

# AAFSC Board Meeting Minutes

April 20th 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, Ann Nicklas, Douglas Haw.

## Minutes and Agenda Approval

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

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

**Meeting with Douglas Haw:** Doug has now met with the coaches and staff last weekend and would like to start working at the AAFSC before springtime. He sees his role as supplementing the coaches' lessons and he may take a few adults or LTS students if they need another coach.

## Committee Reports:

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

Warwick has sent out two reports to the committee. The club is still ahead and is not losing money.

### **Hockettes Erin Donovan**

The Spring season practices started last week.

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

The LTS Group lessons for youth have been suspended for 2 weeks on the advice of the Michigan Department of Health because of rising Covid numbers. The LTS lessons will resume on April 28 after which there will be 4 more weeks of lessons before the end of the springtime session. The Adult LTS Group lessons and the LTS private lessons are still happening. Skaters have mostly been given credit as a refund for missed lessons, but some have been given refunds.

### **Competitions: Ann Dougherty.**

#### **Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational. May 20 to May 23.**

550 skaters have now registered for this competition. The skaters are from all over the US. The organizers will send out clear instructions about safety and mask wearing rules. Some out of state competitors may not be familiar with the rules in Michigan for Covid precautions.

There will be a pre-event zoom meeting for all parents and skaters participating to outline the rules. The club medical team will help draft an email with instructions and resources for the skaters regarding Covid safety rules for competitors. A short on- page with bullet points was also suggested.

Suggestions from board members included, skaters putting their skates on in the car or outside and then wearing their skates into the rink and parents/ chaperones staying outside the rink and watching their skater on a live stream video link in the parking lot.

### **Basic Skills Competition. Skills and Showcase. May 23.**

There will be further discussions and a meeting about the Skills and Showcase competition in the next week

### **Office Report: Craig Forsyth**

All skaters now have to test every week or submit proof of a vaccine or proof of having had Covid in the last 3 months in order to skate. This will be reviewed at the end of April

**Membership:** The Club membership currently stands at 482 which is 6 more than March 2021 and 54 more than this time last year in April 2020.

**LTS:** Has 436 skaters. Usually, the number is over 600 but the number is not bad considering.

**Club Communication:** The club has sent out 36 email blasts with an average 49.5% opening rate. The email with the highest opening rate (81%) was the email sent out on April 14th about Covid testing.

### **Hockettes.**

All Hockettes fees from the spring 2021 session have been paid.

### **Volunteer Hours.**

Craig circulated a volunteer proposal with three options. The board prefers the option #1 where the volunteer hours for this year and next year are combined at a rate of 1.25. This means that Club #1 members volunteer obligation will be 50 hours for both years. Craig will send out an email to the club members.

### **HR Update: Bonnie Shay**

Motion: To approve Selina Lin as a LTS Instructor. Motion made by Helena. Seconded by Camille. Unanimous approval.

Motion: To approve Cyndi Edelman as assistant off-ice dance instructor. Motion made by Mary. Seconded by Anjali. Unanimous approval.

Motion: To approve Ariana Gould-Tasoojyas as a junior coach. Motion made by Karla. Seconded by Matt. Unanimous approval.

### **Other Business:**

### **Melody on Ice (MOI): Camille Ziolek and Craig Forsyth**

Camille reported that 23 skaters have signed up so far. However, the ideal number of skaters is 40 if the club is to break even financially. The MOI committee is going to send out another email and extend the sign-up deadline to recruit more skaters.

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

The DEI Subcommittee has met. They are looking at another event in the summer which will be more skater focused.

They are discussing how to encourage more inclusive behavior and are gathering information on this. They are going to put the information into the club handbook.

Anika is the skater representative, and she has volunteered to put up a bulletin board in the Ice Cube with DEI information on it to raise awareness.

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

Erin reported that there has not been a lot of interest but that might be because the coaches are busy with Springtime. Erin suggested sending them a survey after the springtime competition to ascertain interest.

**Ice condition: Karla**

Karla and other Adult skaters have noticed that there is a lot of craters in the Lutz corner on the Olympic rink. In the past, skaters themselves filled in the craters with a bucket of sludge. Craig will discuss this with the Ice cube manager and will report back on a solution.

**Board Elections in June:**

4 members of the board's terms are up for reelection in June. Erin volunteered to send out a request for candidates and gather their BIOs. The Deadline for candidates to submit is May 18<sup>th</sup> and then the election results be announced at the board meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm by Ranjit

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday May 18th at 7:15pm. Zoom.