

AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2023. 6:30pm. Zoom & In-person

6:34 pm: Call to order by Vice President Jennifer Nguyen.

Zoom - Anjali Bhandari, Ann Dougherty, Craig Forsyth, Wei Han, Kate Patil, Stacy Noel, Ann Nicklas, Jennnifer Nguyen, Tiffany Roost, Bonnie Shay

Regrets - Warwick Anderson, Ann Dougherty, Carmen Fox, Lindsay Grajek, Jenny Land

Motion: Move to approve minutes from October 18, 2023:
Kate Patil proposed and Wei Han seconded with unanimous approval.

Motion: Move to approve agenda from November 15, 2023,Wei Han proposed, Kate Patil seconded with unanimous approval after the changes - removed Yeo and Yeo presentation

Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Warwick Anderson

- Warwick's report was shared. All look good.
- Discussion related to ways for clubs to recognize top-performing coaches who had successful seasons and achieved high points for sectionals.
- Move to approve proposal to reward Competition Club Director for finishing up club AAFSC in Basic Skills Series, Retroactive Nov 1st 2023. Anjali Bhandari proposed and Kate Patil seconded with unanimous approval

Hockettes: Lindsay Grajek/Lia Forsyth

On-ice:

- Aspire 1, 2 & 4 debuted their competition programs at the Chuck Cope Competition
- Aspire 1 & 2 placed 3rd and Aspire 4 placed 1st!
- The following weekend Aspire 4 and Pre Juv (debuted) in Mentor OH. Pre Juvenile placed 2nd and Aspire 4 brought home a gold medal.
- Intermediate Team placed 3rd at the Fall Classic In California
- Junior Team placed 5th in the short with a beautiful skate and ended up 8th.

Off-ice

- Planning our competitions and travel itineraries.
- Each team had pre-competition parent meetings as well where we discussed upcoming competition and event schedules and details.
- Reviewed competition procedures as well as expectations of both skaters and families in regards to camaraderie and sportsmanship in order to best represent the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club and Hockettes at every event we attend.
- Porter planning details and the importance of volunteering, as it is the single largest fundraising event of our season.

Learn to Skate (LTS): Claire Mifsud

- **Learn To Skate**
 - Week 4 of 7 of classes is on.
 - Winter Season discussion with Craig starting January
 - Process of setting up exhibition for the week of Thanksgiving
 - Flyers - Tiffany setting up - how to tie skates/how to put on correctly
 - Brochure - Ji/Craig setting up
 - Looking at possibly having a board member present on the last day of Wednesday (12/13) and Thursday (12/14) to hand out flyers, answer questions

- **Competition Club**

- Final competition of the season @Skate Midland on November 4th
 - The AnnArbor FSC got 1st place for the Team Points Award for the 2023 Michigan Compete USA Series.
 - Brad received 1st for the Coaches Award!!
 - Multiple skaters received series awards for the individual events as well.
- Currently working on choreographing Holiday Exhibition programs during class.

- **Aspire/Shooting Stars**

- New skater joined the class.
- Incorporating resistance bands into off-ice class.
- Soon be pre-testing as our final class approaches.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty

- Invitations went out to officials in Mid October.
- Submitted application to be part of National solo dance, and Excel series
- We will start talking about announcement etc next month
- AA Adult Open going great. There were some complimentary posts on Competitive adult skating Facebook pages the following

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

- Report was presented.

The AAFSC Office has been working on the following since the last BOD meeting.

- 1) This is down 45 skaters from Fall 2 2022.
- 2) **LTS MEMBERSHIP:** As of Saturday November 11th we have 430 LTS members. This is down 48 skaters from the same time in 2022.
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** AAFSC membership with USFS as of Saturday November 11th has reached 532 members (*an increase of "6" since last month*). This number is down "20" from the same time last year. Total USFS membership for 2022/23 was 591.

- 4) **FALL CLUB ICE:** We are averaging 110.7 skaters/day for first ten weeks of Fall ice. During the same period last year we averaged 108.1 skaters/day.
- 5) **CLUB JACKETS:** The first Club jacket order has been placed. 27 jackets were ordered.
- 6) **MICHIGAN BASIC SKILLS SERIES:** AAFSC with 1,223 points beat Greater Kalamazoo (1,094) to win the Club competition at the 2023 Michigan Basic Skills Series. AAFSC's Brad Newman won the Coaches competition with 1,104 points. That is more points than the combined total of the next three coaches!!
- 7) **MICHIGAN BASIC SKILLS SERIES – Skaters:** 6 AAFSC skaters medaled in freestyle in the 14 competition series and 9 AAFSC skaters medaled in compulsory moves.
FYI: AAFSC was 2nd in 2022 (986 points); 1st in 2019 (805 points); 1st in 2018 (718 points); 1st in 2017 (1,287 points); 2nd in 2016 (752 points); 2nd in 2015 (767 points); 2nd in 2014 (723 points);
- 8) **OFFICE CHANGES:** Kim Davis informed Carmen and Craig that she will be severely cutting back her role at AAFSC. ALL eblasts will be sent out by Ji Yi from the AAFSC office. Anything that needs to be created such as certificates or anything that requires printing will be handled by Ji Yi and Katie Grossman, Carmen and Craig will be meeting to discuss a diminished role for Kim Davis and how it would best impact the Club.

HR Update - Bonnie Shay

- Elizabeth Casey has been hired

Committees

- **Communication Committe -**
 - New email has been established - communications@annarborfsc.org
- **Volunteering Committee -**
 - New category needed to track medical profession in Track-It-Forward
 - Next year,we need to clarify the hours translated for food donations.
 - Track-It-Forward - will cost 200\$ a month. We have 1000 people in Track-It-Forward but membership of 520. Need to cleanup and/or archive.
 - New email has been established - volunteers@annarborfsc.org
- **System and Infrastructure Development**

- "WhenIWork" software has been rejected by the coaches after reviewing and working on a demo for a month.
- Website
 - Waiting to sign the contract with WebAcender
- **MOI**
 - New email has been established - moi24@annarborfsc.org
- **Recognition**(Wei, Tiffany, and Jenny)
 - Jumptastic Board

The committee is working with the Coaches' committee in order to launch a Jumptastic Board in the Olympic rink. The office will help to support the upkeep of the board but the Recognition committee will need to feed the information in. The coaches' committee is also working on criteria for this fun board.
 - Holiday Exhibition -

After NQS Midwestern Sectionals is complete, we will gather the information needed to recognize the proper skaters as we did last year. We need Board and Finance Committee members.
 - Updated/Communication of Criteria for Recognizing Skaters
 - Awards Banquet
- **DEI**
 - 10/26 office received an email from a member questioning the DEI committee and they were interested. Per conversation with Sam Spencer, we organized a day to meet at the rink to discuss DEI topics and get the committee going.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

