

# Board Minutes

Ann Arbor FSC Board Meeting  
Tuesday \* 18 February 2020 \* 7:15 pm \* Banquet Room, The Cube

7:15 pm Call to Order

Attendance: Ann Nicklas, Helena Schotland, Karen Meints, Ranjit Aiyagari, Warwick Anderson, Craig Forsyth, Karla Grossman, Bonnie Shay, Mary Johanson

Absences: Ann Dougherty, Bob Ryan, Brooke Sacks, Erin Donovan

Public comments - none

Agenda approval - approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes from January 2020 meeting- approved unanimously

## **Consent Agenda approval/isolation**

- **Approved unanimously: Eliot Ziolek and Salomé Mouliere for LTS instructors.** Documents and letters of recommendation were sent to board via email.
- **Committee Reports**
- Finance Committee (Craig Forsyth) January statements were distributed via board email. Special events income is up. LTS instruction fees are over budget. Club advanced \$3000 to Unified synchro team for Lake Placid lodging where they will skate at World Synchro event. Synchro coaching fees have increased (11.4% greater than budget). More money spent on ice time for synchro. Good synchro competitive results likely related to increased time and training on ice. We will need to plan for this in next year's budget. Porter money still coming in.
- LTS (Mary Johanson): Special Olympics competition in Traverse City was great. New rules and new judging system (IJS for Special Olympics) instituted for this competition. Special Olympics World Games are on hold. Two countries are currently bidding to hold this event. ESPN would like to cover a story of athletes and costumes for this event.

A small grant has been received to run a 10-week class this summer for veterans. This funding may continue in future.

A silent auction fundraiser for the Unified team to attend Worlds is being held on Friday, March 13, 2020 (first night of MOI). A lesson with Charlie White and a lesson with Ryan Bradley will be part of the auction. Other donations for the auction will be coming in.

- Synchro (Ann Nicklas)- Junior, Novice, and Juvenile teams are going to Nationals. The teams have done well in the last two competitions.
- Competitions (Ann Nicklas) Ann Dougherty is working on Springtime and bids for upcoming competitions.
- Office Report (Craig Forsyth)— Distributed and reviewed at board meeting. Membership is up. Ice usage is pretty good—may be improved due to new coaches coming on board.

Lots of online registration through the club website for multiple upcoming events. Spinner received and jump harness installed. Pads for floor to be purchased soon. There is still a balance due of \$500 for AT & T- not clear what this is for. AT & T states there is no balance due. Will wait to see how this plays out- if balance persists, the \$500 will be paid.

**Old/New business:**

Club Etiquette (Helena Schotland/Karla Grossman): Club etiquette rules revised and submitted to Board via email. Minor revisions needed. Once club etiquette rules have been revised and approved by board, they will be distributed to the club membership. Classes for skaters and parents regarding etiquette will be held in July and August (there will also be a video version). It will be required for all members to attend class or watch the video in order to skate starting in September. The Board discussed the policy for locker room given mixed genders and ages in light of Safe Sport. Board members encouraged to bring ideas forward on this topic. Helena and Karla to develop a Frequently Asked Questions sheet for club members to accompany the new Club Etiquette rules. Language regarding etiquette and safety expectations for coaches will now be addressed in the coaches hiring agreement.

Coaches Meeting (Ann Nicklas/Craig Forsyth): Ann N and Craig met with coaches earlier today. Another coaches meeting will be held Thursday, 2/20/20 at 7:15 pm. At today's meeting, etiquette, new equipment, and training for the new equipment was discussed. The coaches brought up the issue that the weekday 5:15 pm session is very busy. The Board discussed the issue of which skaters have priority on this session. Currently there is a 15-minute grace period for those skaters who have contracted ice. If the skater does not get on the ice within 15 minutes after the start of the session, they lose their spot for that session and another skater can sign on for the session. The Board discussed that this grace period should be shortened to 10 minutes after the start of the session, but if the skater or parent calls and lets the office know that they are running late, the spot will be held for the skater. Priority for club sessions: First-Contracted skaters, Second-sign-on club members, Third- sign on 2<sup>nd</sup> club members.

Governing council delegates- Las Vegas April 29-May 3, 2020. Delegates: Ann Dougherty, Bonnie, Shay, Jim Achtenberg, Craig Forsyth, Mary Johanson, and Helena Schotland. Observer- Kim Davis.

Board Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Next Board of Directors meeting -Tuesday, 17 March 2020. Banquet Room, The Cube 7:15p.