

BISMARCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday February 18, 2021

6:45 p.m., Zoom Call

Members present on zoom call: Mike Jacobson, Jenny Renton, Mike Wald, Tasha Scott, Missy Theel, Becky Gallion, Missy Hetland, Calvin Kingsley, Kareen Hopfauf, Steph Longie, Jen Rambur, Lucas Teigen, Kit, Kiki Schatz, Mikel Ystaas, Emily Zahn, Jaclyn Hamlin

1. Call meeting to Order & Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 6:45pm by President Calvin Kingsley.
2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting - Lucas Teigen made a motion to approve minutes, Tasha Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries.
3. Treasurer's Report, Tasha Scott - Tasha asked about moving the duck race money into an account that would accumulate interest. Board discussed that the easiest thing to do would be to move the duck race money into our money market account. Treasurer will be able to move money to and from the account easily.

Kit accidentally clicked to allow people to pay synchro fees with a credit card, there is a 3% charge for this. However people have been paying much quicker. Board discussed 3 different options: continuing to keep it as it is and don't allow credit cards; take a loss for the convenience; or add a charge to club members. Jaclyn suggested that we add a 1.5% increase to the synchro fees or let members know that they will be charged an extra 3% if they choose to use a credit card. Board agreed to let members know they will be charged a 3% fee if they use a credit card. It will be on their next statements.

We took a minimal loss at the synchro competition, Tasha will have this report for the next meeting because she's still waiting on some receipts.

Jen Rambur made a motion to approve the treasurer report, Lucas Teigen seconded it. All were in favor. Motion carries. Treasurer report approved.

4. Director's Reports
 - a. LTS, Emily Zahn - Winter LTS session ends this week. Emily added an Ice show Tab to the Website that contains the schedule and other info skaters/parents may need.
Emily is currently working on the sanction for the LTS competition and the Spring registration.

~ Winter 2 session is coming to an end on February 25th. We will have testing for our skaters on Sunday, February 21st and Thursday, February 25th.

~ The Ice show groups and practice schedule were emailed out to the skaters. I have also put this information on the website so parents will have easy access and can refer to it quickly.

~ Ice Show pictures were on February 11th.

~ I am working on the spring schedule for LTS and I will have registration open within the next few weeks.

~ I am also working on the announcement and sanction for our April Learn to Skate Competition.

- b. Advanced, Emily Zahn - Test session will be held March 5-7, skaters register on entryeeze for this test session. We have 5 judges, and 2 are trial judges. Feb 20th is the last day of advanced practice, 2 weeks of ice time will be just for skaters testing.

Jaclyn asked about LTS skaters moving to advanced. Emily stated she would have a meeting once she met with the advanced coaches to see if they have room and how many skaters could be allowed to move up to advanced at this time. Jaclyn asked how skaters will know how to attend the LTS competition. Emily will send out info once the sanction is approved from USFSA.

~ We had about 28 skaters attend the Minot Competition. All skaters did great!

~ Our test session is fast approaching; registration is due Feb. 20th and all registration will be through Entryeeze. Our judges are all booked, we have 5 judges for this session, two are trial judges so we do not pay for their flights or hotel.

~ Our last day of regularly schedule ice for the Winter session will be on Saturday, February 20th, after this, skaters must be registered for the extra February and March ice.

~ Extra February and March ice registration has been sent out to parents and skaters; this ice is for skaters that are testing. Each session is \$5 and to register you must go through Entryeeze.

~ Advanced ice show practice schedule has also been put on the website for quick access. Ice show pictures were scheduled for Feb. 11th.

~ I am working on the Spring session registration and will have this open in the next few weeks.

- c. Synchro, Becky Gallion - All of our teams skated in the Capital Ice Synchro Classic!! So exciting to have this event here in Bismarck and one of only 2 live synchro events at the time this season. I think there will be 3 total this year. Lots to cover with this event so let's start with our team results

Chips – Gold in Intermediate with a new record score also did a jr. long exhibition

Connection – Gold in juvenile

Chill – Gold in Open Juvenile

Crystals – Gold in Pre Juvenile

Cadence – Gold in Synchro Skills 2

Cascades – Silver in Synchro Skills 2

Cubes Black – Gold in Synchro Skills 1

Cubes Blue – Gold in Snowplow Sam

All of the teams had wonderful skates and really great feedback from the judging panel!

