

AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

Jan 17, 2024. 6:30pm. Zoom & In-person

6:41 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 Doughtery, Bonnie Shay

Motion: Move to approve minutes from December 18, 2023: 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 January 17, 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.
- Porter Competition money is in.
- Passthru figures are bigger than pre-pandemic
- Memorial fund.
 - **Motion** to donate 1000\$ in memory of Mary Rielly. Kate Patil proposed and Stacy Noel seconded with unanimous approval.
- Suggestion to dedicate MOI to Mary Rielly.

Hockettes: Lindsay Grajek/Lia Forsyth

On-ice:

- Hockettes season started 2024 with mini camps for the qualifying teams.
- Last weekend Hockettes teams traveled to Evanston, Illinois for the Synchro Illinois competition. There, Aspire 4 placed 2nd, Pre Juvenile placed 3rd, Intermediate placed 6th and Junior won their events.
- The Junior team will represent the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club and the USA at the French Cup in Rouen, France the first week of February.

Off-ice :

- The Junior team parents will meet to discuss TEAM USA protocols and our upcoming trip to France. Lia and the parent volunteer groups are all working hard on the final details and plans for these major events.

Learn to Skate (LTS): Claire Mifsud

- **Learn To Skate**
 - Week 2 of 8 of classes is on. Saturday classes will start this weekend.
 - Huge enrollment, all classes are full
 - LTS has added new Instructor Staff including Tessa Adams, who was promoted from our apprentice program, Sarah Miller, and Sarah Pisarczyk.
 - Michael and Claire are setting up more interviews in the coming weeks.
- **Competition Club**
 - 11 skaters are currently enrolled.
 - Brad has started programs.

- Skaters will be able to choose to compete at the Mt. Pleasant Competition on March 9th and/or the Bowling Green Competition on March 23rd.
- **Aspire/Shooting Stars**
 - 16 skaters are currently enrolled.
 - Fitness room has been reserved for off-ice.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty

- Website has been updated to announce 2024 dates instead of old 2023 info.
- Followed up with officials who had not responded earlier.
- Northwest Design has been contacted to update the logo to include 40th and dates. They will also set up an online store to be ready by March when most skaters start registering.
- Received the first draft of the announcement from the referee. Have to get it ready to post in EMS by the end of the month
- Announcer roles are being worked on. Jim is ready to start working on officials' travel plans.

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

- Report was presented.

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

- 1) **LTS MEMBERSHIP:** As of Tuesday January 16th we have 637 LTS members. This is up 19 skaters from the same time in 2023.
- 2) **WINTER 2024 LTS:** As of Tuesday January 16th we have 431 skaters registered for Winter 2024 LTS. This is “5” more than 2023.
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** AAFSC membership with USFS as of Tuesday January 16th has reached 545 members (*an increase of “8” since last month*). This number is down “19” from the same time last year. Total USFS membership for 2022/23 was 591.
- 4) **FALL CLUB ICE:** We are averaging 109.5 skaters/day for first fifteen weeks of Fall ice. During the same period last year we averaged 108.3 skaters/day.
- 5) **MOI LTS REGISTRATION:** Currently there are “47” registrations from LTS skaters for MOI 2024. Last year at this time we had 61 registrations on Jotforms with 50 LTS skaters actually participating.

6) **EBLASTS:** Ji Yi is now designing and sending most of the AAFSC eblasts. In the last month we have sent 28 eblasts. Topics included MOI LTS registration, fundraising, Winter Ice registration and skate sharpening. The average opening is 73.21 with the highest Deadline for January Test Session (82) and the lowest Skate Sharpening (66).

HR Update - Bonnie Shay

- **Motion** to hire Sarah Neivert as Junior coach. Stacy Noel proposed and Kate Patil seconded with unanimous approval.

Committees

- Tiffany brought up the pro-coaches request about the new harness - 2000+ expense, may be fees from the cube. Lindsay can go back to the coaches committee and get confirmation. Ann Nicklas mentioned from a liability standpoint, it's better to get proper professional installation.
- **Safe Sport** -
 - Figuring out a day and time to host an open house where people can come in and get safe-sported.
- **Website** (Anjali/Kate/Jennifer/Warwick/Craig)
 - Ryan from WebAscender has set up recurring meetings every Tuesday at 12pm.
- **MOI** (Stacy/Kate/Lia)
 - Closing the registration
 - Planning Picture night.
- **Recognition**(Wei, Tiffany, and Jenny)
 - Lots of awards, Need to think about the money.
 - Hockettes - continue with the cube cafe gift cards.
 - Suggestion to have different banners to celebrate the different disciplines
 - Continue to work on Bulletin Board and Jumpstatic Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

