

AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024. 6:30pm. Zoom & In-person

6:45 pm: Call to order by Vice President Carmen Fox.

Remote - Warwick Anderson, Anjali Bhandari, Craig Forsyth, Jenny Land, Kate Patil, Stacy Noel, Ann Nicklas, Jennnifer Nguyen, Tiffany Roost, Lindsay Grajek, Bonnie Shay

Regrets - Ann Dougherty, Wei Han,

Motion: Move to approve minutes from Feb 20, 2024:
Stacy Noel proposed and Kate Patil seconded with unanimous approval.

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Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Warwick Anderson

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

Hockettes: Lindsay Grajek/Lia Forsyth

- Last week, The Hockettes officially wrapped up the 2023-2024 season.
- At the US Synchronized Skating Nationals the last week of February, the Junior team were able to move up in placement. The Senior Elite 12 earned a Silver medal.
- Hockettes wrapped up the season with their final performances during Melody On Ice.
- The last official event of the season was the annual year end banquet which was held at Weber's.

Off-ice :

- Interview for potential new hires is in progress
- Lia and Lindsay are meeting current coaches, managers and program volunteers to debrief and work towards improvements for next season
- Scheduling ice, camps, etc is also underway for the coming season as well as prep for tryouts.

Learn to Skate (LTS): Claire Mifsud

- **Learn To Skate**
 - Registration was opened on Monday (March 18th)
 - Spring semester will start the 1st week of April and run through the 3rd week of May (5/22-5/23) with the exception of our Adult class, and our Sunday programs.
 - Summer Session has been mapped out
 - There are plans to get Huda Derneika and Caroline Green on board as new Learn to Skate Instructors this semester.
- **Competition Club**
 - The class is going very well.
 - 5 skaters from the class competed at the Mt. Pleasant competition on Saturday, March 9th. 5 more skaters competing on Saturday, March 23rd in Bowling Green.
- **Aspire/Shooting Stars**
 - The end of the winter session went very well. Skaters were tested on the final day of class with evaluations and badges.
 - The club portal has been updated with the testing results.
 - The Fitness Room has been reserved for the spring session for the off-ice portion of class.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty

Entries

To date we have 267 skaters entered.

For the first time, an early bird discount of \$15 was offered till March 15th. Regular entry deadline is April 1. Late entries accepted through April 4.

Officials

This has been a challenge. Over 120 emails so far.

Too many regulars are not available this year. 12 other competitions going on that weekend across the country plus the technical panel seminar that USFS is requiring of numerous officials.

Miscellaneous stuff

More medals have been ordered

Pins for the 40th were ordered as gifts.

Still need to choose skater gifts

Vendors have been invited. Dancers' World and Carol's Fabrics have replied. Waiting on the engraver (JBL), a new person Klabera Komini Skates, and Del Arbour just in case Jon Zell can make it.

Secured Wednesday evening Hockettes ice on Olympic so putting up judges' stands can start at a reasonable hour (7pm).

Competition committee will need to hold it's first meeting right after the deadline.

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

- Report was presented.

- 1) **SPRING 2024 BASIC SKILLS:** Spring 2024 registration opened on Monday March 18th. As of Wednesday March 20th, we have 254 skaters registered for.
- 2) **LTS MEMBERSHIP:** As of Wednesday March 20th, we have 708 LTS members. An increase of 43 since last month and 14 from last year.
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** AAFSC membership with USFS as of Wednesday March 20th is 555 members (*no growth in the last month*). Total USFS membership for 2022/23 (*end of May 2023*) was 591.
- 4) **SPRING ICE:** Registration for Spring ice (*April/May/ early June*) will open at noon on Monday March 25th.
- 5) **SUMMER ICE:** Request for Summer Ice was submitted to the Cube GM on Thursday February 8th. All Club ice has been approved. This includes the 8:15am, 9:15am and 10:15am Monday thru Friday and the 5:15pm Monday thru Thursday as well as all the requested LTS sessions. So far, I have not heard back regarding our requests for Pass Thru ice.
- 6) **MOI TICKETS:** Sales of MOI tickets are about 17.5% greater than last year (\$2,300). Tickets (*actual viewers*) turned in at shows is about the same as last year
- 7) **SANCTIONS:** USFS sanction has been received for AA Skills & Showcase on June 8th. It should appear on sk8stuff.com this weekend or early next week
- 8) **EBLASTS:** Our goal is to provide as much information as possible. In the last month we have sent 31 eblasts. Topics included Spring LTS, Skate Sharpening, Good Luck wishes for competitions, Testing deadlines and results, Birthdays

and MOI (*Tickets/pictures/clothing/Happy ads*). The average opening is 66.77 with highest being the announcement that MOI pictures by Best Ever Media are in (86%) and the lowest being MOI Videos, Photos and Clothing sales (59%).

HR Update - Bonnie Shay

- Kate Patil has joined the HR committee and led the Hockettes survey
- Synchro contracts are due end of the month
- Rebecca Hakansson has been recommended for Pro staff.

Anjali Bhandari proposed that Rebecca be hired as Pro Staff, Carmen Fox seconded the motion with unanimous approval.

Committees

- **Safe Sport**
- **Website** (Anjali/Kate/Jennifer/Warwick/Craig)
 - Demo of the website was done
 - Feedback gathered
- **Recognition Committee**
 - Award Banquet is being planned. Coaches are interested. But it has to be self-funded
- **Volunteer Committee**
 - Melody On Ice was a successful show! There were 176+ volunteer shifts covered!
 - Next major volunteer event will be the Springtime Invitational.
- **Communication Committee**
 - No update
- **Coaches Committee**
 - No update

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

