

# **Bismarck Figure Skating Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday February 16, 2023**

**5:45 PM**

## **CIC - Room C**

Members Present: Maria Dwyer, Gretchen Masset, Stephanie Longie, Jen Rambur, Missy Seifert, Ashley Wangler, Becky Gallion, Kristen Wilhelm, Jenny Renton, Amanda Crane, Emily Zahn, Selena VanHout, Maria Neset

1. Meeting was called to order by Jen Rambur at 5:48 pm
2. Approval of January minutes: Motion made by Maria Dwyer to approve the minutes and Gretchen Masset seconded. Motion carries
3. Treasurer's report: Missy Seifert Missy went over balances for each count as of December 2022. Motion made by Stephanie Longie to approve treasurer's report and Maria Dwyer seconded. Motion carries
4. Emily Zahn
  - a. LTS- Our Winter 2 session will be coming to an end; our final day will be February 26th . We have 84 LTS skaters registered for the ice show this year. We will be starting ice show practices on Feb. 28th . After Ice show we will have our spring session, registration for this session will be open in March.
  - b. Advanced- We are finishing up our Winter session on Saturday and we will be starting Ice Show practices. Testing will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20 & 21. Our dance partner, Brent Bommentre will fly into Bismarck on Saturday. We have partnering practice on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to get all the skaters in. It was quite the puzzle to put together since we have testing going on while we are still practicing. We do have some extra ice over the weekend and on Monday and Tuesday. The coaches were informed of this so they can reach out to the skaters they feel should be getting a bit more time in prior to testing. After ice show we will start our spring session and registration will be out in March for this.
5. Becky Gallion- synchro
  - a. We had an absolute blast at our Christmas Party on January 13th! Huge thank you to chair Jesse Armstrong and her co chair Leanne Heid on a wonderful party! The skaters had so much fun being together : ) Special

thanks to Jen Rambur for helping me put together the surprise 20th anniversary t shirts for the Christmas gift this year!

b. We held a sectional send off for our teams on Monday, January 23 rd ! Thank you to Kareen Hopfauf for putting this together for our sectional teams! All four of our teams skated for friends and family and following we had cake and cupcakes in the upstairs meeting area.

c. The Chips, Connection, Chill and Crystals headed to Rockford, Illinois on Tuesday, January 24 th. We had the best bus drivers and they took care of the girls just like Ron would have...we even got to use Ron's bus which was really special! Huge thank you to our team chaperones for this trip! Jenny Renton, Jen Rambur, Lindsey Deeter, Jessica Rakness, Jenny Jones, Ashley Wangler, Missy Hetland, Denice Bachmeier, Stephanie Longie, Maria Dwyer, Jill Stenberg, Gretchen Masset, Laurey Hyland, Amanda Crane, Tessa Hogan, and Maria Neset for EVERYTHING!!!! We could not go to these amazing competitions without our chaperones! They do so much for the girls and the coaches. Thank you!

Thank you to our coaches that were able to attend – Aubrie, Selena and Karly. Appreciate them taking time away from their “real jobs” to coach these teams! I couldn't do it without them. And finally thank you SKATERS! What a great few days it was with all of you! So many laughs, memories and REALLY REALLY great skating! The Crystals had a great skate at the first sectionals for many of them...they placed 6 out of 20 pre juv teams from across the Midwest. The Chill in what was the 6 th appearance at sectionals took home GOLD and won the open juvenile division for the first time in the history of our club! They competed against 17 other teams from the Midwest. The Connection soared to new heights with a huge score of 52.30 and improved by 12 points since their last competition that was 2 weeks prior. They won bronze for the 2 nd straight year and will be attending nationals for the 5 th time in the juvenile division. The Chips also improved their score by 4 points taking home the silver medal and securing yet another spot at the national championships in March! The skaters put their heart and soul out on the ice and we could not be more proud of all of them!

d. On Feb. 16 th our younger teams will host “bring a friend” to synchro day. The friend must currently be enrolled in our Learn to Skate classes.

e. Nationals will be held March. 1-5 in Peoria, Illinois. The Chips will head out on February 28 th and the Connection on March 1 st . The Chips skate 6 th out of 12 and compete Friday afternoon. The Connection will skate 11 th in the juvenile division and skate on Saturday afternoon. The teams will fly home on Sunday morning.

f. The Chill, Crystals, Courage, Cadence, Cascades and Cubes Black will attend the Eau Claire Synchro competition from March 11-12. Excited for the

teams to have the opportunity to attend another event since we were unable to go to Maplewood this season.

g. Info about synchro clinics and try outs for next season will be out very soon! Clinics will be held March 20-30 and try outs the week of April 3. Spring training for the 2023 season will begin on April 17 th . Hard to believe we are already talking about the 2023-2024 season!!

h. Our curly girl sale is currently going. Thank you to Stephanie Longie for organizing! These are always fun keepsakes from year to year Christmas party, sectional send off, sectionals, bring a friend, headed to nationals, Eau Claire, synchro clinic and try out info coming out, ice show practices start next Wednesday

6. Presidents Report- presented by Jen Rambur

a. Fundraising committee- board members created the following document to describe the committee

[https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1SWknkfB8hjon5-O\\_xMsr2zY0nrc0LwNipW60B-pMQKw/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1SWknkfB8hjon5-O_xMsr2zY0nrc0LwNipW60B-pMQKw/edit)

Angela Gregory, Amanda Crane, Selena VanHout, Kendra Steiner and Katie Aitchinson have expressed interest in being a part of the committee. More volunteers will be needed. Need names by February 28th so ballots can got out by March 1. We ask those that are interested take the time to read the above document.

b. It was decided that the Synchro Director and Administrative Assistant (currently Jenny Renton) in the event of an emergency while traveling with a team or teams can make purchases of \$5,000 or less to address the emergency. Any unplanned purchase over \$5,000 needs board approval.

c. Fundraising committee- this will be the name of the committee in charge of all fundraising. No longer will we use the committee name Duck Raffle Committee

d. The board intends to make a flow sheet describing the structure of bfs committees and their roles

e. Volunteer requirements. Questions bought to board members-“How does a dad volunteer when a skater doesn’t have a mom present?” Board discussed dad’s can obtain safe skate but there are limitations as to what they can volunteer for, but there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities out there for non female guardians

d. Any sports related absences need to be reported to the school by Emily Zahn only

7. SafeSkate report- Stephanie Longie

a. Confirming team moms are compliant for Eau Claire on our end, will pass along to the competition

8. Old business- none

Next meeting March 9 at 5:45

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.