



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2020

7:00 p.m. | Remote Meeting via Zoom



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: Jeremy Arnold, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), David Cooper, Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Erin Kirmis-Stein, Lisa Lee, Elizabeth Rice, Andrew Schram (Vice President), Darin Tosse

Absent: Amanda Roe

Additional Members Present: Lori Brakke, Vikki Dalquist, Jamie Santee, Kari Sackett, Maureen Schembri-Wismayer

Call to Order Call to order at 7:10pm | by J, Kappler, seconded by J. Brehm

Consent Agenda Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by J. Brehm, seconded by L. Lee

1. September 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
2. Synchro Director Report – Oct
3. L2S Director Report – Oct
4. 2020 Holiday Exhibition cancelled due to State mandated Covid restrictions
5. 2021 Hiawathaland cancelled via email vote by the board

Reports

1. Junior Board Report - No Halloween Party. Goodie bags are being made and will be handed out to L2S skaters. Will be organizing the Holiday Exhibition, sign up sheet coming out in early November.
2. Director's Report - Numbers are down for both L2S and Contract Skaters
3. Treasurer's Report - Transitioning to the new auditor.
4. President's Report – SafeSport

New Business

1. Hiawathaland update: John - No Synchro, Interpretive, Jumps, or Spins Events. PSA dinner is canceled. Competition will probably be a 2-day event Friday and Saturday. COVID safety protocols are being developed.
2. Ice Show budget update: John - Picture Day logistics are still trying to be figured out. Tickets will be \$15/each. Live Streaming is being looked into.
3. Website management discussion: John - if you see something that needs to be changed/updated on the website, let John know and he will pass along the message to Tim. That way Tim is getting the messages from one person.
4. Executive Board functions: John - Hold extra meetings as needed. Primarily to discuss personnel issues, or issues that need to be addressed with a limited group.

5. Volunteers, Open Chair positions, etc. Club Policy Manual, facilities, etc.: John -
A lot of open positions currently, and many will be opening in the coming years as skaters graduate and those parents who hold key roles will vacate those positions. Writing up descriptions for roles is needed. A list of open roles will be created and be presented to the Board members first to fill roles, and then extended to all club members to fill the remaining roles.
6. Reminder: Next board meeting on Dec. 7

In-Flight Initiatives

1. Trophy Case - On hold until post-pandemic

Open Forum

No topics presented

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by A. Schram, seconded by J. Arnold at 8:43pm

Calendar

Oct 24: Show Tryouts
Nov 16: TCFSA Board Meeting
Dec 7: RFSC Board Meeting
Dec 13: Holiday Exhibition

2020/21 Test Schedule:

Nov 10: Deadline – October 24, 2020
Feb 4: Hiawathaland

Area Competition Schedule:

Oct 25: Northern Blades Rising Stars: Blaine, MN
Nov 7-8: Autumn Skatfest: Burnsville, MN Deadline passed
Nov 13-14: Granite City Classic: St. Cloud, MN – CANCELLED (Club Website)
Feb 5-7: Hiawathaland

Statistics (Contract Skaters)

June 2018:	123	
July 2018:	104	
August 2018:	104	
September 2018:	122	
October 2018:	122	
February 2019:	124	
April 2019:	126	
May 2019:	123	
February 2020:	125	
October 2020:	96	(Adults not included)

Volunteers

Andy: Facilities, Lighting Chair, Audio Chair (Brant)
John:
Volunteers chair
Club Policies
Webmaster

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for October 2020

I spent time on the following things:

- Renewed the three teams with US Figure Skating and had Anne pay the fees.
- Communicated with several competitions about fees and if they will be part of the National series which two of our teams will join this year.
- Sent competition info to all three teams and a follow up to Open Juv and Pre Juv. We are still waiting information/confirmation of Maplewood competition in December.
- Communicated with John Kappler about Hiawathaland. Our referee will not include synchro this season. Sent this unfortunate, but understandable, information on to the teams. Also communicated this to a synchro coach from Eau Claire and one from Minnetonka.
- Solved the age issue with the Pre Juvenile team by getting two anonymous sponsors for a skater.
- Decided to use last year's monthly fee for September for the Open Juv and Pre Juv teams. Hoping to have more information in order to have a more accurate fee in place for the October bills.
- Sent another recruiting email to potential Skills team skaters. Unfortunately as of this writing we have no new skaters registered for the fall session of the synchro class.
- Attended (via Zoom) another "Synchro office hours" with US Figure Skating staff and officials regarding decisions about the season. They will not hold sectional championships this season but will have sectional and National placements for us as part of the series.
- Dealt with more costume stuff for Open Juv and Pre Juv.
- Recruited a manager for the Pre Juv team so I now have them for both OJ & PJ.
- Our budget.
- Sent out information on the Poinsettia fundraiser to all the teams.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

We currently have 15 skaters on the Open Juvenile team, 13 on Pre Juvenile, and 10 in the current Skills class, 8 registered for the fall class.

- Vikki Dalquist

Learn2Skate Board Report

October 2020

- The Back to school session just ended on 10/10/20. We are preparing for the Fall session.
- **Fall 2020 Session:** The Fall session goes from 10/19/20- 12/19/20 (8 weeks) no classes the week of 11/23/20-11/28/20. Testing report cards are given to skaters the week of 12/15/20.
 - We have a limit on numbers in order to follow the Executive order of regulations. The guidelines for the numbers allowed on the ice have gone up slightly. We are following the current guidelines put into place by the city, state, USFS, and youth sports.
 - We have Snowplow Sam classes starting back up for ages 4-5 years.
- Winter 2021 session: The winter session starts 1/4/21 and ends 2/27/21 with no classes the week of 2/1/21 (7 weeks). We will continue to follow the Executive order of guidelines and make any necessary changes if and when the guidelines change.
- The Fall 2020 numbers will come out on the next report as we are still accepting registrations for the Fall session.