



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2019

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: Tamika Ballard, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Elizabeth Rice, Andrew Schram (Vice President), Darin Tosse

Absent: Amanda Roe

Others Present: Kari Sackett, Maureen Schembri-Wismayer

Call to Order: Motion made by J. Kappler seconded by J. Brehm at 7:02pm.

Consent Agenda: Motion by J. Brehm to approve consent agenda, seconded by T. Ballard

1. December 2018 Board of Directors Minutes
2. L2S Director Report
3. Synchro Director Report
4. TCFSA January Notes
5. Midwest VP Conference Call Notes - January

Reports

1. Junior Board Report- finished making blankets for the Ronald McDonald House, wrote welcome letters for new members, a bulletin board for announcements will be added to the locker room, will be doing a photobooth at Hiawathaland in the Lobby area but no snowflake decorations this year.
2. Treasurer's Report- budget is favorable.
3. Director's Report- contract is signed with 125 Live. Off-ice class Strength and Conditioning began there week of Jan 14.
4. President's Report- Nothing to report.

New Business

1. 2019 Governing Council Plan - May 3-4, 2019 Colorado Springs - In the past, we have sent 1 or 2 people to represent the club. A. Schram made a motion to send Gretchen Wilson and Maureen Schembri-Wismayer to Governing Council. Seconded by E. Rice, all approved.
2. Utilization of Treasurers Credit Card - Discussion on Chairs using their personal credit card to charge items. They do have the option to use the club's card. There is also the option to get checks pre-cut to pay for expenses.
3. Hiawathaland Update- 253 participants with many additional starts. Conflicts are arising with about 10 skaters that are signed up for many events and the events are overlapping.

4. Policy reviews: Various policies were handed out and looked over. Will continue looking and updating them at future meeting.
5. Late Registration request – review and vote

New Business

1. Carpets- John- Just need to buy them.
2. On-ice Video Recording System- Darin - demolition is complete and materials are gone. Andy will purchase the monitor.
3. Vision and Mission- Approval

Open Forum: No items to add.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by A. Schram at 9:29pm, seconded by E. Rice.

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

Learn2Skate Board Report

January 2019

- **Winter 1:** Winter 1 classes start on January 7-February 23 with the week of January 28- February 2 due to the Hiawathaland competition. Winter 1 is a 6-week session with the exception of the Explorers 2 class which will be 9 weeks. The Learn2compete class is offered again and classes are the first three weeks of the session.
- **Winter 2:** Winter 2 classes start on March 2-April 20 with no classes on Saturday, March 23 (due to the Return of the Robin)and the week of March 25-March 30 (due to Rochester Public Schools Spring Break). Learn2skate show rehearsals start March 16 (Saturday)- April 20.

<u>Winter 1, 2019</u>	<u>Winter 1, 2018</u>
Skaters-357	Skaters-350
Starts-498	Starts-510

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for January 2019

I spent time on the following things:

- Prepared for and held two manager meetings on January 8th to accommodate all managers. Along with current year items we are working on plans for next season.
- Updating our fundraising and sponsorship income and communicating with Maureen and Sue Skifter about this.
- Decided on Grizzlies Game exhibition date for Skills team.
- Did an online calendar for the teams including only extra or time adjusted practices and events.
- Working to set our annual synchro banquet date.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

I am happy to report that the Open Juvenile team skated well at the Maplewood competition and placed 6th out of 9 teams. They received a second place ordinal from one judge. The Pre Juvenile team had three fifth place ordinals but placed 6th out of 7 teams. The Open Juvenile team competes January 19th at the Synchro IL competition. This will be these skater's first bus trip to a competition. - Vikki Dalquist

TCFSA Meeting Notes – 1/14/2019 – Darin Tosse

7:00 – 8:00pm

Celebration of Champions TCFSA event highlighting MN champions is discontinued:

- chair stepping down and no replacement volunteer leader could be found
- not a money maker; costs barely covered
- difficult to get volunteers
- was discussed at previous meetings and communicated
- several visitors spoke in support of keeping

Midwest conference call national TOI emphasis; whole call is taped and recommends listening.

Several clubs are sponsoring attendees to upcoming governing council.

Possibly in April meeting; 1 or 2 authorities will discuss what USFS is proposing.

Also possibly at next month meeting a UofMN student will discuss collegiate synchro.

- desire to work with TCFSA and create a track for HS students

Proposed by-law changes will be voted upon next month. See handout.

When Julie began her term as president; sought to dust off and clean up guiding documents.

Up next will be a look at the policy handbook.

Midwest VP CC – January 9 – John Kappler

Topics

National Qualifying Series – USFS has established a series for skaters to earn byes out of Regionals into Sectional Competitions by placing well in Nonqualifying competitions. Encouraging NQ competitions that are held during the summer to apply. Hiawathaland does not fit in the timeline. Our skaters should investigate the Series to see what options they have for MN Series competitions.

John Cole gave an overview of National Showcase and TOI – Not really anything new. Mentioned that TOI just converted to IJS scoring. Showcase looking at the same move. IJS is much more objective and preferred.

I asked how TOI is different than Large Production Ensemble in his POV and he said that TOI is much more dance driven and has more structure. Showcase does not have as many restrictions – has more freedom.

Everyone encouraged to go to Detroit for Nationals.

No board notes.