

Rochester Figure Skating Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday | January 23 | 2017

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 Present: Steve Beery, Jennifer Brehm, Kelly Corbin, Tammi Desens, Lori Jean Engle, Jeff Germer, Jana Janosik, John Kappler, Amanda Mikhail, Janis Miller, Andy Schram.

Absent: Tam Husman

Others Present: Maureen Schembri Wismayer, Noelle Nelson, Vikki Dalquist

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Amanda Mikhail; changes to the agenda were accepted and the meeting was conducted in the following order. Consent agenda items are attached at the end of the minutes.

President's Report – Amanda Mikhail

- Amanda was excited to share that RFSC has been nominated for the “Sports Organization of the Year” award by the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission (RASC).
- The awards will be given at the RASC annual banquet to be held on January 30th. Maureen and Amanda will attend to represent RFSC.

Junior Board – Noelle Nelson

- In December, Junior Board made tie blankets for the Ronald McDonald House, and collected toys for the Toys for Tots organization.
- They are working on ordering long sleeve t-shirts with school names on them.
- Future work: a Hiawathaland poster, and goodie bags for the Ice Show.

Director's Report – Maureen Schembri Wismayer

- Maureen passed around thank you notes from the coaches for the coats that the Board purchased for them as holiday gifts.
- 125 Live is hosting complementary try-it nights February 18th and 21st. Information has been sent through the RFSC e-newsletter.
- OMC will be starting a membership program to include a certain number of classes per week or month for a flat fee.
- RFSC is participating in a Post Bulletin ad contest through Rochester Public Schools. Students enter ad ideas/drawings for an ad that will be in the Post Bulletin.
- OMC will be offering STARS classes starting in May.
- Maureen shared that more regular recognition for our sponsors is needed. Plans as of now to list them in e-news, Facebook and website. She wants committee members to consider utilizing the services of our sponsors whenever possible for events.
- The rec center will be closed for more construction from May 1 – July 17. A tentative summer schedule will be bid to Graham Arena for that time frame.

Secretary's Report – Jana Janosik

- Other than a name being misspelled, there were no proposed changes to the December minutes.
- Andy made a motion to approve the December minutes, John seconded, all in favor

Treasurer's Report – Tammi Desens

- L2S and Hiawathaland net incomes are both down from last year.
- UGL net income still projected to be \$40-50K; Amanda would like the Board to think about prioritizing this net income.
- There will be an added unbudgeted Admin expense of about \$25,000 for audits that have not yet been conducted.

Hiawathaland – John Kappler

- the event net is now projected \$6-7K under budget.
- John is worried that volunteer positions will not fill.
- John ordered 100 - 2017 keepsake pins to sell at the event.
- The Mayor of Rochester will be presenting awards for a short time on Saturday in the gym.
- There will be a drawing for prizes.
- 2018 date is tentatively set for the first weekend in February.

TCFSA – Amanda Mikhail (Report submitted by Suzanne Lee-Trejo)

- Report for Twin Cities Figure Skating Association was reviewed by Amanda and are attached at the end of the minutes.
- USFSA Governing Council – one rep can go, though in the past Gretchen has gone with two votes. This is likely what will happen for this year.

Safe Sport Policy (1523) – Steve Beery

- After discussion it was agreed to add Board Members to the list of those required to complete the Safe Sport training.
- Jennifer moves to accept Policy 1523 as amended, Andy seconds, all in favor.

Weather Cancellation Policy Review – Amanda

- Currently, RFSC does not cancel ice time, including classes and L2S due to weather unless the rec center closes.
- Though coaches and parents are free to decide not to drive in due to weather, there is always a concern for safety, especially for those high school students who drive themselves to the rec center for skating.
- The question was brought up: do we want to review our policy and change it to follow the Rochester Public Schools cancellation policy? There were mixed feelings among the Board whether or not there needs to be a change.
- There will be some investigation conducted on the financial impact and impact to coaches this change could bring. Also consideration for the timing of decisions for cancellations.

