

BISMARCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday January 20, 2022

5:45 pm

Via ZOOM

Members present: Tasha Scott, Denise Nelson, Stephanie Longlie, Jen Rambur, Calvin Kingsley, Ashley Wangler, Emily Zahn, Becky Gallion, Mike Jacobson, Kareen Hopfauf, Lori Haar, Tina Dendy, Kiki Schatz, Missy Hetland, Amber Wilson, and Jenny Renton.

1. Meeting was called to order by president Calvin Kingsley at 5:45pm via zoom.
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Tasha Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Jacobsen seconded the motion. Motion carries
3. Treasurer's Report, Tasha Scott
 - a. Tasha went over check detail as well as balances in each account. Chill was reimbursed for the Fon du lac competition that they did not attend as well as Chips for Chicago and Connection for Chicago that they did not attend. Denise Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes and Michael Jacobsen seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. President's Report
 - a. VFW Expansion – BFSC Donation? Calvin will speak with Parks and Rec and bring up at the next meeting.
 - b. Audit progress - Audit is about 75% complete and they are hoping to have it completed by the end of this month.
5. Director's Reports
 - a. LTS, Emily Zahn
 - ~ Our Winter 2 session started January 6th. We have 194 skates registered. We have our Snowplow Sam 1 and 2, and Basic 1 classes full on both Sundays and Thursdays.
 - ~ We also had our Ice Show registration, and we have 84 LTS skaters in the ice show. I have put the skaters into groups, and I am now working on getting music cut and ready.

b. Advanced, Emily Zahn

~ I will be sending out reminders of installments due for winter ice over the next few days.

~ Next week we will have regular advanced ice on Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday - Saturday are protime days.

~ Our next official test session will be February 21 and 22.

~ We have 68 skaters total that will be attending the Minot competition at the end of February. This includes both advanced and LTS skaters.

c. Synchro, Becky Gallion **December 2021/January 2022**

We have had a busy couple of months with competitions, exhibitions, Christmas parties, and practices. Here is a quick recap

1. We had our annual exhibition and charity drive on Sunday, November 21st. All 9 teams performed their programs for the upcoming season. Thank you to Platinum Photography and the Scott's for getting our photos for the season also completed before the exhibition! We held a food drive for the soup kitchen during the exhibition and received so many donations they had to bring a van to collect everything! Special thanks to Mandy Gill for helping with Soup Kitchen donations.
2. The first weekend in December the Chips, Chill and Connection attended the Dr. Porter Synchro Classic in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Despite some travel delays for one of our teams they all made it safely to the rink and had a great few days! Results from the weekend included – Chips-Gold, Connection – Silver and Chill-Bronze. Special thanks to all the team moms for making this trip possible for the skaters and for all of your help on the trip.
3. The 3rd weekend in December, 8 of our teams attended the Maplewood competition in Minneapolis. We finally were able to bus again and it was so fun to have everyone together! We had a fun team dinner at the hotel on Friday night for the first time. Skaters also played some games, had video review and took some pictures. Thank you to Jenny Renton and all the of the team moms for helping throughout the weekend. The teams did great – Chips – Gold, Connection – Gold, Chill – Gold, Crystals – Gold, Courage – Gold, Cadence -Gold, Cascades – Bronze, Cubes Black – Silver. Congrats to everyone!
4. The 2 weeks leading up to Maplewood we had Christmas parties for each team after or before their practices. Teams had pizza, cupcakes, fruit, veggies, juice boxes and sang some Christmas carols. I was able to get a great deal on some cute Team USA mittens from the USA store so we are all ready to cheer on our team USA skaters at the Olympics coming up in February.

5. In January the Courage, Cadence, Cascades, Cubes Black and Cubes Blue attended the East Grand Forks competition. We had practice then a little meal at the rink before the competition. The teams had fun cheering on each other throughout the night. All teams skated so well despite some adversity some teams faced the day of the event! The Courage won gold, the Cadence gold, the Cascades silver, Cubes Black silver and Cubes Blue gold. Congrats skaters and thanks again to the team moms for all of their help!!
6. Next up is the Midwestern Sectional Championships in Kalamazoo, Michigan next week. The Chips, Connection, Chill and Crystals will be competing at this event. The Chips will be vying for a top 4 spot to earn them a trip to nationals and the Connection will be looking to place in the top 6 in their division to earn a trip to nationals. The Chill and Crystals will be competing in some very large divisions and face some tough competition! We are so excited to be heading back to sectionals after 2 long years! Follow along on facebook to catch all of the adventures of the teams travels!

Ice Show Agenda

1. The Ice show theme this year is Mystery at the Movies! We are throwing it back with some old movies and songs along with some new recently released movies...the ice show groups and specialty numbers have been posted. The poster and showbook is done and the sweatshirts have been designed. It is going to be a fun show!
2. We were presented a proposal to have some guest skaters this year at our show. After talking with the committee we thought it would be a fun opportunity for the skaters. We will be sharing the cost of flights and expenses with the Minot club as they will do their ice show the following weekend. Our guest skaters will be Leah Neset and Artem Markenov. Leah has ties to Bismarck as her first cousin is Siri Neset, she skates in advanced and on the Courage synchro team. Leah also has an aunt that lives in Bismarck so we will not have any hotel, transportation or meal costs while they are here making this a great option for the club! The team recently won the junior ice dance title at the national championships. They also represent Team USA for US Figure Skating and compete internationally.
3. The ice show will have approximately 175 skaters this year and will take place the weekend of March 18th

6. SkateSafe report – Kareen Hopfauf :

- a. December clubs matter installments of SkateSafe: Clubs can be audited for SkateSafe compliance: Kareen recommends all volunteers to have their online SkateSafe completed and if they will be around skaters, they need to have a background check completed as well.
- b. Whomever makes the volunteer sign up for synchro competition as well as the Ice show to please contact Kareen if they have any questions. The last sign up had some mis information on it and she'd like to prevent this from happening.
- c. The first installment of “know your handbook” came out in January. Kareen will have a few more policies to start in February.
- d. All coaches, volunteers, board members, and Safe Skate director Kareen need to have completed their SkateSafe, not employees.
- e. Only one team mom’s SkateSafe expires in January and she has been contacted.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Dasher Board sales – recruit at Annual Meeting and/or have 2 new members at large do this.

8. New Business

- a. Chaperone travel costs: discussed how much more it would cost per team if their total expenses were paid. It was decided that it would add quite a bit more for each skater if we did this.
- b. Streaming services : At Capital Ice, they have really nice streaming equipment but we are not able to use it and VFW does not have anything. In February, we will have students video the competition and possibly live stream and/or play back on cable. We will look at a cost analysis to see if we should purchase our own own equipment or continue to pay others to video for us.

9. Next Meeting: February 17th at 5:45 at Capital Ice Complex

10. Adjourn at 6:44pm.