First Thank you to my amazing co chairs – Jen Rambur and Jenny Renton!! We might have been delirious and exhausted for 2 weeks straight, but it was worth every sleepless night and late night phone call, facetime and text to make sure the competition went off without a hitch!

Thank you Thank you!

Thank you to our chief referee Mary Ann Wilcox. Many don't know that Mary Ann has been with us from the beginning back when we were not qualifying for nationals. She has watched us grow and been one of our biggest cheerleaders and supporters. It was very fitting to have her as our referee and she did a tremendous job helping us every step of the way!

Thank you to Brett Haider and crew for the amazing judges stands we can use for years to come!!! It is so well made and the judges made many comments about how comfortable they felt on it and how secure everything was for them.

Thank you Janice Vetter and Lindsey Deeter for the outstanding judges room!!!! It was beautiful and so well done. The judges loved everything about it and said they have never been so well taken care of...every detail was thought of and noticed. It was truly spectacular!

Thank you Kristy Hamar for taking care of the awards and medals. They were beautiful and it was not an easy task finding them and getting them here within a couple of weeks. So many commented on how nice they were and that was very special for the skaters. Thank you also to Matt Hamar for taking pictures and also serving as our competition medic!

Thank you to Kareen Hopfauf for the incredible job on the giant skates, safesport, signage and covid check in. Everything was done to the nines and noticed and appreciated by all. It really created a special experience for the skaters that was also safe!

Thank you Craig Nelson for getting the judges gifts, apparel shop, dots pretzels and judges lunch from Which Wich donated! Everything again was so well done and professional. Such fun treats for all that were involved.

Thank you Val Kingsley for all the work with social media!!! Getting results up, helping with the website, visitors bureau, etc and thank you to Calvin Kingsley for the totally awesome video of the teams!!!! That was a crazy idea I had one night laying in bed and it turned out exactly what I was thinking. I think everyone had a fun time watching it on the zam breaks!

Thank you Jill Stenberg for getting such a great rate on our judge hotel and also working with Bek to provide the FREE livestream for those that could not attend the event!

Thank you to the team moms and managers for manning the Capital Ice Complex set up for our skaters! We could not have done this without your help and guiding the skaters while parents and coaches were at the other rink. Thank you so much for taking care of the kids!

Thank you to our awesome coaching staff!! I never have to worry about the teams knowing where to go, when to be somewhere, etc. They were busy that day too and all the teams came so prepared to skate their best!

Thank you to our announcer Mike Jacobson! Our referee was so impressed you're your professionalism and ease in front of the mic.

Thank you to Mike Wald and the rink staff for all of the help leading up to the competition. I called, texted and sent Mike a million emails and he helped us every step of the way to make sure the competition went off without a hitch including securing the extra ice for us to have this event. Thank you Mike and Parks and Rec!

And finally thank you to all the parents and alumni volunteers. From locker room cleaners, to team attendants, donations, temp takers, awards stands, runners, set up, tear down, filling skater bags, registration, credential makers, ticket takers, food, drivers....I could go on and on. It truly took a village and I am so proud of our Capital Ice family. We truly DID IT and we DID IT extremely well!!! USFS is singing our praises and want to see this thing grow into something much more. We really pulled together and I am so thankful for all of you for helping see my dream into a reality. The kids needed this and they deserved it...what a special day they will always remember in this crazy tumultuous season.

OK, onto more competition stuff now

The Cubes, Cascades and Cadence competed at the Minot International Competition February 7th. It was such a fun event with practice ice in the morning and competition immediately following. Both Cubes teams took gold as did the Cadence and the Cascades won the bronze. It was such a fun morning with these teams!

