

# AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

March 16th at 7:15pm. Zoom

**7:17pm:** Call to order by President Ranjit Aiyagari

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

**Also in attendance:** Ann Dougherty, Bonnie Shay, Steven Pottenger.

## Minutes and Agenda Approval

**Motion:** Approval of minutes from February 16th, 2021: unanimous approval.

**Motion:** Approval of agenda: unanimous approval.

## Committee Reports:

### **Finance committee: Warwick Anderson, Craig Forsyth**

Last month has been stable and the club is making just enough money. The Michigan Small Business Survival grant has helped a lot.

### **Hockettes Erin Donovan**

The Tri states competition had 26,000 views on the live web screen. Viewers were from South America, Korea, Japan, Australia, Austria, France and many other countries. The purchased web stream can be used for other club events and the club could also charge for viewing.

The competition did well financially, it had a similar profit to the Porter virtual competition. Erin has to meet with the Tri states officials to figure out how the profits are split between the club and the Tri-States organization.

Hockette tryouts are this weekend. 91 skaters have registered which is close to the usual 100 that normally register.

### **Learn to Skate (LTS): Mary Johanson**

The winter 2 session is finishing up. The class limits for the spring session will be the same because of the shared lobby space. Mary is hopeful that the Summer sessions will be able to accommodate more skaters because there will be less hockey activity at the rink. There are currently about 400 LTS members. This is not as good as the 600 LTS skaters the club had a couple of years ago but 400 is a good number at the moment.

Mary wrote to Washtenaw County to request Covid vaccinations for all the coaching staff and they were sent a link and a number of coaches have been vaccinated.

**Competitions: Ann Dougherty.**

Registration to the Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational opened on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 100 Skaters have signed up already. Ann is currently completing the risk assessment forms and Health and Safety Plans to be submitted to USFSA for the competition.

**Office Report: Craig Forsyth**

**Membership:** The Club membership currently stands at 476 which is 4 more than February 2021 and 48 more than this time last year in March 2020.

**LTS:** Has recruited 371 members since June 1<sup>st</sup> and 78 members in the last month.

**Club Communication:** The club has sent out 24 email blasts with an average 44% opening rate. The email with the highest opening rate (71%) was the email sent out on February 9<sup>th</sup> about the Covid 19 update

All Hockettes fees from the 2020-21 season have been paid

**HR Update: Bonnie Shay**

Motion: To approve Ava Heung as a Junior Coach. Motion made by Helena. Seconded by Carmen. Unanimous approval.

Motion: to approve Doug Haw as a pro staff member. Motion made by Karla. Seconded by Anjali. 10 members voted in favor. 1 abstention.

**Any Other Business:****Melody on Ice (MOI): Camille Ziolek and Craig Forsyth**

The MOI committee has met recently and will meet again next week. They are planning on one live show for club members only. Audience capacity is 350 under current Covid restrictions but that may change before June. Skaters will sign up for a slot, exhibition style with no rehearsals. There will not be any large groups of skaters performing together. Skaters will supply their own costumes. The title will be Pandemic Playbook in 2021. Audience members will pay a fee which will include a full color program and access to a video.

**Fundraising: Carmen Fox**

Nothing to report at the moment.

**Diversity, Equality, Inclusion (DEI): Erin Donovan and Matt Oonk**

A seminar with Jessica Garcia has been scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All coaching staff, Hockettes managers and board members have been sent an invite.

Matt is going to wait until after the seminar before forming a sub-committee in the club to develop this further. He is also still collecting information and will plan how to send it out to the club once the workshop and committee is formed.

Mat has sent out a DEI statement to Board members to put onto the website

Motion: The AAFSC will adopt the updated DEI statement. Motion made by Karla. Seconded by Camille. Unanimous approval.

**Music system update: Erin Donovan and Steven Pottenger**

Steven has sent out details of a music system. At the moment the coaches use their phones and dongles to play the music. It is not possible to socially distance and very difficult to determine who is next. The system that Steven is proposing is from Rinkmusic. It would list the order of play and the skater's name on a screen. It would work by a card key system that each skater would buy and load their music onto. They would then swipe their key when they get onto the rink. Skater's name would be announced before their music is played.

The board agreed that it is important to get the coaches buy-in before the Board put it to the vote. This item will be brought back to the board meeting next month for a vote once further discussions have taken place amongst the coaching staff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm by Ranjit

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday April 20th at 7:15pm. Zoom.