

BISMARCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 15, 2021

5:45 p.m.

VFW Curling Room

Members present: Calvin Kingsley, Denise Nelson, Tasha Scott, Missy Hetland, Stephanie Longie, Jen Rambur, Lucas Tiegen, Kareen Hopfauf, Jenny Renton, Kiki Schatz, Emily Zahn, Heather Holle, Trish Goetz, Kristina Feland, Laurey Kooker

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 Missy Hetland seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carries. Minutes were already sent to the club members.
3. Treasurer's Report, Tasha Scott Tasha went over the check detail report. Lucas Tiegen made a motion to approve treasurer's report and Denise Nelson seconded it. All were in favor. Motion carries.
4. Director's Reports
 - a. LTS, Emily Zahn

We are halfway through our Spring Learn to Skate session. We have 180 skaters registered for this session. This up a bit from previous years.
We also have all three of our Learn to Skate private lesson sessions are full.
Each session allows 20 skaters on the ice.

We have our Capital City Championships competition coming up on April 24th.
The competition will be held at Capital Ice Complex. We have 61 skaters

registered from Bismarck, Minot, and Wahpeton. Michael Bauer is our ghost referee, and he has put the schedule together for us. The competition will run from 9:30am – 3:15pm. We will have practice ice from 7:00 – 9:00am prior to the competition. We have 7 judges lined up; they are past skaters that have volunteered their time. Farrah Gietzen has been helping with preparation for this competition, so thank you to Farrah for all your help. Good luck to all our skaters and I hope everyone has fun!

b. Advanced, Emily Zahn

We are a few weeks into our Spring session, and we have some pretty full sessions. The Tuesday 4:15 and Wednesday 5:00pm sessions are full with 20 skaters. We have a few others that are pretty high numbers as well. We also have 6 or 7 skaters from Hazen that are skating with us this spring.

We had our Advanced banquet on April 11th. Thank you to the parents that helped with planning, setting up and cleaning up. It was a great banquet! We had an amazing number of tests passed and a huge number of gold/senior level tests passed over the last two years.

We have our next test session coming up May 7-9. Logan will be coming in for partnering again. We also have three judges secured, Mary Ann, Tony and Michael. Good luck to all the skaters testing.

c. Synchro, Becky Gallion

All teams skated their final performances at our ice show March 19-21.

1. We held our annual banquet on Sunday, March 14th. We did 2 separate banquets to keep them smaller allowing 1 parent per skater to attend. Thank you to Mike Wald for getting us the Hillside meeting room. All the teams received medals for their virtual competitions, certificates for the season, and some fun awards. We also handed out our annual Taylor award, had an end of season video(thank you Calvin Kingsley!) and honored our seniors from the past 2 seasons. Thank you to Jen Rambur and Jenny Renton along with Calvin Kingsley for helping me pull the celebration together!
2. We started clinics and tryouts for the new season on Monday, March 22nd. We had 136 skaters try out for the teams and we were able to place everyone on a synchro team for the upcoming season! The coaching staff met on Monday,

April 12th to go over all of the try out scores and finalized team placements. We also made the decision at that time that a new team was needed to fulfill the large try out. We added a full preliminary team, The Capital Ice Courage who will compete at the IJS level next season and also help to feed into our juvenile team, the Connection. The skaters all did a really amazing job at tryouts!

3. Spring training starts for the teams Sunday, April 18th! We will start to work on skills and elements for the upcoming season. Instead of taking May off, the teams will take July off from practice.

The teams we will be fielding in the upcoming season are as follows:

Chips – Intermediate/Novice

Connection – Juvenile

Chill – Open Juvenile

Crystals – Pre Juvenile

Courage – Preliminary

Cadence – Aspire Preliminary

Cascades – Aspire Pre Preliminary

Cubes Black – Aspire Beginner

Cubes Blue – Aspire Snowplow Sam

Capital Ice Champion”chips” – Tots/in house team – they would start in the fall

**Please note all teams and placements are tentative until the conclusion of the US Figure Skating Governing Council meeting April 30-May 1

4. I participated in 2 office hour calls for US Figure Skating where the upcoming season, new levels, seminars, competitions, etc were discussed. I will have another call in a couple of weeks. Lots of changes are happening through all the levels so I want to make sure to stay in the loop and a part of the discussion.
5. Myself along with Emily Zahn and Jen Rambur will be delegates for the club at the upcoming governing council virtual meeting to be held April 30-May 1. We will have the opportunity to vote on a large variety of items ranging from testing changes, synchro ages, competitions, moves elements, etc. I am excited to have this opportunity!

Lucas brought up the large amount of free skate kids that are moving up to advanced, and there is not enough ice time for them. Emily said that we don't have enough ice nor enough primary and secondary coaches at this time. Emily is trying to get coaches.

5. President's Report: Calvin met with Emily and Becky for the yearly meeting. Calvin will sign the ice contract once it is approved by the Park Board.

6. Safesport Report – Kareen Hopfauf: Remind the board that their safe sport expires in June. Changing some of the verbiage on the website and removing the links that are no longer valid. Emily will make all of the changes that were discussed.

7. New Business

a. Budget discussions: Becky and Jenny work on the synchronized skating budget, Emily works on the advanced and basic budget, and treasurer will assist with the above and work on the general budget and then the board needs to look at the budget before it is sent out to members in June.

B. Currently the bylaws do not require Board approval of the budget. May bring up at the annual member meeting in June.

8. Next Meeting: tentatively 5/13 at 5:45 at Capital Ice Complex

10. Adjourn at 6:51pm for executive session. Executive session for arrears and contract discussions ended at 7:47.