

Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



September 20, 2021 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 Present: Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), David Cooper (Vice President), Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Erin Kirmis-Stein, Lisa Lee, Mark O'Byrne, Amanda Roe

Absent: Jeremy Arnold, Elizabeth Rice, Andrew Schram

Additional Participants: Kari Sackett, Natali Thiesse

Call to Order Call to order at 7:01pm by J. Kappler, seconded by J. Brehm

Consent Agenda Call to approve the Consent agenda, motion made by D. Cooper, seconded by L. Lee.

- 1. June 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- 2. August 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- 3. L2S Director's Report
- 4. Synchro Director's Report

Reports

- 1. Junior Board Report- Halloween party Oct 30, hopefully. Jr. Board sweatshirts handed out. Locker room is staying clean! However, still problems with skaters using their phones in the locker room. Jr. Board would like to see and have a say in developing a new RFSC logo.
- 2. Director's Report-none
- 3. Treasurer's Report- no updates
- 4. President's Report- TCFSA stipend for this year will be \$1000. TCFSA Open and MN State will be August 18-20, 2022.

New Business

- 1. Ice Show Volunteer Coordinator- Amanda Roe will take this over.
- 2. Safe Sport Rebranding (SkateSafe)- Instead of Safe Sport (more at a national level), US Figure Skating (and other sports are doing this as well) has created their own guidelines more specific to the sport of skating.
- 3. Covid Protocols- An email was sent to families with the most recent updates. Currently, if a skater is quarantined, they cannot skate but their 'units' will not be canceled and rather can be used as make-ups. Further discussion and follow-up is needed with Maureen present.
- 4. Website Maintenance- If someone wants to help liaison with our Website Chair, please contact John Kappler. Tim Rinkel continues to manage the website.

- 5. Fee rates- Discussion on Ice sessions not well attended and the loss for the club vs. looking at fee increases.
- 6. Club Spirit Wear A new logo will be designed ASAP, voting will take place, then new spirit wear will be decided on and available to order.

In-Flight Initiatives

Open Forum

Next meeting will be October 18 at 7:00pm. In-person TBD.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by M. O'Byrne, seconded by J. Brehm at 8:02pm

Calendar

2021 Test Schedule:

November 9, 2021

Area Competition Schedule:

October 9-10: Rising Stars Competition

November 6-7: Autumn Skate Fest - BMVFSC

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)

May 2021: 102 (11 Graduating Seniors and ~14 Juniors included)

September 2021: 111 (Includes 14 adults)

Volunteer Vacancy Tracker

Open Volunteer Slots:

Testing Co-Chair

Planning:

Carrie Wise (Senior Skater): Shadow needed for 2021-22 Ice Show

Learn2Skate Board Report

September 2021

- Back2School 2021: The Back2School session started 9/7 and ends 10/16 (6 weeks)
 - o The Explorers class began 9/13 and ends 10/18 (6 weeks) due to Labor day on 9/6.
- Fall 2021:. The Fall session starts 10/25 and ends 12/18 (7 weeks) with no Learn2skate the week of 11/22-11/27 due to Thanksgiving.
- Maureen and I are working together to bring another fun exhibition for our Learn2skate skaters and contract skaters in October on the Tuesday and Thursday between the Back to School session and Fall session. This will be similar to what we did this past February. We heard great feedback from both Learn2skate families and contract families.

| Back to School | **Back to School |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2021 | 2020 |
| Skaters-212 | Skaters-134 |
| Starts-272 | Starts-198 |

^{**}Please note that the numbers reflect a decrease in numbers due to the pandemic and the Executive order guidelines.

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for August 2021

I spent time on the following things:

- Filled out the US Figure Skating team renewal info and had Anne pay the fees for Open Juv and Pre Juv.
- Sent several emails recruiting skaters for the Back to School and fall classes.
- We have 10 skaters in the Back to School Wednesday synchro class.
- Arranged for a deposit to the bus company we will use.
- Sent out commitment forms and anti-bullying pledge forms to the Open Juv and Pre Juv teams. Happy to report that all the forms are signed and in for the Pre Juv team, 17 skaters, and I am missing one for Open Juv, 16 skaters.
- Sent team lists to Anne to verify registration for the school year contract.
- Communications with the new Pre Juv managers to help them with what needs to be done.
- Finalized designs for the Open Juv, Pre Juv, and eventual Aspire team outfits.
- Sent the monthly fee amount to Anne.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

- Vikki Dalquist