

Minutes

Ann Arbor FSC Meeting
Tuesday October 20 at 7:15pm. Zoom

7:20pm: Call to order by Ranjit

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

Apologies: Karla Stoermer-Grossman

Also, in attendance: Ann Dougherty, Ann Nicklas, Bonnie Shay.

Agenda Approval

Motion: Approval of minutes from September 15th, 2020: Erin motioned; Matt seconded unanimous approval.

Motion: Approval of agenda: Helena motioned, Warwick seconded, unanimous approval.

Committee Reports:

Finance committee: Warwick Anderson, Craig Forsyth

Warwick sent out two reports to the committee. More money is coming in. Totals are a little skewed because sign on for Ice is at the end of the month before. Running pass thorough ice and charging members on a monthly basis is enabling the club to make a small profit.

Unfortunately, the UoM students who were skating at the ice cube during the day will not be skating until November 3rd because of a stay in place order by Washtenaw Health Dept.

Synchro: Erin Donovan

US figure skating has released its plans regarding synchro skating. The sectional Championships that were going to be held at Notre Dame have been cancelled.

In their place are the 2021 U. S. Synchronized Skating Championships and Challenge competition which will be held in Las Vegas from February 23-27.

The Championships open to all Junior and Novice teams who are able to travel to the event and who meet the qualifying requirements by November 15th, 2020.

The 2021 U.S. Synchronized Skating Challenge which will also be held in Las Vegas will be open to eligible teams at the juvenile, intermediate, novice, collegiate, adult and Masters level. This event will be part of the 2020-21 National Synchronized Skating Series.

In addition to the Las Vegas competition the 2020-21 National Synchronized Skating Series which will be open to teams at all synchronized skating levels and judging systems (6.0 and IJS). The series will run from November to April. Overall scores and placements will be uploaded to U.S. Figure Skating's Event Management System (EMS) throughout the series to generate national rankings at each level. These events will change to a virtual format or be cancelled based on local COVID-19 regulations.

The Hockette Juniors will have an in-person competition on November 6th in Mentor Ohio. Erin says she is very happy with the safety measures the organizers have put in place. Porter competition is virtual this year and the organizing is underway. The judges will be socially distanced, and the music and media will be on the audience side. There will also be plastic partitioning. This is not required but is an extra measure undertaken by the organizers to ensure safety.

Learn to Skate: Mary Johanson

Learn to skate is going well. New members have signed up for Fall II session. There will be about 200 skaters by the time it starts. UoM closing for the next few weeks is worrying because of the loss of instructors for learn to skate.

Competitions: Ann Dougherty.

Springtime invitational, May 2021. Bids have gone out for Hotels. The organizers are talking about how to run the competition. There will not be vendors and masks will be mandatory. The registration table will be in the front entrance. New Covid protocols may require more volunteers for this competition.

Office Report: Craig Forsyth

Volunteers. More parents are going to have to be safe sport trained this year for competitions. The club is offering 1 volunteer hour for taking this online course. The background check fee will also be refunded to any member who produces a receipt.

Office: Club membership is 446 as of today which is an increase of 21 members from last month and an increase of 34 members from this time last year. Second club memberships are 30% higher than last year. 24 eblasts were sent out since the last board meeting with a 50% opening rate. The club fall update had an opening rate of 61%

The Halloween exhibition will be streaming a video. An email link will be sent out. This is a practice run for the holiday exhibition in December.

HR Update: Bonnie Shay

Joan Carr is retiring at the end of October. Joan has given many years of service to the club and will be greatly missed. A tribute to her will be sent out via the club email. Her job has been advertised but there have not been any applicants yet. If there are no applicants by December, the search will be widened to outside the skating community

***Email Motion passed 9-21-2020.** To hire Emma Spiess as Learn to skate Instructor. Erin Proposed, Karen Second, all in favor.

Any Other Business:

Rink Reopening: As of Monday, skaters are allowed to bring bags into the building and put them in a designated area in the Olympic rink. Craig has proposed to the Olympic committee an

increase in the number of skaters from 24 to 26 allowed on the rink. This will only affect the 4:15pm and the 5:15 pm sessions which are fully booked. Coaches are not allowed on these sessions.

The November ice sign up is this Sunday. Coaches will be able to use the on-ice harness and the fishing pole from the 8:15am session to the 3:15pm weekdays and on the Sunday sessions.

Fundraising: Carmen gave an excellent PowerPoint presentation regarding the fundraising plan. Some suggestions were to set up individual skater accounts based on their fundraising activities.

Receiving funds from companies was discussed. Contacting companies too much and therefore not looking organized and losing potential funds was identified as a potential problem. It is important to share lists and outcomes with each other. Need to have a clear process and identify who owns the relationship with the business. Craig confirmed that sponsors are always sent thank yous from the office.

A silent auction was also discussed as a fundraising idea, also a donate button on the website. Carmen would welcome all suggestions and ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm by Ranjit

Date of next meeting: Tuesday November 17th at 7:15pm. Zoom? In person?