

Rochester Figure Skating Club
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
Monday | August 17, 2015
7:00 p.m. | Rochester Recreation Center | Bob Fick

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: Steve Beery (arrived at 7:52), Tammi Desens, Stacy Dierauer, Lori Jean Engle, Chris Gade (arrived at 7:52), Jeff Germer, Amanda Mikhail, Janis Miller, Andy Schram, and Laura Schroeder

Staff Present: Debbie Colgan, Anne Pappas Owen, Jamie Santee, and Elizabeth Thornton

Others: Eva Kathmann and Felicia Zhang

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Amanda Mikhail, RFSC President.

1. President's Report – Amanda Mikhail

- Construction update – we have 3 Board members representing RFSC in regards to the entrance into the Rec Center. There is talk that the Elton Hills entrance may be removed.
- Club Director – Maureen's first day will be August 20th. Chris is working on a training plan. The first plan is to have her meet with Laura, Eva, and Elizabeth. Next she will meet with all of the coaches and go on from there.
- Amanda and Maureen will attend the coaches meeting in September and bring back to the board their priorities.

2. Secretary's Report – Stacy Dierauer

- Review and approval of the July meeting minutes
Andy makes a motion to approve the minutes and Janis seconds the motion
Motion passed – all in favor

3. Treasurer's Report – Laura Schroeder

- We have 1 month left of this fiscal year and we are looking good
- Blades and Buddies income and expense was moved to L2S. Income was \$3,100 and expense was \$2,600. There may be a few more expenses.
- We broke even on ice due to vacations but will make up for this in August. \$2,500 is not a bad loss on ice.
Andy makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Tammi seconds the motion
Motion passed – All in favor

4. Coaches Report – Debbie Colgan

- The coaches did not have a meeting this month. Things are very ad-hoc right now.

5. Jr. Board – Felicia Zhang

- The Jr. Board had their "Bond Fire" meeting and went over the rules.
- The Halloween Party has been planned for October 24th.
- They have decided on a T-shirt design.

6. Consent Agenda

- TCFSFA Report – No report
- Learn2Skate – Elizabeth Thornton

- Theatre on Ice – Jamie Santee
 - Synchro – Vikki Dalquist
 - Jamie requested that Theatre on Ice be removed from the consent agenda
- Laura made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of Theatre on Ice and Lori Jean seconds the motion
- Motion passed – All in favor*

7. Theatre on Ice – Jamie Santee

- There are currently 18 skaters that have said “yes” to Theatre on Ice
- Jamie is working on the gym time and will send out the information to the skaters that said yes and maybe once that is confirmed. Ed told Eva that the gym is confirmed but due to construction we may need to use Activity Room II
- Jamie has compiled a budget based on what she knows at this point. Some skaters are still on the fence about committing. She cut back as much as she could with her expenses and fundraising will depend on the number of skaters. She will send an email to all with the final costs and schedule.
- **REQUEST FOR ACTION:** Jamie is requesting to hold a Skate-a-thon for the entire club
 - Skaters get pledge sheets for family and friends and they can either pledge a flat amount for per lap
 - The kids would have “x” amount of time and they would skate laps
 - The kids could count laps on their own or have a buddy count for them or it can be done by hour
 - You can fundraise on the spot or have a L2S table to promote
 - Make it fun with games
 - JPSE and up or Advanced L2S and up
 - We could combine this with a current class
- Amanda asked Jamie what the timeline was and Jamie mentioned that January was a good month but nothing had been picked.
- Jamie will create a proposal with dates, participants, and expected dollar amount they would like to raise.
- The fundraising would follow the normal flow of what TOI earns goes to TOI, etc.

8. Ice and Rules – Eva Kathmann

- Eva stated that this is by far the most frustrating year yet as there are many things that are moved around
 - Ed entered our information into his computer and there was a large piece missing. Eva was going to follow up with Ed
 - Wednesday evening is still under construction
 - There is a 15 minute open block that Eva will check into and see if it can be utilized
 - The off-ice classes have shifted and they are adding 2 Saturday classes
 - They want Skate Psych on Mondays
- Ed told Eva there would be an increase of \$5/hour for ice. This changes from \$152/hr to \$157/hr which would be January – May. This would be an increase of about \$3,000 for RFSC. This increase does not include show week. We will be sure the contract has this information in it and will allow for changes to the contract without penalty.
- Eva said that Ed is very frustrated with RFSC cancelling ice time. He is unable to fill it. Eva will send a note to the coaches that if they need to cancel ice to send her a note and she will forward it to the other

coaches to see if they can utilize it. We will not cancel ice with Ed anymore. Tammi will draft a new policy in regards to no more cancelling of ice.

- Eva hopes that the schedule will be complete by the end of the week.

9. Budget – Laura Schroeder

- Laura provided us a copy of the submitted budgets for this year. It looks like we may need to dip into our reserve which was expected with the hiring of the club director. L2S will probably be higher than listed and Hiawathaland may be a little conservative.
 - There is small equipment on this budget but that is a one-time charge
 - The Skater Liaison position will be going away with the hiring of the club director
- Andy made a motion to approve the budgets and Tammi seconds
Motion passed – All in favor

Old Business

10. Fundraising

- Let's focus on the poinsettias. The Kwik Trip cards and less value than before. We will see if we can find a young skater mom to take this over from Marne.

11. Competitive Team – we may want to remove this topic and will discuss this as a board

12. Upper Great Lakes Regionals 2017 – Laura Schroeder

- Laura said they are plugging away nicely.

13. Hiawathaland – Jeff Germer

- Jenny is working on an add
- They are still looking for a video person

New Business

14. Jack Rabbit Demo

- Anne provided a demonstration of the new registration to the board. This fall the registration will be handled in the old system but will be manually transferred to this new system.

15. City Meeting Update – Chris Gade

- Chris updated the board on the city meeting he had just attended. He said there was good representation there. There is an issue with the current SE entrance. It is not by ordinance and possibly will be closed. Many are opposed to this closing and are pushing to have this looked at again. It may come back to the city council in September or October.

16. Miscellaneous Items

- Laura announced that our current accountant has moved on and will be replaced by Pat Radatz and is expecting a smooth transition.
- Anne said not to plan on moving downstairs until after MEA
- We will discuss the volunteer buy out for next year.

Andy makes a motion to end the meeting: Chris seconds. All in favor. Meeting ends at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Dierauer, Secretary Rochester Figure Skating Club