

AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

Feb 21, 2024. 6:30pm. Zoom & In-person

6:30 pm: Call to order by Vice President Carmen Fox.

Remote - Warwick Anderson, Anjali Bhandari, Craig Forsyth, Wei Han, Jenny Land, Kate Patil, Stacy Noel, Ann Nicklas, Jennnifer Nguyen, Tiffany Roost

Regrets - Lindsay Grajek, Ann Dougherty, Bonnie Shay

Motion: Move to approve minutes from January 17, 2024:
Warwick Anderson proposed and Jennnifer Nguyen seconded with unanimous approval with the correction that Warwick Anderson was at the meeting.

Motion: Move to approve agenda from February 21, 2024, Warwick Anderson proposed, Jenny Land seconded with unanimous approval after the changes - add the harness discussion and remove nomination committee and change in order starting with finance and office.

Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Warwick Anderson

- Warwick's report was shared. All look good.

Hockettes: Lindsay Grajek/Lia Forsyth

On-ice:

- Hockettes season 2024 finished successfully
 - Midwestern Sectional Championships - Pre Juvenile and Intermediate Teams
 - The Pre- Juvenile team even finished 5th out of 17

teams!

- Onyx Basic Skills event - Aspire 1 and Aspire 2 Teams competed
 - Aspire 1 placed 3rd
 - Aspire 2 placed 1st
- TriStates -
 - Hockettes Unified placed 1st, Elite 12 placed 1st, Aspire 1 and 2 placed 3rd, and Intermediate, Pre Juv and Aspire 4 all placed 2nd
- French Cup in Rouen, France
 - Junior teams placed 4th

Off-ice :

- Plan travel and logistics for all of these events!
- Plan an annual banquet, "Skate with the Team" day, and tryouts!

Learn to Skate (LTS): Claire Mifsud

- **Learn To Skate**
 - Week 6 of 8 of classes is on. Saturday classes will start this weekend.
 - Discussed Spring and Summer LTS sessions and Basic Skills Exhibition with Craig
 - Caroline Green will be promoted out of the apprentice program
- **Competition Club**
 - 12 skaters are currently enrolled.
 - Skaters have learnt their new programs and are working hard on strengthening their skating skills and performance skills over the past few weeks
 - Skaters have been registered for competition based on their choices. Craig is sending the payments.
- **Aspire/Shooting Stars**
 - 20 skaters are currently enrolled.

- Working on basic skating skills and the jumps and spins at their designated class level
- Off-ice class is going well each week. Last week an obstacle course was incorporated and there was a positive response.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty

- Meaghan Hughes, AA Sports Commission Director contacted Ann D. to see if the Club is interested in having pursue any of the events

"I'm wondering if AAFSC has any interest in pursuing bids, and possibly even in partnership with the Sports commission where we could take on the budget, bid and a lot of the work, and lean on the AAFSC to help with the event itself and profits made could go back to the club to host one of U.S. Figure Skating's qualifying competitions". Bid submissions are due March 15, 2024, via EMS."

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

- Report was presented.

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

- 1) **WINTER 2024 BASIC SKILLS:** As of Saturday February 17th, we have 443 skaters registered for Winter 2024. That is an increase of "17" from Winter 2023
- 2) **LTS MEMBERSHIP:** As of Saturday February 17th, we have 665 LTS members. An increase of 28 since last month and 10 from last year.
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** AAFSC membership with USFS as of Monday February 19th reached 555 members (*an increase of "9" since last month*). Total USFS membership for 2022/23 (*end of May 2023*) was 591.
- 4) **MOI REGISTRATION:** AAFSC Office has 67 registrations from Club members for MOI 2024, up from 61 for 2023. LTS MOI registrations are at 54 registrations. ALL registrations are now closed.
- 5) **2023 1099's & W2's:** All 2023 1099's and W2's were distributed by Friday January 26th.
- 6) **ICE FLOW:** Elin Schran's Ice Flow and Sock Flow is on Saturday February 24th. Registration has been good.

- 7) **SPRING ICE:** Finalizing plans for Spring (April/May/early June) Club ice and LTS. Registrations for Spring LTS will open on/about March 18th. Club ice will open on/about March 25th.
- 8) **SUMMER ICE:** Request for Summer Ice was submitted to the Cube GM on Thursday February 8th. So far, I have not heard back regarding our requests.
- 9) **MOI TICKETS:** Sales of MOI tickets are ahead of last years pace.
- 10) **SANCTIONS:** USFS sanction has been received for MOI
- 11) **AA SKILLS & SHOWCASE ANNOUNCEMENT:** The sanction has been applied for. The competition will be Saturday June 8th .
- 12) **EBLASTS:** Our goal is to provide as much information as possible. In the last month we have sent 23 eblasts. Topics included Winter Ice, Skate Sharpening, Good Luck wishes for competitions, Testing deadlines and results, Birthdays, Club Jacket sales and MOI (*Tickets/pictures/clothing/Happy ads*). The average opening is 66.57 with highest being the Sendoff Exhibition for Synchro Midwesterns, French Cup and Special Olympics (76%) and the lowest being MOI Happy Ads (55%).

HR Update - Bonnie Shay

- No update

Committees

Harness Update - Coaches are on board with harness upgrade.

- **Safe Sport** -
 - 2 situations last month
 - One is ongoing and I was brought on just to offer insight.
 - The other was a situation involving skaters and the matter was discussed with appropriate parties.
 - MOI walkthrus
- **Website** (Anjali/Kate/Jennifer/Warwick/Craig)
 - Ryan from WebAscender has set up recurring meetings every Tuesday at 12pm.
 - Shared the website developed so far.
- **Volunteer Committee**
 - Melody on Ice volunteer sign ups will deploy in Track It Forward in the next week or so.
- **Communication Committee**

- Met with Jenny and other members of the recognition committee to discuss methods to improve timeliness and breadth of social media updates. Will be working with Craig to update the calendar so that it is up to date with events (test sessions, competitions, etc.).
- **Coaches Committee**
 - Suggestion from one of the coaches - Katherine - "To offer high level sessions in the summer. High level sessions will give our advanced skaters of all disciplines the opportunity to be more productive, and they will keep everyone safer".....

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm