

AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023. 6:30pm. Zoom & In-person

6:25 pm: Call to order by President Carmen Fox.

In attendance:

In-person: Warwick Anderson, Anjali Bhandari, Carmen Fox, Craig Forsyth, Jenny Land, Claire Mifsud, Jennnifer Nguyen, Tiffany Roost

Zoom - Wei Han, Stacy Noel, Kate Patil

Regrets - Ann Dougherty, Ann Nicklas, Bonnie Shay

Motion: Move to approve minutes from August 16, 2023:
Warwick proposed and Jennnifer Nguyen seconded with unanimous approval.

Motion: Move to approve agenda for September 20, 2023, Warwick proposed, Jennnifer Nguyen seconded with unanimous approval after the changes - add MOI and update from other committees

Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Craig Forsyth and Warwick Anderson

- Warwick's report was shared. All look good.
- Yeo and Yeo audit will be decided after they present end of year summary at the end of October/November 2023

Hockettes: Lindsay Grajek/Lia Forsyth

- Fall practice are full swing and each team is preparing for the competitions.
- Dance instructor has been hired from a dance company
- Travel planning, costume fitting, parent meeting are happening currently.
- Skaters are preparing for the following upcoming competitions:

- Aspire will compete at Chuck Cope Synchronized Skating Competition, Dearborn on October 21.
- Aspire 4 and Pre-Juvenile will compete at Mentor, OH on November 3rd-4th.
- Intermediate and Junior will compete at the Fall Classic in California on November 10-12th
- Elite 12 will debut in Boston on November 17-19th.
- All teams will participate in the Kick off exhibition on Sunday, October 29th.
- Hockettes is participating in the Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk at Washtenaw Community College on Saturday October 28th

Learn to Skate (LTS): Claire Mifsud

- **Learn To Skate**

- Week 3/7 of Fall classes is on.
- Adults and SnowPlow have high registration numbers.
- Saturday morning synchro is on hold, will start up in October.
- Fall 2 registration will open October 20th
- For Saturday classes the registration will reopen Oct 9 with pro-rated fees
- Enrollment numbers are high overall
- Membership numbers are high overall
- **Apprenticeship Program**
 - 3 new skaters have joined
 - They have been partnered with strong coaches.

- **Competition Club**

- The club intends to participate in competitions at Southgate on October 8th and Midland on November 4th.
- Starting January 2024, there will be a change in levels and competition as explained in Compete USA webinar. Levels are getting replaced with Aspire 1-4, which will affect skating skills competition. The webinar was attended by Brad.

- **Aspire/Shooting Stars**

- Craig Forsyth registered AAFSC as an official Aspire program
- Craig and Brad attended Aspire webinar

- Aspire/Shooting Stars are required to offer on ice/off-ice.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty

- No update

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

- Report was presented.

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

- 1) **FALL BASIC SKILLS:** The Fall 2023 Basic Skills registration began on August 25th. Fall 1 runs from September 5th thru October 19th. As of Tuesday September 19th we have 302 skaters registered for Fall 2023. This is up by "6" over last year at this time.
- 2) **LTS MEMBERSHIP:** As of Tuesday September 19th we have 354 LTS members, up "17" from same time last year
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** AAFSC membership with USFS as of Tuesday September 19th has reached 517 members. This is a decrease of "15" from last year at this time. Total USFS membership for 2022/23 was 591.
- 4) **FALL CLUB ICE:** We are averaging 123 skaters/day for first two weeks of Fall ice. During the same period last year we averaged 120 skaters/day. (*Fall 2022 = 124/day*)
- 5) **ADULT OPEN:** Registrations for the AAFSC Adult Open have been coming in daily. Dates are Friday November 3 thru Sunday November 5, 2023. Competition chair is Kimberly Davis.
- 6) **MICHIGAN BASIC SKILLS SERIES:** Currently AAFSC in first place with 1068 points. Second place is Kalamazoo with 777 points. AAFSC's Brad Newman leads the coaches with 904 points. Second place coach has 334. Many of our skaters rank in the top three in the series in their events. AAFSC will have a large number of LTS skaters competing at Southgate in October and the finale in Midland on November 4th.
- 7) **SYNCHRO:** As of Tuesday September 19th, ALL fees are up-to-date with the exception of one skater who owes for both monthly installment and TI. We expect that this will be resolved in the next few weeks.
- 8) **VOLUNTEER FEES:** Only four skater accounts for 2021/22 Volunteer Fees remain to be resolved. \$10,848 has been collected.
- 9) **CLEANING:** Due to less than adequate service from our cleaning service (*office and locker rooms*) and a 24% increase in their cost, AAFSC has switched to PROImage Facility Services. Their bid was 4% lower than what we had been previously paying.
- 10) **EBLASTS:** With the greatly increased number of skaters competing in a greatly increased number of competitions the number of eblasts encouraging skaters and announcing results as well as information regarding the increased number of exhibitions result in a significant number of eblasts being sent!! Our goal is to provide as much

information as possible. This last month we have sent out 29 eblasts. Topics include upcoming test session, skate sharpening, Fall ice and LTS, event results and skater congratz. The average opening was 75.5. The highest opening was 84% for information regarding Fall ice pricing.

HR Update - Bonnie Shay

- No update

Committees

- **Recognition Committee** -
Meeting has been set
- **Volunteering Committee** -
 - a. Email has been created - volunteers@annarborfsc.org
 - b. Eblast needs to go and also needs to include new price for volunteered hours and verbiage around submitting hours within 2 weeks of the competition.
- **Website**
 - a. No update
 - b. WIX subscription is for a year
- **System and Infrastructure Development**
 - a. Had a kickoff meeting.
 - b. Next meeting was set for Sept 27th and October 10th 2023
- **MOI**
 - a. Plan is to have a handful of people directing MOI - understand ideas - directing team

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm