of other sports/activities and school schedules should be given. Coaches get upset at skaters due to frequent schedule changes caused by other sports or class schedules...it disrupts the coaches schedules and lesson plans.

5. Hiawathaland update- Registration closed with 176 skaters compared to 183 in February. There are 33 less starts. We have 11 new clubs coming, and some clubs are returning that haven't been here for several years! Judges' hospitality needs to be figured out as we lost our Chair parent volunteer for that. We have several new vendors attending! Perkins is taking photos and videos, and will not be taking awards photos. Jr. Board will set up a photo backdrop again and assist with decorating.

6. RFSC Skating jacket, ordering process- New skating jackets with the new Club logo. Trying to work through the process to make it as streamlined as possible, but currently Ama La Vita is the contact for the jacket and Superior Screeners will do the embroidery.

Open Forum

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Brehm, seconded by D. Cooper at 9:01pm.