**Bismarck Figure Skating Club Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 1st at 5:30PM**

**VFW Curling Room**

Members Present: Jeremy Smith, Missy Seifert, Maria Dwyer, Amy Steiner, Maria Neset, Gretchen Masset, Kirstin Wilhelm, Becky Gallion, Emily Zahn, Jenny Jones, Stephanie Longie, Rachel Hust, Amy Jiras, Trisha Goetz,

1. Meeting was called to order by Maria Neset at 5:33pm

2. Approval of the April Minutes

a. Motion made by Gretchen Masset to approve the April Minutes. Motion seconded by Maria Dwyer. Motion Carries.

3. Learn to Skate Report & Advanced Report, Emily Zahn

a. We are finishing up Spring LTS lessons on May 5th

b. Summer session is currently being worked on, registration will be open mid May and the website will also be updated with correct dates and times

c. We are just about finished with our Spring session; the last day is May 2nd .

d. We will have testing on May 3 – 5, at this time we will be testing in Rink 3, but the temp is extremely cold so I am really trying to get this moved to Rink 1

e. We have partnering practice this week

f. Summer schedule is currently being worked on, website will be updated with correct dates and times.

g. We did set up some extra ice next week, this was requested by a few coaches. Email was sent to the coaches with dates and times for next week and they will send to their skaters if available to be there as these are going to be considered protime sessions. A google form was created for skaters to put their names on the list if they are skating and I will send this to Missy Seifert for billing.

4. Synchro

a. Synchro clinics and evaluations are complete for the 2024-2025 season. We finished with 141 skaters trying out and 140 skaters accepting spots on our teams for the upcoming season! We will have 9 teams in the following divisions – Intermediate, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Pre Juvenile, Preliminary, Aspire 4, Aspire 3, Aspire 2, Aspire 1. We still have 2 remaining open spots on our Aspire 1 team and we will be looking for skater interested in those positions this summer.

b. Spring training started immediately upon the conclusion of team placements and will run through May 9th. Our month of summer training will start on Monday, June 3

c. Team Snap has been set up for all teams

d. I attended a virtual USFS Synchro development committee meeting on Tuesday, April 16th to go over updates for the upcoming season.

e. US Figure Skating held a zoom meeting for governing council from 10am-2pm on Saturday, April 27th . I attended as our club representative and cast our 4 club votes on new rules and regulations for the upcoming season.

d. I will be attending the US Figure Skating National Coaches College in Colorado Springs, CO May 14-17th. This program was designed as an in-depth coach education experience to support coach professional development, increased knowledge and skill set, and grow by learning with fellow coaching peers and officials.

e. Our Synchro Banquet for the 2023-2024 season will be held this Sunday, May 6th from 1:30-3:00pm at Capital Ice Complex in the Mezzanine area. Team awards will be handed out, team mom of the year recognized and 9 skaters will receive the Skate for Taylor award.

f. Budget is currently in process as we work to finalize some ice and schedules with the rink as well as coaches and competition schedule.

g. Finance committee has been meeting regularly to get the raffle up and running for the upcoming season. Brochure and tickets are in the final stages for printing. We should have them in a few weeks and they will be handed out at May meetings.

h. May meeting dates will be set for all teams once we have an in hand date for the brochure and tickets. Special thanks to the committee for getting this going so quickly and efficiently

i. I am meeting Wednesday, May 1 st at noon with a group of parents about a possible golf tournament fundraiser in either late July or mid September. More info to come soon as we work with some “golf experts” to see if this would be a possibility for our program.

j. I had a zoom meeting on Monday, April 22 nd with our dress company owner and my account manager to work through some things that worked and didn’t work last season as well as to start discussing the season ahead for the teams.

5. President’s Report

a. Budget preparation 24-25; getting closer to having it done.

b. Payment in the Policy vs in the Bylaws

c. Discipline in the Policy vs the Bylaws

d. Update on the bylaws

e. Election Items; president, secretary & two members at large, all are a two term. Gretchen has requested that the description of the roles be sent out to the club.

6. Ice Show Director Contract from 2024-2026

Amy Steiner made a motion to approve the ice show director contract, Jeremy Smith made a second, all approved, none opposed, motion carries.

7. Other Items

Skating Clinics Opportunity: Kirstin has been exploring options for the club with additional skating opportunities, a survey may be sent out to gauge interest of the club.

6. Fundraising

Permit for the raffle is approved

Forms will be going to print in hopes to have fundraising raffle tickets/sponsor info dispersed at team meetings. Changes moving forward with the raffle, No cash will be accepted at turn in, Team representatives will be assigned for hand out, turn in and a go between the team & fundraising committee

All turn it will be complete by the end of synchro camp for all teams

Looking at organizing a golf scramble for the fall, please reach out to Kirstin Wilhelm if you are interested in assisting with planning

8. Member Comment

R.H, brought the nothing bundt fundraising form for courage team

T.G- coaching concerns

S.L- concerns about finding replacement for ice show chair of 2025

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10 at 5:30PM

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm

Entered into executive session at 6:42pm, executive session ended at 7:16pm.