

BISMARCK FIGURE SKATING CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 21, 2022

5:45pm

VFW Curling Rink Dry Floor

Members present: Stephanie Longie, Melissa Hetland, Tasha Scott, Emily Zahn, Jen Rambur, Calvin Kingsley, Ashley Wangler, Mike Jacobson, Kareen Hopfauf

- 1. Meeting was called to order by president Calvin Kingsley at 5:45 pm**
- 2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Tasha Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Melissa Hetland seconded the motion. Motion carries.**
- 3. Treasurer's Report, Tasha Scott**
 - a. Tasha went over check detail as well as balances in each account.**
 - b. There are two outstanding synchro balances from skaters who quit. One balance of \$135 and the other of \$180. Mike Jacobson made a motion to forgive the two balances Stephanie Longie seconded the motion. Suggested a contract should be made prior to the start of the season in order to avoid unpaid balances from skaters who quit before the season ends**
- 4. President's Reports, Calvin Kingsley**
 - a. Audit progress- the audit is complete. It appears that no major problems were found. Widmer Roel will be present at our next meeting to summarize the audit**
 - b. Mascot- the current duck suit is worn out. Do we need a mascot at all? If so, should it still be a duck? Would like Becky involved in this discussion**
 - c. Open board positions-an email will be sent out in regards to what positions are up for election.**
- 5. Directors Report**
 - a. LTS, Emily Zahn-**We have 162 skaters registered for our Spring session. We have one more week of LTS lessons for this session. Summer registration is currently being worked on and will open mid -May.
 - b. Advanced, Emily Zahn-** We are almost to the end of our Spring session. We have a few sessions that are completely full, Tuesdays at 4:15 and Wednesdays at 5:00. Our spring test session will be on May 6, 7 and 8. We will be testing at Capital Ice Complex. Sam will be coming in for partnering again this session. He will be here on Wednesday,

May 4th. The advanced banquet will be on May 15th, an email has gone out to the parents and skaters with a good form to fill out so we can get a head count of how many people will be attending.

Emily will be setting up monthly meetings for the coaches. It was suggested that this could be done via Zoom to help increase attendance. It was also suggested the coaches get together outside of the rink every few months to share some comradery.

A new policy in regards to skaters moving from Aspire Freeskate to Advanced will be emailed to the club.

- c. **Synchro, Becky Gallion**
 - i. We have spent the last few weeks working with skaters in clinic as they were divided into 6 separate groups. We held try outs the first week of April for all teams. Try out letters were emailed out on Wednesday, April 13th and spring training practices started the week of April 18th. This year we have 137 skaters on 9 teams.
 - ii. We held our annual synchro celebration on Sunday, April 3rd. Special thanks to Roberta Nyhus for getting us access to use Liberty Elementary, thanks to Calvin Kingsley for the great end of year and senior video and thanks to Jen and Jenny for helping with the skater gifts! It was a fun afternoon and great to all be together one last time at the end of the season!
 - iii. As stated above we are currently in spring training for the next month. Skaters are working on skating skills, turns, extensions and some elements. We will be off the last 2 weeks in May as all of the rinks will shut down for those 2 weeks. We will start up again in June and take off the month of July.
6. Safeskate report, Kareen Hopfauf
 - a. An email went out in regards to safesport courses that are recommended for athletes ages 5-12. The Safeskate handbook has been updated saying we need to offer these courses. Directions on how to access the online courses will be put on the website. Kareen will inform the club of this in one of her Safeskate emails that go out to the club.
7. Unfinished business-none
8. New business
 - a. A request for updating the jump harnesses was received. The current harnesses are in need of replacement and more sizes were requested. Missy Theel will be asked to look into pricing on replacement parts and new systems.
 - b. Volunteers- Jen Rambur will be forming a committee to track volunteer hours of our members.
9. Next Meeting: May 12th at 5:45 pm via Zoom
10. Public meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

11. Contract Reviews- The Advanced Director and Learn To Skate Contracts were reviewed and the new contracts were approved by the board.

12. Board adjourned at 7:45 pm