



# Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 21, 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: J. Brehm (Secretary), T. Desens (Treasurer), L. J. Engle, F. Hangge, T. Husman, J. Kappler (President)**

**Absent: K. Corbin, A. Mikhail (Vice President), J. Miller, A. Schram**

**Others Present: Vikki Dalquist, Lindsey Packer**

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by J. Kappler, seconded by L.J. Engle. The consent agenda was altered to add a Directors Report and a motion was made to approve the agenda by T. Desens, seconded by L. J. Engle. All were in favor.

## Consent Agenda

- 1. May 2017 Board of Directors Minutes (did not officially get approved in June)**
- 2. June 2017 Board of Directors Minutes – Approved in July, but the header was incorrect**
- 3. July 2017 Board of Directors Minutes**
- 4. Synchro Report**
- 5. TCFSA Meeting Notes**
- 6. Midwestern VP Conference Call Notes**

## Reports

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Revenue decreased due to rink closures this month. Overall net income for the month was a loss of \$5000.
- 2. Synchro Notes – Camp Summary:** 27 skaters attended, went well.
- 3. President's Report:**
  - John and Maureen will meet with Rochester Area Sports Commission (RASC) representatives to discuss how we can work with them on large events such as UGL or TOI Nationals.
  - RFSC needs to fill some committee chairs, ideally having a new chair start one year ahead to get trained in. John will include this need on E-news.
  - Safe Sport Training should ideally be completed by all board members, though we do have enough to meet the USFSA requirement, four.
- 4. Director's Report:**
  - The traditional dates that we would hold Ice Show for 2019 are Easter weekend. The Ice Show committee is asking to move the show back a week to be held April 26-28, 2019. Maureen will check with availability for the Rec Center.

- Starting August 31, we are starting a relationship with the Ice Hawks. Paul will provide lessons, we get an advertising board, announcements for Ice Show, name recognition.
- 86 members signed up for tickets for Crystal.

### **Discussion/Action Agenda**

#### **1. FY17-18 Budget Review and Approval:**

- A motion was made by J Brehm for: Any team that requests fundraising to offset their monthly fee is required to meet that requested amount. If the team does not meet the amount, it is at the discretion of the team director to determine how to meet the shortfall. L. J. Engle seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.
- With the initial intention to approval the 2017-2018 annual budget the board discussed ways to cut costs specifically with Ice Show and Hiawathaland in order to bring the club budget closer to even. The budget is currently targeted at a \$55,000 shortfall. While it is understood that retained capital will cover shortfalls for a number of years until participation numbers are increased, it was decided to defer a motion for budget approval until Show and Competition expenses are reviewed. Specific items within the Show budget were identified for review and a general review of Hiawathaland budget will be done. John accepted responsibility for contact the Show Chairs and Maureen will review the Hiawathaland budget.

**2. Learn to Skate Director Replacement Plan:** Maureen will cover the admin portion of L2S Director and 2 coaches will cover the coaching until a replacement is found and hired.

#### **Open Forum**

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by L. J. Engle to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. T.Desens seconded the motion; All in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Brehm, Board Secretary, Rochester Figure Skating Club

## **Synchronized Director's report to the Board for August 2017**

I spent time on the following things:

- I spent a lot of time on synchro camp and communications to the teams, presenters, volunteers, and Tim for the website for this. I also worked with Anne to make sure everyone made payments for camp.
- Communications with several parents regarding the 2017-18 school year and which team their child will be on.
- Communicated with quite a few parents about July/August synchro classes since I was missing their registrations and wanted to know if they intended to skate all sessions or do walk-ons. Most then registered. Unfortunately two skaters will not be on a team this school year due to financial considerations.
- Followed up with Anne to make sure everyone who was coming to class had registered or paid for walk-ons.
- Set up the Fall 1 & 2 synchro classes and gave this information to Tim Rinkel and Lindsey Packer.
- Sent an email to all potential Pre Juvenile (or Synchro Skills 3) team members about the fall schedule.
- Set up an ice monitor class for Wed August 16<sup>th</sup> to be taught by Kari Grabowsky.
- Communications with Sue Skifter and Tammi Desens regarding the synchro budget.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

We had a wonderful synchro camp with a great turn out of skaters. I am very happy with how it all went.

