

BISMARCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 14, 2021

6:45 p.m., Zoom Call

Members present: Calvin Kingsley, Denise Nelson, Tasha Scott, Missy Hetland, Michael Jacobson, Stephanie Longie, Jen Rambur, Lucas Tiegen, Caryn Iverson, Dana Lavallie, Kareen Hopfauf, Kit Ebach, Becky Gallion, Jenny Renton, Kiki Schatz, Jaclyn Hamlin, Missy Theel, Laurey Kooker, Kristen Luckenbill, Aaron Stenberg, Jill Duemeland

1. Call meeting to Order & Roll Call : The meeting was called to order at 6:47 by President Calvin Kingsley.

2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting : Tasha Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Jen Rambur seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries. Minutes to be sent to the club members.

3. Treasurer's Report, Tasha Scott : Tasha went over the check detail report and said that the Payment Protection Program (PPP) loan was 100% forgiven and we don't have to pay it back. Denise Nelson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Michael Jacobson seconded it. All were in favor and motion carries.

4. Director's Reports

a. LTS, Emily Zahn~ Winter 2 session started on Sunday, January 10th. We have 182 skaters registered for this session.

~ We also have 38 skaters registered for private lessons that are held on both Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings.

~ Ice Show registration was sent out on Monday and will be due on January 28th. No late registrations will be accepted due to the quick turn around we will have for pictures.

~ I am still planning to hold our LTS competition in April.

b. Advanced, Emily Zahn ~ We still have some families that owe for their second installment. I will send another reminder next week to get those paid.

~ Minot competition is coming up on Feb. 5, 6, 7. I will send school excuses for those skaters that are attending. I will send excuses for any skater that will be attending their test session as well.

~ Advanced refunds for the missed ice time due to the executive order have been completed.

~ Our next test session will be March 5-7.

c. Synchro, Becky Gallion ary Board Meeting Agenda Synchro and Ice Show

1. We were able to hold some mini Christmas gatherings for all the teams the week leading up to Christmas –

The Cubes, Cascades and Cadence had a dress up day on December 17th – they wore red and green to practice, had some fun Christmas song warm ups, and then had a small lobby party after practice with cupcakes, cookies, chips and candy canes!

The Chips and Connection had a Christmas practice on 19th – Ron Watson surprised them with a little bus trip so we could give our senior a little mini Maplewood bus ride complete with Christmas caroling, a brochure segment and some senior stories. Special thanks to Jill Stenberg for helping put the bus surprise together.

The Crystals had a Christmas practice on December 22nd. They also had a dress up day along with some fun treats after practice – Thank you to Keelie Hertz Barnett for supplying brownies and Fruity Pebble bars for the parties on Monday and Tuesday of Christmas week

The Chill had not one but two Christmas parties! On December 21st they had a dress up day and then had a pizza party at the conclusion of practice. The Chill booster parents then organized a special dress up dinner for them on January 2nd complete with a slideshow of their season so far! So fun! Thank you to everyone who helped put on these fun events for the skaters the past few weeks.

2. We also did a special Christmas gift this year for the skaters since we were unable to host a big party like we usually do...Thank you to Jen Rambur and Jen Renton for all their work in helping me pull this together. We were able to do a nice tote bag for the skaters with their name on the back along with a Capital Ice pillow.

3. The Chips, Connection and Chill competed in the Colonial Classic Synchro competition this past weekend. The Chips took first in the Intermediate division and silver in both of their best of element events. The Connection took first in the juv division and gold in both of their best of element events. The Chill took 3rd in their division along with a gold and silver in their best of element events. We had a party together on Sunday, January 10th at Capital Ice Complex to watch the competition. Thank you to all the parents who helped bring things for the party!
4. The next event will be Synchro Illinois! We have decided these virtual events are going pretty well so we will be entering all teams in the upcoming Synchro Illinois competition. We will be filming in the upcoming days for this competition.
5. We have 20 teams registered and will be moving forward with our competition on January 31st. We have 6 different clubs coming to participate in the event and we are so excited to host everyone! Along with co-chairs – Jen Renton and Jen Rambur we have an awesome committee established that includes – Val Kingsley – social media, website. Craig Nelson – skater gifts, competition apparel, judges food. Kareen Hopfauf – Covid, cleaning and safesport. Kristy Hamar – awards. Jill Stenberg – livestream, community outreach. Janice Vetter – judges, hospitality, food. We had a great meeting last week and have lots of fun things and ideas planned to make this event a success for our skaters and visiting clubs. More info will be out soon to parents and skaters. A volunteer list is currently circulating to get help in some areas.
6. All team pictures are completed! HUGE Thank you to Tasha and Nathan Scott of Platinum Photography and to our awesome team moms and managers for helping get these done last minute. We were able to get full pictures of all teams which is very exciting and something I didn't think would be possible in this unpredictable season.
7. The Minot competition has decided to host a small learn to skate synchro event in conjunction with their individual competition on Sunday, February 7th. The Cubes Blue, Black, Cascades and Cadence will be competing! Very exciting for them! It looks like 4 clubs will be attending the competition.

