

AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024. 6:30pm. Remote

6:36 pm: Call to order by President Carmen Fox.

Remote - Warwick Anderson, Anjali Bhandari, Ann Dougherty, Craig Forsyth, Jenny Land, Kate Patil, Ann Nicklas, Jennifer Nguyen, Tiffany Roost, Lindsay Grajek, Bonnie Shay, Wei

Regrets - Stacey Noel

Motion: Move to approve minutes from March 20, 2024: Warwick Anderson proposed and Jennifer Nguyen seconded with unanimous approval.

Motion: Move to approve agenda from April 24, 2024, with change for Ann Dougherty present earlier, Kate Patil proposed and Bonnie Shay seconded with unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Warwick Anderson

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

Hockettes: Lindsay Grajek/Lia Forsyth

- Hockettes Tryouts were held on Sunday, April 7th and the 2024-2025 Hockettes season is officially underway!
- There were many returning skaters and some new families to our club as well. This season, there will field Aspire 1, Aspire 2, Aspire 4, Pre Juvenile, Novice and Junior level teams.

Off-ice:

- Planning tryouts, hiring new Hockette coaches, skater placement meetings, scheduling, strategic season planning, and budgeting meetings have been our focus this month.
- The directors/coaches have also been going over the feedback from parent/skater surveys to work on making improvements to our team structure for the coming season.
- **Upcoming:** Initial parent meetings and first practices of the season take place this Sunday, April 28th.

Learn to Skate (LTS): Claire Mifsud

- **Learn To Skate**
 - Spring classes are going well. It's halfway through the spring session.
 - A small Learn to Skate seminar/training session is being planned
 - some of our younger/newer LTS coaches are lacking resources like age-appropriate games, along with addressing some recurring issues including body language and correct documentation/evaluations.
 - Apprentices will be asked to attend so that they can benefit from the information presented.
 - Starting a google drive for the apprentices is being planned, that will include different tools and resources they can review on their own time.
- **Competition Club**
 - There are 15 skaters registered for the spring session.
 - Working on their basic skating skills and presentation skills at the beginning of each class.
 - Skaters are also learning the skill patterns for their level and starting to work on programs.
 - Each skater has chosen their music, all songs have been edited.

- Working on choreography.
- 2 skaters compete on April 21st in Canton. 3 skaters competing on May 5th in Flint. The remaining skaters will compete in June at either Troy on June 1st, Ann Arbor on June 8th, or Farmington Hills on June 15th.
- **Aspire**
 - 22 skaters registered for the spring session.
 - Working on skaters' stroking and skating skills at the beginning of each class. All of the skaters are then divided into groups for their individual class levels.
 - The off-ice class is going very well. More props are being incorporated into the class to add more variety and the skaters are enjoying it.
 - Discussion regarding adding an introduction to ice dance during the summer session since some of the skaters have shown interest in ice dance.
 - "Shooting Stars" has been removed from the class name. It's going to be called just "Aspire"

Competitions: Ann Dougherty

Entries

- 640+ entries and over 400 emails concerning skaters and another 200 emails with officials.
- Late entries were allowed up to 10 days late. 15-20 requests were turned down
- Memo has been sent couple of time to all skaters with information about the numbers of entries, reminders and timetable for getting the schedule to them, and how practice ice will work
- Schedule will be done before this coming weekend is over.
- Working on finding more officials.
- Ordered tables and chairs from A-1 rental(Alpine rentals)

- Ordered both lunch bags and towels as skater gifts. (Let the skater choose).
- Pins have arrived.
- Resupply of medals have arrived.
- Vendors have been invited. Dancers' World, Carol's Fabrics, engraver JBL Enterprises will all be here.

Next Steps:

- As soon as the schedule from the referee arrives, entries will be made in EMS, all skaters will be notified.
- Following that, a volunteer schedule will be put into Track It Forward.
- Melissa and Ann D. will put together a practice ice schedule next week
- The Competition Committee people will have another meeting next week.

