**Bismarck Figure Skating Club Board Meeting**

**VFW Curling Room**

**July 11, Thursday, 2019 6:30pm**

**Members Present**

Mikel Ystaas, Julie Fedorchak, Kalvin Kingsley, Jen Rambur, Kiki Schatz, Michael Gill, Kalvin Kingsley, Suzzanne Fuchs, Kareen Hopfauf, Jenny Renton, Lori Haar, Lucas Teigen, Dana LaVallie, Patty Schock, Emily Zahn, Chad Teske, Mike Wald, Kit Ebach.

The meeting was called to order by President Julie at 6:30pm. Julie introduced Kit Ebach, the club’s new bookkeeper. Welcome Kit!!

Approval of amended June/Annual minutes, Jen made a motion to approve the minutes. Kareen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion approved. Minutes to be sent out to club members.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Patty Schock, the new treasurer, gave her first board report. Great job Patty!! Net monies from Sam’s Club fundraiser should come in at about $600. Patty plans to track the Chicago competition fundraising monies separate. $1539 currently in the money market account. $1000 of that is minimum balance for the money market. The previous monies that were in the money market were moved to the club account. $539 of the money market monies is money raised by the Chips fundraising thus far for Chicago. Patty plans to move that money from the money market account once all Chicago fundraising is complete and the individual amounts due per skater are determined.

Patty was uncertain of what to report. Kalvin suggested an overall summary and what the board members need to be aware of. Julie reiterated the importance of transparency with the monies the club is bringing in.

Discussion regarding the skate swap and monies collected from the Cherry Hill synchro apparel that was sent to the club last year and sold last year and last month. There were questions of where the money would go and if it would go to the Chips for Chicago. It was decided since it is synchro apparel, the monies from the apparel ought to go to the general synchro funds. Kalvin made a motion to approve for the monies to be in the general synchro funds. Jen 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

Kalvin made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report. Lucas 2nd the motion.

**President’s Report**

Julie would like to discuss testing regarding fees, making money, times testing is held, etc. What has worked best for times and dates, getting judges, cost, etc. in the past and to move forward. Julie would like to discuss testing in more detail at the board retreat to be held in August.

Julie asked if test dates are set for the rest of the year and was informed the dates are set.

Board retreat date to be held Wednesday, August 14 at 7pm to meet a Julie’s home.

Discussion regarding email voting process and keeping email voting to a minimum. Need to be conscience about how it is done. Cannot have a vote if Julie is not calling for a vote, need a time frame, motion, etc. Last minute stuff is difficult to manage with a board of volunteers who all work and some are unable to check emails regularly to cast votes.

Julie would like to look at duck race finances and how fundraising is approved and if there is a better way to approve fundraisers.

Budget amendments: discussion between Emily and Julie regarding skating opportunities with traveling coaches who can come in and offer lessons to skaters in the club.

Discussion regarding dividing the cost amongst skaters who can participate and not be paid out of the club’s budget. Emily started a monthly coach meeting and the coaches can discuss outside coaches coming in for skaters and other opportunities. This will hopefully give all skaters and families more time to plan accordingly.

**Directors’ Reports**

**Synchro Report:**

Julie shared she did speak to Becky and the importance of being at meetings but unable to attend tonight due to family thus Jenny Renton gave report at the meeting tonight.

All synchro coaches completed necessary education and renewal paperwork for the upcoming year.

Synchro camp to be held August 5-8, girls to work on choreography, down at Capital Ice Complex. Annual pool party and picnic to be held this week.

Skate for Taylor store remains open. Store will close July 23. Chips, Connection and Chill required to have the black Skate for Taylor t-shirt.

Out of town for synchro conference in Chicago July 18-21. There are 9 BFSC skaters attending the camp in Chicago.

Synchro will move to VFW 2 for 2 weeks the week of July 22.

**Learn to Skate report:**

One week left of LTS. Has been a good session and attendance for summer. Next session to start in September. Late August registration will open.

**Advanced report:**

Summer test session July 25-26 and VFW 2. Chase to partner with skaters instead of Logan. Tuesday-Wednesday practice with Chase. 3 judges will come to Bismarck for this test session.

Week of July 22 move up to VFW 2.

**Unfinished Business:**

Testing noted above under President’s report. Further discussion to be had at the Board retreat.

Code of Conduct for coaches was discussed. Julie suggested it be put on the BFSC website for review and for parent’s to be aware. Kalvin will upload as a PDF on the website.

Educational Opportunities: Kalvin asked if a way to have a “coach swap” in advanced for a week. Kalvin suggested an institutionalized thing to work with other coaches. Emily thinks some of the coaches may be “possessive” of their skaters. Maybe brining in an outside coach occasionally for the skaters. Emily thinks maybe 2-3 times a year to get in outside coaches. Further discussion with Emily and the coaches at their monthly meeting.

Kiki shared feedback from Missy regarding survey results with lessons from Kate Charbonneau. Positive feedback from skaters and parents regarding lessons with Kate.

**New Business:**

Car wash fundraiser for the Chips to offset Chicago expenses to be held July 14 and August 17, $1000 expected for each car wash. Motion to approve by Kalvin and 2nd by Kareen. Motion approved.

**Other Business:**

Kalvin reported on website and request for photos from parents of their skaters. He prefers competition photos, no synchro photos.

Lucas asked about the budget and Patty will get the budget to Lucas so he can get a better understanding of how the budget is run in the club.

\*\*\*Next board meeting scheduled for August 15, Thursday, 2019, 6:30pm at VFW Curling Room.

\*\*\*Julie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kiki seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.