



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 18, 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, T. Husman, J. Kappler (President), A. Mikhail (Vice President), J. Miller, A. Schram

Absent: F. Hangge

Others Present: Josie Allen, Vikki Dalquist, Maureen Schembri-Wismayer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by J. Kappler, seconded by T. Husman. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by A. Mikhail, seconded by L.J. Engle. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

1. August 2017 Board of Directors Minutes
2. Synchro Report
3. L2S Report
4. TCFSA Meeting Notes

Reports

1. Junior Board- Halloween party is being planned. Shirts are being made for those selected to be on the Junior Board.
2. Treasurer's Report- Final year end budget was reviewed.
3. Synchro Notes- 3 teams, 32 skaters excluding the adult team. Adult team has 13 skaters and are competing at the masters level.
4. Director's Report- 118 contract skaters total currently. North rinks Dashboards are up. Poinsettia fundraiser will begin soon. Banners will be purchased for the TOI and Synchro teams for their event accomplishments. Looking at ways to fundraise for the club. Raising the L2S classes by \$2/class to match how we budget. The L2S Director position is posted on TSFSA Facebook page and the PSA website.
5. President's Report- Meetings with PSA and RASC are happening to discuss the possibilities of holding large events hosted by RFSC with the support of PSA and RASC.

Discussion/Action Agenda

1. FY17-18 Budget Review and Approval- The board deferred approving the budget until the October board meeting.

2. Large Event Options Review- Consider placing a bid for TOI Nationals for 2019. K. Corbin made a motion to put together an analysis for a bid to host TOI Nationals in 2019. A. Mikhail seconded. All in favor.

Open Forum

1. Hiawathaland: We are adding the Solo Dance Competition Series as long as our application is approved in October. This is cutting it close to the registration opening, but we have no choice. We are also adding Showcase Production Ensemble in order to provide the TOI team an opportunity to compete and possibly earn High School Letters for eligible TOI members.

Adjournment

A motion was made by J. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. A. Mikhail seconded the motion; All in favor.

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

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for September 2017

I spent time on the following things:

- Kristina and I made decisions about team placements and that the "medium" team should compete at the Synchro Skills 3 level and not Pre Juvenile.
- Communicated 2017-18 team placements to parents and skaters for the Open Juvenile and Synchro Skills 3 team. This included a number of individual emails to parents about their skaters who we were trying out on the Open Juvenile team.
- Communicated information on the school year schedule, competitions, and general information about the teams to the Open Juvenile & Skills 3 parents and skaters.
- Set up a class for the Synchro Skills 3 team as we will run it as a class for fall.
- I am working on recruiting managers for the teams and have had discussion with a group of parents who want to make sure duties are spread out.
- Sent basic synchro information to all summer class attendees.
- Sent recruitment emails out to potential "Beginner" class skater's parents.
- Registered 2 of the teams with US Figure Skating and requested Anne finish processing the payments.
- Communications with Sue Skifter and Tammi Desens regarding the synchro budget.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with parents.

- Vikki Dalquist

Learn2Skate Report

Board Report 9/13/2017

Fall 1 (as of 9/13/2017)

- Kids – 225
- Starts – 311
- Compared to Fall 1 2016 (171 kids; 229 starts)
- Compared to Fall 1 2015 (213 kids; 304 starts)

Tried different avenues of advertising

- Using PBplaybook as a new source of sign ups
- Link also in the Ice Hawks website
- Signs at the Rec Center drive
- Facebook

(in addition to Community Ed sign ups)

TCFSA Meeting: Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

- 1) Kiyoka Cooper's awards for the TCFSA Basic Skills Competition Series did not make it to the September meeting and there is no October meeting due to UGL, so it needs to be picked up at the November meeting. (Note: A reminder email to Jill Cummings < jcumplings@eminnetonka.com > before this meeting might avoid a repeat of this situation.)
- 2) Gay Ann Louiselle is the new treasurer and her mailing address is: 101 10th St East, Unit 343, St. Paul, MN 55101. Please note the 101. This was erroneously posted as 102 last month.
- 3) There will be a new Facebook page in November for "Twin City" figure skating. We will all have access to post things and the addition of items like Hiawathaland were encouraged.
- 4) MN State had 188 participants. Next year, there will be a parallel competition for Test Track much like what happens at UGL where there is a qualifying and nonqualifying competition.
- 5) They are looking for volunteers to assist with Regionals and Sectionals. There will be a webpage posted soon for volunteers to sign up for roles.
- 6) One of the clubs recently hosted Paul Wylie, men's singles figure skating silver medalist for the U.S. in the Olympics, for a seminar and they were very impressed with his energy and spirit. Another club rep stated that they also have him for a seminar every couple of years and the rep said that it is the best \$2,000 they spend on seminars. This seems like something to consider.