- Vikki Dalquist

## TCFSA Meeting: Monday, Aug 14, 2017

- 1) IJS equipment ordered and spent \$14,500. This is to replace mechanics (HW) for efficiency. Starting Oct, IJS fees will be increased to \$500. (Original fees were \$400)
- 2) Basic Skills- 34 skaters were invited to the ceremony and photo taking session on 8/26 10:30am This is during MN State. If skaters can't make it, trophies can be picked up at Sept 11<sup>th</sup> meeting
- 3) Recognition dinner on 9/24 will be hosted by Lake Minnetonka. Roseville to host dinner for 2018 and 2019
- 4) Test clinic offered on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a test refresh. Please invite your test chairs. Please go to TCFSA website to verify correct club test chair information. Tell test chair we have a new treasurer. Her name is Gay Ann Louiselle and mailing address is 102 10<sup>th</sup> St East, Unit 343, St. Paul, MN 55101
- 5) Cirque du Soleil Crystal: Invite your club members. This is a performance of breathtaking artistry and creativity on ice (combining aerial acrobatic choreography and on ice innovative choreography). Minnesota is the first site to premier this special event. Please see flyer for more information.
- 6) Please nominate a candidate for our 26<sup>th</sup> Champion for Skating Award. This is awarded to an outstanding member of 1 of our TCFSA Members clubs. We do not have any nominee yet thus far, and the deadline is Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also accept nomination at MN State on 8/24. Nominees can be an adult volunteer or judge in our area. Please nominate!
- 7) MN State this year 8/24-826. Next year, we will host TCFSA Open in conjunction with MN State for test track skaters. This event is for MN residents only.
- 8) MN Skating Scholarship Fund event will be held at 1:00-3:00pm, Sunday 9/10 at Richfield. (See flyer). This is an exhibition for skaters competing at Uppers.
- 9) Sectionals this year will be held at Bloomington 11/15-11/19 (looking for volunteers).
- 10) Uppers this year will be held in Blaine MN Oct 3-Oct 10.

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Presidents Meeting

## Midwestern Section Call Meeting Notes for 7/26/2017 – John Kappler

Scott Hamilton (yes, the Scott Hamilton) was on the call to promote his Skate to Eliminate Cancer Program ([mysk8.org](http://mysk8.org)). The program consists of clubs hosting an event such as a 5K skate 'race' (on ice). The benefits from the program are intended to fill in the gaps in cancer care and to advance alternative treatments such as Immunotherapy and Proton Beam treatments. These are USFSA sanctioned events. 20% of proceeds can be directed toward local efforts. Email [8@scottcares.org](mailto:8@scottcares.org) with questions.

Skate America in Lake Placid and US Championships in San Jose were presented. There are codes that skaters can use that will result in funds back to clubs. The directions for these procedures have been sent separately and our office has the details.

Coach and Partner compliance was discussed in detail. Partner compliance is not something that is well known. Covers Dance partners in the case of people (noncoaches) who skate with skaters for tests. We need to ensure we understand and follow/enforce the rules.

A list of administrative items that the club has to complete was discussed. We have covered these items. Of note; it was again stated that we need a SafeSport Chair, of which we do, but we also need to make sure at least three other board members complete the training. We need to make sure we have the numbers.

Assistance was offered in cases where 'club to rink' relationships are tenuous. Contacts were provided. I believe we are in good shape at this time, but we'll keep the contacts for any possible future need.

Summary administrative stuff:

- 184,213 skaters, including L2S: USFS has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest numbers of skaters ever. This is the fourth annual increase in a row.
- Learn2Skate's first birthday was in June and they reported having 126,000 new members.
- 6 community grants were given to clubs across the country. 4 midwest, 1 east, 1 pacific
- A task force has been established to study potential efficiencies in the USFS Championships in order to ensure financial success.
- A number of committees and task force are being created and realigned.
- Start planning for USFSA's 100 Anniversary in 2021.
- ISU is targeting the addition of Synchronized Skating in the Olympics in 2022 or 2026.
- The Adult Competition Series has been initiated to provide a structure for Adults. [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com).
- No meeting in August.