Ice Show

1. At this time we are moving forward with the ice show. It will more than likely look a little different but for right now we are moving forward as planned. Ice Show registration is out for both Learn to Skate and Advanced with LTS being due January 28th and advanced January 17th. We are revamping our show from last season with a new look, new name and new colors, but similar design and numbers that were not able to be seen last season. Some skaters may change parts a bit but we are hoping we can finally show this awesome concept and show in its entirety to friends and family!
2. Ice Show pictures have recently been set for the evening of February 11th. An email will be going out to the entire club tomorrow to remind them to register and with info. on the picture date and time.
3. Kristy Hamar, Caryn Iverson and Kendra Steiner are chairing the ice show show and doing a tremendous job to get everything up and running. They have some great ideas for ticket prices, ticket vouchers, VIP nights, etc.

5. President's Report

- a. Drop box at VFW- Tasha bought the box and dropped it off at Travis's house to have him place a hole in the box. As soon as it is ready, it will be put up at VFW.
- b. Parents please remind your skater to wear their masks when not on the ice or when doing off ice.

6. Safe Sport Report – Kareen Hopfauf : Safe Sport Webinar stressed the importance of 2 deep leadership and not speaking to an athlete one on one. If offering virtual classes, must keep 2 deep leadership and be aware of background. The webinar discussed the program, compliance, proactive education, and tools for clubs. They also reminded us that they are audited so we all need to be compliant. Shared how Safesport cycles for members: 1st time full course, 2nd, 3rd refresher and then circles back to full course.

Under tools talked about setting up an encouraging environment and standing up for each other – no bullying and creating a team mentality. If parents of skaters would like more information, there is an online parent tool kit under www.safesport.org. Background checks biannual on or after 1/1/20. BOD all need compliance. Athletes, who are age 18, have 45 days before birthday and a grace period after to be compliant. Compliance test report will be sent to

clubs before any testing with all involved. A member can add safesport themselves to USFS account through the website and background check as long as it is through NCSISAFE.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Volunteers – Required Volunteer Hours - Jen Rambur is hoping to meet next month after our first synchronized skating competition in Bismarck.
- b. Minutes out to Club membership sooner – worked well last month and we will continue to get the minutes out sooner

8. New Business

a. Duck Race Committee/Bismarck Competition costs:

1. A bus to safely transport judges and skaters to competition (cost \$950)
2. BEK sports could live stream the competition and then give \$1000+ Duck Race Sponsors some recognition during the competition. (cost \$1500)

Missy Hetland made a motion to approve the additional \$2500 of the duck race funds to use at the Bismarck competition, and Stephanie Longie seconded it. All in favor and the motion carried.

b. Gaming - Aaron Stenberg is meeting with 2 different groups in the hopes of Bismarck Figure Skating becoming their gaming provider. Gaming licensure is from July 1-June 30 and an organization can have up to 5 sites. Aaron is hoping to get 2 sites for our first year and then depending on how it goes, to gradually add more.

c. The Chips have not used all of their fundraising money and would like approval to use that money on a surprise for the Chips. Any additional expenses that may occur, some Chip parents said that they would help pay for them. Jen Rambur made a motion to approve using the Chips money for the fundraising expenditure change and Stephanie Longie seconded it. All in favor and the motion carries.

9. Next Meeting: 2/18/21 at 6:45 via Zoom

10. Adjourn at 7:47pm