

# Minutes

Ann Arbor FSC Board Meeting

Tuesday \* 15 October 2019 \* 7:15 pm \* Banquet Room, The Cube

Call to Order – 7:19 pm

In attendance: Ann Nicklas, Helena Schotland, Brooke Sacks, Ranjit Aiyagari, Warwick Anderson, Erin Donovan, Craig Forsyth, Karen Meints, Karla Grossman, Bonnie Shay

Absences: Ann Dougherty, Bob Ryan

**Approval of Minutes from August 2019 meeting-** The initial of Ann Dougherty's last name to be added to August minutes x 2- Corrected minutes **approved**

## **Consent Agenda:**

**Approved HR-** Kathy Sliwinsky, Lillie Ammons, and Joseph Breeden for LTS instructors

## **Kim Davis Report from Club Ed Seminar:**

Kim attended a club education seminar in Wisconsin. She thanked the board for sponsoring her participation. Her participation in this seminar made her excited to do more for the club. Kim learned a number of things through her participation in this seminar.

Things we are good at:

The club office is open throughout the week. Our media contacts with radio and TV are robust. We have an informative website. We have a number of bridge programs including Shooting Stars, Competition Club, and the Adaptive program.

Things we can improve on:

We may want to post AAFSC board meeting minutes on the website more regularly. We can encourage club members to attend board meetings (make schedule of board meetings available on our website). Consider revising our club mission statement and sending it out to club members. We may wish to take advantage of more of the National Skating Month activities. We could consider promoting our club at birthday parties held during public skates (handing out LTS info, etc.). We may want to let LTS skaters and parents know what options are available for skating after they complete LTS (perhaps in a grid format- further meetings will be required to move this forward). We may want to consider enhancing our annual award ceremony (this year will happen in between MOI performances Saturday). We may want to consider completing a club self-assessment checklist (this will be discussed more in future).

## **Safe Sport Specialty Training-**

The Ann Arbor Sports Commission has invited up to three people from AAFSC to attend a SafeSport Training at Legacy Center in Brighton on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11:30. They are providing this training complimentary with our membership with Pure Michigan Sports.

Karla Grossman, Warwick Anderson, and Kim Davis will attend.

## **Committee Reports**

- **Finance: Brooke:** September statements distributed prior to meeting (via e-mail) and also at meeting. Doing OK financially. Financially a quiet month. Main differences this year compared with last year: This year we had Adult Open (made a small profit) vs. EGL Regionals last year. Plan to hold Adult Open competition again next year- most likely first Saturday in October.
- **Synchro: Erin:** Teams are on track for the start of the Synchro season. The first competition is November 1, 2019.
- **Office Report: Craig:**  
AAFSC membership is 412 to date. There are, however, many fewer skaters on the ice resulting in a decrease in ice income. We also had fewer Regionals competitors this year.

MOI registrations are down- sign up dates have been extended. MOI tryouts with good turnout- 20 at tryouts and several other "private" tryouts due to scheduling issues. Lots of other sign-ups going on now- Ryan Bradley clinics/lessons and Halloween exhibition which may have impacted MOI registrations.

- **HR: Bonnie**  
Steven Pottenger will be full time at AAFSC. He will bring 6-9 skaters with him. Kendra Pottenger will also come to AAFSC as a coach.
- **Old/New Business:**

### **Purchases-**

42-43 inch monitor to be put up outside of Club office door to display videos, photos, information, and possible live streams of skating competitions. Costs will include monitor (under \$400), hanging bracket (approx. \$150), and fees for electrician and cable representative. Craig working with Best Buy on this project.

Two office computers need to be replaced (approximately <\$600 per computer). New keyboards and mice also need to be purchased. Craig proposes purchasing a 2-3 year maintenance protection program for the items.

**Motion made to approve up to \$3000 to be spent on the above purchases.  
Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Wifi-**

Erin raised the issue that the building Wifi is very poor. Coaches have difficulty pulling up music, rules, and patterns for lessons and practices. We have the equipment for Wifi, but it has not been functioning for the past 6 months. There was discussion about how best to deal with this issue: 1. asking for a club volunteer with relevant experience to help with

the Wifi; 2. ask cable representative to assess Wifi; 3. ask computer expert ("Computer Bob") to assess the Wifi.

Adjourned: 8:20 pm

Next Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, 19 November 2019. Banquet Room, The Cube 7:15p.

**Addendum:**

**LTS: Mary** (sent to Ann N. via e-mail):

It has been a challenging fall 1 session with a lack of staff and substitutes. We continue to interview potential staff in hopes we won't have to limit class size. We are also discussing the possibility of adding a clause back into pro staff contracts stating some type of learn to skate teaching is required, but we are still working on what exactly the requirement will be. Fall 2 classes begin next week.

Michigan Basic Skills series (and our Competition Club) has their final event and awards ceremony on November 9th in Midland.

We will be bringing back tots classes on Thursday mornings this winter.

Two of our Special Olympics skaters, Grace Cregar and Teodora Spremo, have been chosen from the state of Michigan to be placed in the draw for athletes who will attend the World Games in Sweden 2021. We will know by the end of the month if either of the girls are selected for the world team.