

# BISMARCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday September 10, 2020

5:45 p.m., VFW Curling Room

Members present: Jen Rambur, Tasha Scott, Denise Nelson, Calvin Kingsley, Jenny Renton, Kiki Schatz, Michael Jacobson, Lucas Teigen, Stacey Hanson, Stephanie Longlie, Julie Fedorchak, Jaclyn Hamlin, and Becky Gallion.

1. Call meeting to Order & Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by president Calvin Kingsley.
2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting  
Jen Rambur made a motion to approve the minutes and Denise Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries. Minutes to be sent to the club members
3. Treasurer's Report, Tasha Scott
  - a. Ice Show Reimbursement - Requests. \$908 was for ticket reimbursement request, and \$200 for ice show fee requests.
  - b. Tasha went over the bank balances and check detail report. Jen Rambur made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Lucas Teigen seconded it. All were in favor and motion carries.
4. Director's Reports
  - a. LTS, Emily Zahn September 2020 – Learn to Skate Report
    - ~ We will be starting our Fall LTS session tonight. We have 104 skaters registered for lessons so far. Our fall session will go through October 18th. Our fall session last year had 112 registered.
    - ~ The downstairs lobby at VFW Rink 1 has been remodeled. There is very limited room for our LTS skaters to get their skates on, so I am asking that skaters come to the rink in their skates on. Due to safesport we can not utilize the locker rooms as parents need to be Safesport certified to be in the locker rooms.
  - b. Advanced, Emily Zahn September 2020 – Advanced Report
    - ~ We are into 3rd week of our fall advanced session. All sessions are "Open" sessions, which means that all levels can skate on any session. So far this has been working well. We do have a few sessions that are full, Mondays 4:15 pm session, Mondays 5:00 pm session, and Tuesdays 4:15 pm session.
    - ~ We have 11 skaters that have moved from LTS to advanced over the summer and this fall.
    - ~ Our next test session is November 6-8th, Logan will be coming to partner again and we currently have 2 judges secured and working on a third.
    - ~ We have the Maplewood competition this weekend and we have 9 skaters attending.
    - ~ We have heard that the St. Cloud competition has been cancelled as well as the Robin

Lee Competition. The Website will be updated as we hear about cancelations or postponements.

c. Synchro, Becky Gallion

1. Teams are practicing and working to get their programs completed for the upcoming season. The goal is to complete or be close to completing programs this month so if we have minor interruptions during the season we will be able to conduct productive off ice classes either in person or online. Skaters and coaches are doing a great job of keeping teams moving forward!

2. All teams have been renewed with USFS for the 2020-2021 season.

3. Team Managers and Team Moms for each team have been set and notified. Thank you for volunteering your time!! All teams are currently working on designing their team shirts for the upcoming season. 4. We are working to schedule team meetings during the next couple of weeks. Meetings will be scheduled during practice time. The curling room is spaced out to allow for social distancing, which limits participants. We will only be allowing 1 parent per skater at the team meeting this year. We will hand out folders, team information, etc.

4. Pants previously ordered are in....thank you Jenny Renton! They are being handed out to the skaters this week.

5. All dresses have been designed and are moving forward with production.

6. I have been on numerous zoom calls, phone calls, etc the past few weeks in regards to the upcoming season. US Figure Skating is doing their best to make a season happen, the advice they have for us is to be flexible and willing to roll with most anything! We will discuss further details at the team meetings. Most competitions are still up in the air at this point in time.

7. I participated in my annual conference August 14th and 15th. It was great to connect with directors and coaches from around the country and hear how everyone is coping with the upcoming season. We had some great speakers and some new rules and regulations were definitely clarified.

8. I signed up the Chill, Connection and Crystals for DREAM skater pen pals from US Figure Skating. They all received the first letters and are in the process of writing them back! The Chill have a skater from Miami Senior, the Connection have a skater from Adrian Senior, and the Crystals have a skater from Skyliners Junior. Pretty exciting and hopefully we have a fun year being in touch with them!

9. I am currently working and serving on the Coach Connect task force committee with Carla Degiromalo from Miami University along with a couple of other US officials and Kyleigh from US Figure Skating. We have designed a program to connect new to IJS teams (open juv, pre juv, and prelim) with experienced coaches to help streamline the process and answer questions. The other facet to the program is connecting lower level Juv, Int, and Novice coaches with US officials to help them reach the next step and achieve better results, scores, etc. We are currently working to pair up coaches and coaches so they can get started working together. It will be fun to watch this program grow and hopefully flourish across the United States.

10. Normally we have synchro sister day in Sept. or Oct. unfortunately this year that would just be too many skaters together and on the ice so we will have to postpone

until a later date. I am working to come up with something else for the skaters to connect with their synchro sister/brother this season.

5. President's Report

- a. SafeSport Signage Status - Calvin reported that Parks and Rec is going to try to get signage that will work for both BFSC and BHB and will hear from Mike soon.
- b. Ice refund from Parks and Rec - Calvin reported that the refund amount will all be applied to our next payment, rather than across the next 5. The total amount will remain the same.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Standing Committee Reports
  - I. Advertising – Eric Appiah still needs to meet with Aaron Stenberg.
  - II. Charitable Gaming - Aaron Stenberg met with Western Distributing and Shamrock gaming. We need to find a location. Once we have one location, we can apply for the license. We should have 2-3 sites to start and can have up to 5 locations for the charitable gaming.

7. New Business

- a. BFSC Hall of Fame idea – David Vetter will come to the October meeting. He has put something together like the St. Mary's hall of fame.
- b. Accounts Pending – closed meeting to discuss after Board Meeting
- c. Board Retreat – Mid October
- d. Discussion of proposed Bylaw changes
  - I. Membership eligibility change: increasing eligible member types, such as former skaters and parents, judges and so on.
  - II. Arrears for fees communication ; Right now it says that they should be notified at their last known (physical) address and we would like to also allow email for contact.
  - III. Check signing: Asking to have just the treasurer sign checks if they are less than \$1000, rather than having at least 2 signatures.

8. Next Meeting: 10/8 at VFW curling room

9. Adjourn for executive session at 6:23pm to discuss members with past due fees and arrears fees and came out of executive session at 7:25.