



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2018

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), J. Kappler (President), F. Hangge, T. Husman, L. J. Engle

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

Other: Maureen Schembri-Wismayer; Kari Sackett

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 pm by J. Brehm, seconded by T. Husman. A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by L. J. Engle, seconded by F. Hange. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

1. December 2017 Board of Directors Minutes
2. Synchro Report - January
3. TCFSA January Meeting Notes
4. L2S Reports - January & February

Reports

1. Junior Board Report- none
2. Treasurer's Report- December and January financials were shared
3. Director's Report- Proposed Summer schedule was shared. July 16-20 is set for Blades & Buddies. Showing a steady growth in our L2S program and Kari Sackett took over the administrative role as of Feb. 1. Tam has taken over tracking of club volunteer hours. Discussion of changing/increasing the \$240 fee for volunteer hours, and the \$10=1hr of volunteer time.
4. President's Report- Safe Sport Training is being updated. Trend data of membership numbers were shared. March meeting will largely focus on the club's budget. The club's annual banquet is Friday May 11, which includes board elections.

Discussion/Action Agenda

1. There was a proposal to consider following the school closing guidelines in canceling practice sessions. In other words, it was suggested that RFSC might consider basing the cancelling of practice sessions on whether the school system officially closes or not. This was brought up as a result of complaints received during a recent inclement weather event where some members thought that cancelling practices at 3:30 PM was too late. It was explained that the late

cancellation was due to an atypical situation where Ed, the rink manager, was away in a meeting downtown and was not available to make the rink closing call. RFSC policy states that that the Club closes if the Rec Center closes because if Ed does not close the rink then the club still has to pay for the ice time. It was also explained that the Club Director has subsequently made an agreement with Ed to make sure to meet and decide by 1 PM as to if the rink is going to close or not and the club will base a cancellation decision on that discussion with Ed. Everyone was in agreement that this practice is in the best interest of the club because to just use the RPS system as a trigger a practice session cancellation will result in many wasted ice hours due to the fact that RPS cancels school at times that do not align with our late afternoon practice sessions. Example: RPS often cancels school the night before an icy day for school bus safety and the weather can often be very pleasant by that next afternoon during our ice time.

2. Governing Council Representation - Vote- A motion was made to send Gretchen to attend the coordinating council by L. J. Engle, seconded by T. Desens. All in favor.
3. Large Event Hosting – Discussion- Look into making bids for larger events in the future, would be 2019 or 2020 at the earliest
4. Hiawathaland Recap – Informational- We had 15 more skaters this year than 2017. Profit is going to be approximately \$10,000, which is a great improvement from 2017. Added a few other events, had a club from WI, higher number of teams competing, basic skills skaters that competed thru their winter package. Feb 1-3, 2019 date is set.
5. Hiawathaland 2020 Date Options Review – Subcommittee formation was offered as an option because Synchro Mids is around the same time every year, though all available weekends in Q1 through Q3 have been reviewed and no weekend are available as an option due to conflicts with other club competitions, Rec Center scheduled events or USFS events. No motion to form a subcommittee was made.

Open Forum

Adjournment

L.J. Engle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm, J. Brehm seconded. All in favor.

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

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for January 2018

I spent time on the following things:

- Held a manager meeting on January 10th.
- Let the teams know if they are performing an exhibition or competing at Hiawathaland
- Communicated with John Kappler and Maureen about Hiawathaland and synchro in future years.
- Recruited two of the higher level older skaters from the Open Juvenile team to assist on Tuesdays with the lower teams.
- I have been keeping track of expenditures for the teams and updating Sue Skifter.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers, parents, and ice show chairs and director.

I am happy to report that the Open Juvenile team skated well at the Maplewood Synchro Classic at Mariucci Arena. The results were not great, but they performed the best they could at that point in time. - Vikki Dalquist

TCFSA Meeting 1/8/2018

1. Celebration of Champions is on Sunday Feb 11th. If we have skaters who have been invited to perform, please remind them to RSVP by Jan 21st.
2. Governing Council will be held in Orlando May 2nd-May 5th. Please start listing delegates and proxy now. It is important to go this year, as there will be a lot of updates and news from the Olympics.
3. Those who competed at sectional and national competitions and want their stipends, please submit your request on club letterhead with skaters' names, levels, & competition by Feb 1st. All names can go on one letter.
4. Watch out for information on Scholarship opportunities for skaters on TCFSA.org website
5. Beginning November 1st 2017, skaters can consider their Freeskate competition as their Freeskate test session during a local competition. Skaters who are interested in testing up their level must notify their LOC ahead of time. For example, if they currently have passed juvenile FS, and want to take their Intermediate FS test at Hiawathaland, they must notify the Hiawathaland LOC ahead of time. The FS competition must be an IJS Intermediate level competition. This is all provided they have passed their Intermediate moves. Note: Rule book: TR 4.01 and 4.02.
6. Midwest Conference Call – Please listen into this if you have time. There is a lot of information about jumps at competition.
7. Basic Skills – Next at Hiawathaland, 3 Rivers, and Sunflower Classics (in March)

Learn2Skate Director Report - 1/9/2018

First day of class for Winter 1, 2018 was Jan 2nd. This will be a 7 week session:

Winter 1, 2018

- Skaters - 350
- Starts – 510

Winter 1, 2017

Skaters – 322
Starts – 449

Learn2Compete:

Winter 1, 2018 - 9 skaters

Winter 1, 2017 – 2 skaters

Winter Package: 28 skaters took advantage of the Winter Package.

Summer 1 and Summer 2 already submitted to Community Ed. Have re-structured the class time for the summer sessions. As of Summer 1, 2018 skaters will sign up for 45 minute time slots. This will consist of a ½ hour of class time and 15 mins of practice ice time.

Submitted: Maureen S Wismayer

2-19-18 Learn2Skate Board Report

- Winter 1 session ends February 24, 2018
- Winter 2 session begins March 9, 2018
- Explorers 2 session for Winter 1 (8 week session) will continue to March 5, 2018; for Winter 2 session Explorers 2 will have show rehearsals and not regular classes
- Learn2skate Ice Show costume pick up was the week of 2/12-2/17 and Learn2skate testing week was 2/12-2/17. W1 session will end with a fun game week (Learn2skate Olympics).
- Adaptive Learn2skate class for W2 will have a time change on Saturdays from 11:30-12:00 to 11:00-11:30 due to show rehearsal on 11:30 practice ice.
- Ice Show rehearsals for Learn2skate start March 10 with no rehearsals on Friday nights