

Bismarck Figure Skating Club Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 12, 2023

5:45pm

Capital Ice- Room C

Members present: Maria Neset, Ashley Wangler, Jen Rambur, Erin Jacobson, Stephanie Longie, Gretchen Massett, Emily Zahn, Jenny Renton, Kiki Schatz, Becky Gallion. Also present: Dylan Thiem- Rink Facilities Manager

1. Meeting was called to order by President Erin Jacobson at 5:47 pm
2. Parks and Recreation- Dylan Thiem
 - a. The ice contract between BFSC and Parks and Rec is about to be up. Dylan asks what the club wishes are. We requested a couple extra hours on Tuesday. They will reach out in the next 2-6 weeks to visit about the use agreement. We will be down to one rink for the summer. With the VFRW expansion rink 2 will be shutting down on March 12. Therefore, we will be down to just Wachter. The other rinks don't have a dehumidifier capable of running through the summer. Parks and Rec is looking for a 16 year old or older to work at the rinks. Responsibilities would be moving nets and sweeping bleachers, with some downtime in between.
3. Approval of minutes from the last meeting: Jen Rambur made a motion to approve the minutes and Maria Neset seconded the motion. Motion carries.
4. Treasurer's Report - Erin Jacobson presented
 - a. Erin went over balances for each account. Amber is still working on December bank reconciliations. Expenses remain within budget. Fall Fundraiser netted club \$19,414, slightly above the \$18,000 budgeted. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Maria Neset and Gretchen Massett seconded the motion. Motion carries.
5. Directors Reports
 - a. LTS- Emily Zahn
 - i. Our winter 2 session started January 4th. We have 172 skaters registered. We have our Snowplow Sam 1 and Basic 1 classes full on both Sundays and Thursdays.
 - ii. We also currently have our Ice Show registration open. The deadline to register is January 16th. Once registration is closed I will work on putting the skaters into groups, and getting music cut and ready.
 - iii. We have 24 LTS skaters attending the Minot competition in February.

b. Advanced Report- Emily Zahn

- i. I will be sending out reminders of installments due for winter ice next week.
- ii. The Ice Show theme and group numbers came out yesterday
- iii. Our next official test session will be February 20 and 21. We will be having a new dance partner come I for this test session. Brent was an Olympic alternate and he is a national senior dance medalist.
- iv. We have 65 advanced skaters that will be attending the Minot competition in February.

c. Synchro/Ice Show- Becky Gallion

- i. In the beginning of December the Chips, Connection and Chill went to Michigan for the Porter Synchro Classic. The Chips and Chili won bronze and the Connection were 9th. We had a great time at this annual event.
- ii. Two weeks later tried for a couple of days to get to the Maplewood Synchro Classic. Unfortunately, the odds were not in our favor. The teams were unable to get to Maplewood due to roads being closed and no travel advised throughout the state.
- iii. Next on the schedule was synch sister day scheduled for December 22nd. Unfortunately, once again mother nature had others plans and forced us to reschedule to January 12th.
- iv. The end of December brought another obstacle with one of the rinks going down as the compressors stopped working. Emily and I found out the day after Christmas and spent our morning and early afternoon trying to work with the rink to get things rescheduled for advanced and synchro practices being held that week. Thank you to our rink managers and staff who worked around the clock to get the rink up and running as quickly as possible.
- v. The first weekend in January brought competitions once again for 7 of our teams. The Chips and Connection headed to Boston for the Colonial Classic. It was our first time attending this competition and I can't say enough great things about the event and LOC. We has some very large travel obstacles to get to Boston but we were able to get there vent it if was 7 hours later than originally planned. Thank you to team moms Jenny, Jen and Lindsey for driving skaters to Fargo to make a very early flight. The Chips won gold in the Intermediate division and the Connection were 8th in the Juvenile Division. We had a great time in Boston and I am very thankful for the opportunity for our teams to attend such a prestigious event. The same weekend the Courage, Cadence, Cascades, Cubes Black and Cubes Blue teams headed to Grand Forks to compete at the Northern Lights Competition. The teams had a successful event with Cube Blue winning the bronze, Cubes Black the gold, Cascades the silver, Cadence the gold and Courage the gold. It was fun to watch all the teams supporting each other watching the livestreams on our Facebook page.

- vi. Our synchro Christmas party will be held Friday, January 13th at the Hillside Aquatic Center.
- vii. The Chips, Connection, Chill and crystals head to Rockford, Illinois on January 24th for the Midwest sectional championships. We will have a small exhibition and send off on Monday, January 23 from 7:45-8:15pm at Capital Ice Complex on the Wachter side.
- viii. On February 5 the Courage, Cadence, Cascades, Cubes Black and Cubes Blue will be back in action competing in Minot.
- ix. 81 advanced skaters registered for the ice show. The theme was posted. Leah and Arum will be coming to guest skate again. The cost will be shared with Minot.

6. President's Report- Erin Jacobson

- a. Reports are being worked on for Dylan Thiem

7. Safeskatte Report -Stephanie Longie

- a. Some new rules are being implemented that are proving difficult to follow

8. Old Business

- a. Volunteer requirements- written by a committee formed to write such requirements were reviewed and it was agreed that they will be implemented starting at the February test session. There will be a volunteer chair for each event to keep track of the volunteering.
- b. Finance committee- the structure is such that the committee is to present to the board. Minutes should be taken at their meetings and then minutes should be brought to the board for approval. The finance committee will be composed of 2 parents from the Chips and 2 parents from the Connection. 1 parent from each of the following teams: Chill, Crystals, and Courage. 1 parent from either Cubes Black or Cubes Blue , 1 BFSC board member and the Director of the Synchro Program.