Adjourn:

- Janis moves to adjourn the meeting, Jennifer seconds, all in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

1-16-17 Learn2Skate Board Report

- Winter 1 (As of 1/6/2017)
 - Kids-328 (333 in 2016)
 - Starts-447 (467 in 2016)
 - A number of kids are getting practice ice tickets.
 - Cross checking Winter 1 enrollment with Learn2Skate Ice Show lists to make sure everyone in Ice Show is enrolled for Winter 1
- Blades and Buddies will be held the week of July 17, 2017
- Learn2Compete class started 1/3/17 (2 skaters)
- First Adaptive L2S class was held 1/7/17 (8 skaters)

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for January 2017

I spent time on the following things:

- Made a difficult decision to not attend the Maplewood competition due to the weather.
- One skater decided not to continue skating after the fall session of the synchro skills team, but Clare Fogelson did add giving us 10 on this team. I have adjusted our Hiawathaland roster to reflect this addition.
- Facilitated the voting for captains for the Pre Juvenile level team.
- Sent in a community service article & photo to Skating Magazine for the team's annual participation in Rochester's "A Litter Bit Better."
- Communicated the monthly fee and dress fee to the synchro skills parents.
- Sent out information on the hotel for Eau Claire competition and the dress that was ordered for the Synchro skills team to the parents.
- Set up extra practices for the Synchro Skills team.
- I am working on Ice Hawks exhibition dates for both Pre Juv and Skills teams.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

The Adult team also canceled their exhibition at Maplewood.

- Vikki Dalquist

Ice Show Report

Not a lot has happened in the last month, but there are a few things coming up.

- The Sprit Wear samples are ready and will be put in the display cases soon. Volunteers will be available with the samples at scheduled times during the week of January 23 (we're working on times to cover both L2S and contract skaters). We are going to try to sell these online as well. That will be available as soon as it is set up. Hopefully before the 23rd.
- We are working on the second release of show information this will include information on Costume Pickup, Picture Day, Rehearsal Schedule, Ticket Sales.
- Tickets prices are as follows: ○ General Admission (All skaters required to buy/sell 12 of these tickets): \$10.00 ○ Student/Senior: \$10.00—\$12.00 at the door ○ Adult: \$12.00—\$14.00 at the door ○ Three-Day Pass: \$25.00

2017 show dates: April 21–23, 2017.

Respectfully submitted, Tim Rinkel, Jenny Daniels & Debbie Colgan

January 8, 2017

TCFSA – Monday 1/9/2017

- 1) Rinklink was sent electronically.
Upper Great Lakes and Midwestern Sectionals results for TCFSA skaters were posted.
- 2) Midwest Conference call – Please try to listen in *Jan 29th. Topic on Safe Sport.
- 3) Basic skills competitions and standings updated online TCFSA.org
Next competition will be at Hiawathaland.
- 4) Social Media – If you have any suggestions or feedback, please bring it to Julie Ostrow's attention.
- 5) Calendar is updated as of 1/7. If you have any corrections, please send to Kate Lambert. Email address online Test Calendar page (TCFSA.org).
- 6) Celebration of Champions 2/12 – 28 invitations have been sent out. Waiting for 25 skaters' RSVP. If you have a skater who has been invited to skate, please let TCFSA know if he/she will skate or not. Posters are up.
- 7) Governing Council – Please think about who you want to send or proxy. Don't miss out the opportunity. This will be at Colorado Spring.
- 8) Synchro Teams – How many teams will Rochesterfsc have? Can you please let me know: mnpetite@yahoo.com. Need the levels of the teams. The highest placing team will be skating at Celebration of Champions.
- 9) For stipends to skaters who qualified for Mids and Nationals, TCFSA will need a letter from the President. Please make sure it is on club letter head and must be sent by Feb 1st.
To qualify for stipends, please make sure requirements are satisfied. Show book with TCFSA Ad must be sent to Nancy by June 1st 2017.
- 10) TCFSA discussed ice dancing (pairs) opportunities during MN State. Information included and to be passed at club's meeting.