



Rochester Figure Skating Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 20, 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 Present: Jeremy Arnold, Tamika Ballard, Jennifer Brehm (Secretary), David Cooper, Niteen Damle, Fawn Hangge (Treasurer), John Kappler (President), Elizabeth Rice, Amanda Roe, Andrew Schram (Vice President), Darin Tosse

Absent:

Other: Maureen Schembri-Wismayer, Vikki Dalquist, Kari Sackett, Anne Pappas Owen, Mandy Wagner

Call to Order: Motion made by J. Kappler seconded by D. Cooper at 7:05pm

Consent Agenda: Motion by A. Schram and seconded by J. Brehm to approve agenda

1. March 2020 Board of Directors Minutes
2. Synchro Director Report – April
3. L2S Director Report – April

Reports

1. Junior Board Report-
2. Director's Report- A possible 'soft' opening if the Stay At Home order is lifted. School year contract would be null. Possible individual private lesson, but small numbers allowed on the ice at a time to allow and enforce social distancing between May 14-June 6. This potential plan could be extended depending what the Governor decides with closure timelines. Skaters and coaches would be asked to wear masks, at least initially, to try. Possibly use both rinks, would seek parent volunteers to be ice monitors. Any break in skaters not following social distancing could result in ice time being taken away from the club. Cleanliness procedures are being put in place. Considering canceling or postponing Blades and Buddies since it is currently planned in June; possibly follow the USFS guidelines of no group activities until July. Board recommended to cancel Blades and Buddie.
3. Treasurer's Report- year to date our budget is looking good for now. The rink closure will have an impact.
4. President's Report- TCFSA meetings will be online monthly. Maureen will attend Governing Council. Several spots to fill for upcoming Board elections

New Business

1. Ice Show Plans- Show committee met and decided that the May date will not work. Tentative dates of August 14-15, a 2-day show, marketing would be limited since a normal large audience will most likely not be permitted. Not bring in the guest skater and ask him to attend the 2021 show.

2. Banquet / Annual Member Meeting- Banquet will not be held on May 8th. Possibly in June, outside for additional space for distancing. Looking into holding the annual member meeting via ZOOM.

In-Flight Initiatives

1. Lettering Program
 - a. Status for 2019/2020 school year. An email was sent to coaches to help determine the lettering status for skaters.
 - b. Considerations for TOI lettering for 2020/2021 school year. To letter in TOI, the skater must participate in a TOI competition. Typically Nationals is the only TOI competition held and attended. Nationals in June 2020 is canceled due to COVID-19, which removes the required competition needed to letter in 2020/2021. Alternatives will need to be determined for 2020/2021.
2. Trophy Case - On hold

Open Forum

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Kappler, seconded by A. Schram at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Brehm, Board Secretary, RFSC

Calendar

May 18: Board Meeting

TBD: Annual Banquet

2019/20 Test Schedule (all TDB based on the local situation):

6/16 (TBD) All FS and MIF, dance thru pre-gold or gold depending on judge availability

8/4 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

11/10 All FS and MIF, dance thru bronze

Area Competition Schedule:

USFS has recommended that all clubs cancel or postpone their events, so check on this if have registered for a competition and they have not contacted you.

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

Synchronized Director's report to the Board for April 2020

I spent time on the following things:

- Synchro Camp: Secured Becky Gallion as our main presenter. I have let current team members know this and gave the info to Tim Rinkel to put on the website. I have also confirmed an acting coach and contacted several other people for various presentations and am waiting to hear back.
- I am working on our new Saturday ice for next school year and determining the best use of this ice.
- Communicated information about March billing to the parents.
- A few communications with Sue Eckenrode (formerly Skifter) about our budget for next season.
- Various and assorted communications about the teams with managers and parents.

I am very happy to report a wonderful finish to our competitive season for all three teams in Eau Claire Wisconsin. The Open Juvenile team placed first, the Pre Juvenile team second, and the Synchro Skills team third in the final round after placing second in their group. It was particularly wonderful that this competition occurred the weekend before everything got shut down due to COVID 19. Great memories for everyone!

- Vikki Dalquist

Learn2Skate Board Report

April 2020

- **Spring Session:** Spring session (8 weeks) starts on 3/6/20-5/16/20, with no classes on 3/20 & 3/21 due to return of the robin, 3/30-4/4 RPS spring break, and 4/13-4/18 show week. L2S show rehearsals start 3/6 -4/11 (4 weeks) , no L2S rehearsals 3/20 & 3/21 due to return of the robin, and 3/30-4/4 due to RPS spring break.
**Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we were only able to hold one week of L2S classes for the spring session. When we return we plan to continue with the Spring session until May 16, 2020 and prorate the session based on the number of classes held in the Spring session. There will not be L2S testing for the Spring session due to the limited number of classes held in the session due to the pandemic. L2S show rehearsals were also only held for one week. L2S will follow the plan determined by the show committee.
- **Blades and Buddies Camp:** Camp week is 6/22/20-6/26/20 from 1:00pm-5:30pm with an exhibition on 6/26/20 from 5:30-6:30. We are still taking registrations until May 16, 2020. This may change due to the USFSA regulations.
- **Summer Session:** Summer session (7 weeks) starts 7/6/20-8/20/20. Testing week is 8/18 and 8/20. Registrations are open.

<u>Spring 2020</u>	<u>Winter 2, 2019</u>
Skaters-269	Skaters-321
Starts-432	Starts-448

Couple things to note: First thing to note, the current 2020 Spring session is during the same time as Winter 2, 2019 and includes the Spring Fling 2019 session time. Second thing to note, the Spring numbers are reflected prior to the pandemic.