All of the teams entered the Synchro Illinois competition also held on February 7th. Lots of videoing was done the 2 weeks leading up to this event. Here are the results

Chips – (competing Junior for the first time) – 1 gold, 2 bronze

Connection – 2 gold, 1 silver

Chill – 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze

Crystals – 2 gold, 1 silver

Cadence – 3 silver

Cascades – 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze

Cubes Black – 3 gold

Cubes Blue – 2 gold, 1 silver

Congrats to all the teams on a tremendous showing at a big competition!

Our final virtual event will be the Tri States competition which will be held Sunday, February 28th. For this event we entered all of the teams but only in the full event not the individual element events. Once we know a schedule we will see if we can coordinate some fun viewing parties as it is more fun to watch together!

On February 18th we will have "Bring a friend to synchro" night at our Thursday afternoon practices. We currently have around 20 skaters signed up to come skate with our teams. They must be skaters currently enrolled in our learn to skate program and

can attend with a team in their current skating level. Excited to meet some new faces and have some fun at our last full scheduled practice of the season.

All teams will be skating in the Escape to Disney ice show. Most teams will just have one more practice prior to the show as their programs are already completed.

Clinics will begin the Monday immediately following the show and run for 2 weeks before try outs the following week. We will then announce teams and focus on some spring training so we can take some time off during part of this summer when skaters are out of school and out of town. Lots more info on all of that will be out by the end of the month.

- d. Ice Show, Becky Gallion - Groups are set, pictures are done, practice schedule is out, time to really get moving on the upcoming show!
Practices will start the week of February 22 and be intermingled with some advanced practices to get ready for testing.
More show updates in March!
5. President's Report
 - a. Ice Contract discussion - Calvin met with Mike, Kevin and Randy from Parks and Rec. Our Ice contract is up 8/8/21. Parks and Rec will increase our annual ice fees 3% bringing it to \$90,495.80. Mike asked that we put all our competition, ice show, testing dates in the contract. Parks and Rec has a matching grant for up to \$25,000.00 We could utilize for items we would potentially use at the rink. Examples were spotlights, jump harness.
 - b. Gaming update - Calvin & Aaron met with Shamrock gaming. We would have a gaming account and a trust account. Shamrock would handle everything and evaluate any potential places. Aaron will act as the gaming manager. Shamrock suggested table games as well, however bingo is not a money maker.
 6. Safe Sport Report – Kareen Hopfauf Kareen attended the quarterly online meeting. There are some changes coming to the safesport handbook. We need to make sure all policy are up to date. Should add the link to USFSA Safesport on our website also add the safesport handbook to the website. We have some guidelines on the website that need to be updated. January 2020 background check is good for 2 years, safesport needs to be redone each year. There is a survey that safesport is sending out to random members, no way of knowing who will get this survey.
Kareen will attend Team mom meetings next year to help walk through how to do safesport & background checks, Parents need to check for themselves on their members only page if they are compliant. Add the safesport chairs info to the website.
 7. Unfinished Business

- a. Volunteers – Required Volunteer Hours - Jen Rambur - Committee met via zoom, Mike was unable to attend and has some ideas so Jen will bring the recommendations to the next board meeting.
 - b. b. Drop Box at VFW - Not finished yet, Tasha will get from Travis as soon as it's ready.

8. New Business
 - a. Audit Report - A member asked Lucas about having an audit done for the club. However the questions this parent had would not be answered by an audit. There was a lot of discussion. Any Member is allowed to review any financials at any time if they just ask for them. The audit would cost at minimum \$7,000 but likely closer to \$10,000. This will be on the agenda at the annual meeting. This person also asked about the PPE loan. This was discussed at the last meeting the PPE loan was forgiven and it was used for payroll. The Synchro budget was handed out at last year's annual meeting.
 - b. Missy wanted the board to know that they are working on the Advanced banquet.

9. Next Meeting - the next meeting will be in person on 3/11/21 at 5:45PM in the Curling Room at VFW

10. Meeting Adjourned 8:06PM