

**Rochester Figure Skating Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

July 17, 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), K. Corbin, T. Desens (Treasurer), L. J. Engle, F. Hangge, J. Kappler (President),

Absent: T. Husman, A. Mikhail (Vice President), J. Miller, A. Schram.

Others Present: Josie Allen, Vikki Dalquist

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by L.J. Engle, seconded by T. Desens. The consent agenda and meeting agenda as stated was motioned to approve by T. Desens, seconded by L. J. Engle. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

1. **June 2017 Board of Directors Minutes**
2. **Learn2 Skate Report**
3. **Synchro Report**
4. **Governing Council Report**

Reports

1. **Junior Board Report:** Junior Board is designing shirts and should be ready in time for the Halloween Party.
2. **Synchro Highlights:** Vikki currently has 5 skaters registered for her synchro camp. The deadline to register is July 27.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Tammi reviewed the monthly budget.
4. **President's Report:** Tam is going to start tracking volunteer hours.

Discussion/Action Agenda

1. **Policy 1821 Registration Amendment Review:** 'Bills past due from previous contracts must be paid in full prior to acceptance of a new contract. In the event of account delinquencies, the Skating Director with Exec Board approval reserves the right to ask for an active credit card to be on file, and that payment can be processed via credit card on a monthly basis. Any credit card fees will be the responsibility of the skater.' K. Corbin made a motion to approve, J Brehm, seconded. All in favor
2. **Preliminary FY17-18 budget roll-up:** Still waiting on some numbers such as TOI (unsure of having 1 or 2 teams, location of Nationals is unknown). As of now, the budget is negative \$50,000. Ideas were shared on how to increase our profits on certain areas such as reducing the budget on Ice Show Props, tying in a philanthropic event with Ice Show to bring in more attendees, highly encouraging more of our local contract skaters to participate in Hiawathaland.

3. **Large event hosting discussion:** Synchro Mids is no longer an option due to new requirements for the facilities. TOI Nationals is an option, something to consider for 2019. National Showcase could also be an option to consider. We could get a bid packet now, set up a committee, and begin figuring out the process and logistics now so we have time to research and get things in line to place the bid for 2019. Also, need to meet with Rochester Area Sports Commission to get them on board with us and help us with obtaining volunteers, etc.

Open Forum

- What is our club's 'run rate' (profit/loss comparison)? 2015-2016 was a net loss of \$36,000.
- We need to start closely monitoring the number of contract skaters we have in the club, monthly as a board. Increasing membership is a key to a sustainable budget.

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. Corbin to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. L. J. Engle seconded the motion; All in favor.

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

7-17-17 Learn2Skate Board Report

- Summer 2 session will start July 24
 - Registration is open
 - Will be back at the Rec Center
- School Year 2017-2018 schedule highlights
 - Aligned the Winter 2 session with the Ice Show session
 - This extends the Winter 1 sessions, which is our busiest session of the year
 - It will eliminate the confusion of these two sessions running consecutively, but starting at different times and being different lengths
 - The Explorers 2 Winter 1 session (starts in January) will be extended to go through until the class starts Ice Show practices
 - In previous years, we have run a “mini” session for the few weeks in between the Winter 1 and Ice Show sessions, as skaters wanted to continue with the class straight through
 - This will promote the same format, but without skaters having to re-register for an additional session

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for July 2017

I spent time on the following things:

- Communications with Maureen regarding the 2017-18 school year schedule for synchro
- Many things for synchro camp: confirming ice times with Ed, presenters, schedule, registration info to teams, potential skaters, e-news, website, etc.
- Communications with Sue Skifter, Tammi Desens, and Maureen regarding the synchro budget.
- Sent some basic information about synchronized skating to the new synchro skaters who took classes in June and informed them of safety rules for synchro.
- Sent information out about a free one hour synchro session we held on June 30th – we had a great turn out and everyone had fun including two new to synchro skaters. Thank you Graham Arena!
- Sent attendance information for the June classes to Anne Pappas-Owen to assure charges & payments are correct.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

Looking forward to synchro camp and optimistic about a good turn out!

- Vikki Dalquist

**2017 UNITED STATES FIGURE SKATING GOVERNING COUNCIL
COLORADO SPRINGS, MAY 5-6 2017**

The 2017 USFS Governing Council convened at 7:30 AM Saturday, May 6 2017 with the Sectional Caucus meetings where items that concern each Section, old business and new business that will be brought before the Governing Council are discussed and voted on. The Midwest Caucus meeting adjourned after the election of the Nominating Committee Delegates from our Section.

The General Assembly of the Governing Convened at 10:00 AM and the business meeting followed. Most items presented were well received and discussion was minimal. I encourage the Board, Staff, and particularly Coaches of Rochester figure Skating to look over the Combined Report of Action for 2016 – 2017. The Report can be found at www.2017governingcouncil.com. Of special interest, will be the rules concerning the new scoring for all tests.

Concerning the new test scoring: Some retraining of judges and test chairs will be announced soon as the new program will begin in November 2017. The scoring will be based on the IJS system used for all qualifying competitions.

The Governing Council concluded at 4:00 PM. A very nice President's Reception followed in the evening where many officials were honored for their service to The United States Figure Skating Association.

It is always an honor to represent Rochester Figure Skating and my thanks for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



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