Registration/credentials – Brooke and Bob Sacks

Practice Ice – Melissa Sperling

Accountants—Alice Rolfs-Curl

Coaches/Volunteer Room—Jenny Land

Officials' Room—Bonnie Shay

Safe Sport—Tiffany Roost

Monitors—Jen Nguyen and Elizabeth Mitchell

Awards-- ? but Doug Tharp has asked if he can come do a bunch

Judges' Stands – Jim Carlisle

Set up/tear down –

Volunteer sign up/Track it Forward-- Stacey. Wei, Jen

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

- Report was presented.

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

- 1) **SPRING 2024 BASIC SKILLS:** Spring 2024 registration opened on Monday March 18th. As of Tuesday April 23rd, we have 397 skaters registered.
- 2) **LTS MEMBERSHIP:** As of Tuesday April 23rd, we have 760 LTS members. An increase of 52 since last month and 38 from last year.
- 3) **MEMBERSHIP:** AAFSC membership with USFS as of Tuesday April 23rd is 559 members (*growth of “4” since last month*). Total USFS membership for 2022/23 (*end of May 2023*) was 591.

- 4) **SUMMER ICE:** The Cube has accepted almost all of our ice requests for Summer 2024. Only exceptions were a couple of hours on two Fridays in July due to hockey tournaments. We are looking at making all ice sessions the same price.
- 5) **MOI 2024:** Income from MOI 2024 was only \$173 more than 2023!! Expenses totaled \$2,249 more than 2023. Net profit is \$7,415 in 2024 vs \$4,993 in 2023.
- 6) **ANN ARBOR SKILLS & SHOWCASE:** The announcement for the AA Skills & Showcase competition, to be held Saturday June 8th is up on Sk8Stuff and registration is open. Three skaters have already registered. Last year we hosted 116 skaters from 30 clubs in 186 starts.
- 7) **EBLASTS:** Our goal is to provide as much information as possible. In the last month we have sent 35 eblasts. Topics included Spring LTS, Skate Sharpening, Good Luck wishes for competitions, Testing deadlines and results, Birthdays and Springtime Exhibition. The average opening is 67.97 with highest being the announcement that BOD Call for candidates (78%) and the lowest being results of the Arctic Basic Skills competition (53%).

There was a **PROPOSAL** to raise the following AAFSC memberships:

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FAMILY (*under age 18 skater PLUS parent/guardian*) from \$160 to \$172

PLUS Family members (*any additional skater or non-skating family member or parent living at same address*) from \$55 to \$60

INTRODUCTORY (*skaters in first year of CLUB membership – includes parent/guardian*) from \$130 to \$140.

PLUS Introductory (*any additional skater or non-skating family member or parent living at same address*) from \$55 to \$60

ADULT (*skaters 18 years of age and older*) from \$90 to \$97

SENIOR (*skaters 65 years of age and older*) from \$90 to \$97

PLEASE NOTE: AAFSC makes NO additional income from these increases. This only addresses the increases imposed by USFS.

Additionally proposed is to increase **Second Club membership from the current \$95 to \$105**. This increase is a bit over 10% which is the same rate that USFS is using in their First Family rate increase.

Also, the membership committee has tried to keep Second Club membership rates at "more" than our Adult rate. It has helped in maintaining our current large Adult Membership.

PLUS Second Club (*any additional skater or non-skating family member or parent living at same address*) from \$55 to \$60.

HR Update - Bonnie Shay

- Surveys were sent out.
- Skater feedback shared with coaches
- Create hockettes_contact@annarborfsc.org

Committees

- **Safe Sport**
- **Website**
- **Recognition Committee**
 - No update
- **Volunteer Committee**
 - Two upcoming events that need volunteers, Award celebration food donations and Springtime Invitational. Stacey will reach out to Ann to ask if she is ready to enter roles.
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- **Communication Committee**
 - No update
- **Coaches Committee**
 - No update

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm