

Minutes

Ann Arbor FSC Meeting
Tuesday November 17 at 7:15pm. Zoom

7:15pm: Call to order by Ranjit

In attendance: Ranjit Aiyagari, Warwick Anderson, Anjali Bhandari, Craig Forsyth, Carmen Fox, Mary Johanson, Karen Meints, Matt Oonk, Helena Schotland, Karla Stoermer-Grossman, Camille Ziolek.

Apologies: Erin Donovan,

Also, in attendance: James Edwards (Yeo and Yeo Auditors), Ann Dougherty, Ann Nicklas, Bonnie Shay.

Agenda Approval

Corrections to Octobers Minutes:

Ann Nicklas name was spelt incorrectly. It is Nicklas not Nichols.

Any other business: Rink reopening second sentence should Read, Craig has proposed to the reopening (not Olympic) committee an increase in the number of skaters from 24 to 26 allowed on the rink.

Motion: Approval of minutes from October 20th, 2020 with the above corrections: Ranjit motioned; Camille seconded unanimous approval.

Motion: Approval of agenda: Karla motioned, Camille seconded, unanimous approval.

James Edwards. Financial Audit review.

James Edwards from Yeo and Yeo Accountants presented the financial reports up until May 31st 2020. Craig has already sent out the report of the club's assets and financial liabilities to the board members. The club is in a very strong financial position and is still very solvent. However, expenses have exceeded revenue due in large part to the shutdown from March 2020. James Edwards left the meeting after his presentation.

Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Warwick Anderson, Craig Forsyth

Warwick sent out two reports to the committee. The month of October looked good, but November will look different because the Ice cube is shutting down again. The club has a very good plan for restarting when the Ice cube opens up again.

Motion: Vote to approve the Budget 2020-21. Karla Motioned, Camille seconded, unanimous approval

Synchro: Erin Donovan

Erin sent out a report to the committee members which is attached to these minutes.

Learn to Skate: Mary Johanson

Learn to skate has just sold an hour of ice to Hockettes so that they can complete their filming for their Porter competition entries. The Ice cube is shutting down again and credits will be issued to members who have booked sessions during the next three weeks. Learn to skate staff and skaters have been amazing over the last 2 months.

Discussion about Protective equipment for Learn to skate staff. Protective equipment can create new problems. Suggested that advice could be given but it should not be a requirement.

Discussion about crowded downstairs lobby and other AAFSC members using Figure skating chairs and not using their designated locker rooms. Figure skating members now asked to enter the Olympic rink via the upstairs doors on weekends to avoid the crowds in the downstairs lobby.

The issues will be discussed again in December when we know more about the rink reopening.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty.

The **tri states** synchro competition which is in February and is being organized by Erin has got its sanction.

Springtime invitational, May 2021. Invites have been sent to 50 officials and about 2/3 say they want to come if it can happen. Hotels have been reserved as well. The announcement is not due until later in December.

High school Figure skating competitions have been postponed until January 2021

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

Holiday Exhibition: The Holiday exhibition has been cancelled. It is too close to the testing date and with the 3-week shut down the coaches say there is not enough time to prepare for both.

Office: The club has 239 LTS USA members in its basic skills program. This is 212 members less than last year. The Club members is currently 448 which is 2 more members than last month and 26 more members than this time last year. The club has also sent out 28 email blasts with an average 58% opening rate. The email with the highest opening rate was the AAFSC rules and regulations.

The office is in the midst of sending out invoices to all the Hockettes for the second half of the year's fees.

Sign up for Decembers Ice will be on Sunday December 6th at 3pm

There is some income coming in from the sale of the porter pins.

Fall Ice: The club is doing very well with the current monthly sign up plan for skating sessions. Craig has met with the Ice cube manager and the club will continue with this plan until March 2021.

Test Session: December 15th. This will be a big test session. The club is looking at using 2 rinks and a third rink for practice. Bobbie Stoermer has done a fantastic job arranging it.

HR Update: Bonnie Shay

There have been no applicants for Joan's old job. The job will be advertised again to a wider audience in January.

No coaches or Instructors are being hired at the moment.

Any Other Business:

Rink Reopening: Discussion regarding paying LTS and office staff over the next three weeks while the rink is closed.

Motion: to pay Learn to Skate staff for the time that they would have worked from November 18th to December 8th Camille Motioned, Karla seconded, unanimous approval

Motion: to pay Celia Schroeder for the time that she would have worked from November 18th to December 8th Camille Motioned, Matt seconded, unanimous approval

Motion: to pay Kim Davis for the time that she would have worked from November 18th to December 8th Anjali Motioned, Carmen seconded, unanimous approval

Motion: to pay Craig Forsyth for the time that he would have worked from November 18th to December 8th Karla Motioned, Carmen seconded, unanimous approval

Melody on Ice: Camille Ziolek and Craig Forsyth

Melody on Ice has been postponed to early June. Camille explained that the show is all about the skaters performing together and having fun and that is much harder to do if it is not in person and virtual. Camille also explained that if it has to be virtual there will be a lot more time to organize it given that virtual is a new unfamiliar format.

Fundraising: Carmen has researched a donation button on the website and amazon Smile. She is also working on the Pitch sheets and on giving Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm by Ranjit

Date of next meeting: Tuesday December 15th at 7:15pm. Zoom? In person?

Attachment

Hockettes Report from Erin Donovan

Hello,

Since I cannot come tonight, I will give you a written synchro report in this email.

The junior team competed at the Diamond Classic in Mentor, OH. They earned first place! The event was well run with lots of safety measures, additionally the Hockettes stayed outside for off-ice and warm up to minimize time in the building. We were the first team to skate in the event and left immediately after. It was later reported that a member on two teams (crystallettes and Artic Edge of canton) had covid positive team members but thanks to the safety protocols and event/Hockettes safety measures, we were not exposed.

The junior team is entered in the ISU Elements Event and are being judged by an international

panel against 10 junior teams from around the world. We submitted our no hold, twizzle, and intersection elements to be evaluated. We will receive feedback between Nov 22-26.

All teams are registered to compete in the virtual Dr. Porter Classic. Our scheduled performance for the event was set for Sunday Nov. 22nd. Upon learning of the rink closures occurring tomorrow, we have moved all the video taping to today. (Why I am not at meeting) I will submit the videos for the Porter competition and the judging will take place first week of December with the "competition" airing on the normal porter weekend. I will share details of when/how to watch with Kim so she can send an eblast to the club.

Our parents and skaters and staff have been truly amazing to work together for the sake of the team during this difficult time. We continue to practice safety measures including mandatory handwashing, mask wearing, gloves, hand sanitizer, distanced instruction. This, combined with a late start to the season has been hard for the teams' progress but they are doing a good job regardless and we are incredibly proud them. A big thank you to Craig and Mary for working with us to give the opportunity to the teams to perform today and still participate in the competition we have been working towards.

Our plans for Tri-State synchro competition have been moving forward. We have started to work with our volunteer committee heads, met with usfs headquarters, finished our draft of the announcement and safety plans, secured officials, and had interest from many teams. Obviously, the ability to hold the event is now in question. We will need to see how the "pause" works for improving things. I have reached out to the Tri-State council asking them to discuss options in case things do not improve - such as moving the event later, going virtual, or cancelling. I am waiting to hear back from them. At this point we will continue to plan/strategize for the event so that if it is a go, we are ready but we will also work through some of these back up strategies as well.

If anyone has any questions, email me or Karen can come get me in the rink since she will be at the Cube during the meeting tonight. I am so sorry to be missing. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to assist the club in this next month!

Thank you,

Erin Donovan Thomas
Sent from my iPhone