

Sk8 Bay Figure Skating Club

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2023

Mission Statement: To provide a friendly, supportive, and healthy environment to foster one's love for skating.

Consent Agenda:

Purchases of pipe and drape and Learn to Skate toys and supplies were made. Everything has been delivered.

Brett made reservations for the Skater Recognition Event Krzysiak's House Restaurant for June 15 at 6:00 pm. Head count is needed by June 8.

Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2023

Attendance: Melanie Black, Madeline Gallagher, Makayla Greathouse, Lynne Greathouse, Brett Greathouse, Heidi Helgren, Janet Karr, Emma LaBrie, Lori LaBrie, Charissa Loeffler, Nancy Morrow, Mary Naumowicz, Gigi Negron, Jodi Schulz, Kimberlee Ward.

Lynne called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm. The motion was seconded by Nancy.

Reports

- President's Report: Lynne reported that the club has grown in numbers, as well as improved in quality. The national recognition from USFS attests to that growth.
- Learn to Skate/ Aspire/Exhibition Update:
 - Melanie reported that it was another successful year with 161 total skaters and 13 instructors. Each of the winter sessions had 60 skaters each. Numbers are expected to drop for summer, as usual. Advertising on Facebook, school flyers, Potty Postings, and word of mouth keep our momentum going. Melanie is looking at including an Instagram or Snapchat page for skaters this year.
 - Aspire is up and running with 7-9 skaters that are committed to our new program on Tuesdays at 4:00 pm. This program is a mix of 30 minutes of Stroking, Free skate, Moves, Artistry, Theater, Dance, and 30 minutes of workouts, stretching, dance and some Life Lessons on respect, integrity, and sportsmanship. Melanie and Susie coached the first two sessions and Madeleine will coach the Summer session. Fall will rotate coaches to keep skaters interested and fresh.
 - The Winter Christmas show was a huge success. With advertising we had a full house, and it was a good fundraiser. Spotlights are great for the entertainment value as well as the atmosphere for skaters. The Spring Show will be on the Pro Rink, so we will not advertise due to the small seating area and the potential issue with spotlight placement. New pipe and drape is here and will get its trial run through with the Spring Exhibition.
 - Melanie also was planning for the Christmas Show for 2023. She inquired if the club would be interested in making it a storyline show. Lynne made a motion to vote on this topic. The club voted in favor of a storyline show for Christmas 2023.
- Treasury Report
 - Jodi reported that as of 5-1-23, the checking account balance was \$57,865.82. She provided a current finance report. The report is incomplete at this time as the fiscal year does not end until June 30. At the end of the fiscal year, once all finances for the 22-23 year are complete, she will submit a new report to the board for review and filing. Jodi presented a budget for the 23-24 fiscal year. Lynne proposed a motion to approve the budget. The budget was approved. Jodi also reported that in the 22-23 fiscal year, the most significant change was that we applied for our non-profit status, and it was accepted. This means the club no longer needs to pay taxes.

- Test Chair Report :
 - Kimberlee reported that the club is offering an in person test session on the Pro Rink on August 11, 2023, from 10-11:50. It will be a three-panel test session. Volunteers are appreciated. We are hoping to make test sessions at Sk8 Bay a bi-annual event in February and August.
 - All skaters that have passed tests at any club are gifted with patches from the club. If a patch is missed, please let Lynne or Kimberlee know.
 - Permission letter from the test chair is found on EntryEeze.

Old Business

- Spring Exhibition
 - Lynne pointed out that the schedule, volunteer opportunities, and skating order were printed out in the meeting handouts. Safe Sport regulations for the show were reviewed.
 - It was suggested that folding chairs from the community room will be placed on the risers where there are no bleaches.
 - Brady Kenniston will be the professional photographer. TV3 was contacted to video, but they have another engagement earlier that day. They will attempt to attend. The club was not in favor of asking for a volunteer videographer.
 - Madeleine will choreograph the finale to a Lilo and Stitch song. She will teach the finale at dress rehearsal. Madeleine will not be here on the day of the Exhibition.
- Skater Recognition Event
 - Lynne reviewed the plans for the Skater Recognition Event. All are invited to meet at Krzysiak's on June 15 for the buffet dinner. Club members' and coaches' dinners will be paid for, additional guests will be \$13.50. Skaters should bring a list of their accomplishments and a goal. Coaches are invited to present their students. The club was not in favor of games or activities at the event. A small gift for the skaters, longevity awards, and paper plate awards were discussed. The board will decide on that at a later date.
- Special Olympics
 - Lynne reported that the board has approved working with Area 9 Special Olympics. Coaches will work with skaters for 8 weeks before the winter games. Ice is scheduled on Sunday from 12-12:50 pm for practice. Special Olympics of Michigan will reimburse us for the ice. Coaches are volunteers, but the club will subsidize at \$20/ hour. Competitors need physical forms signed by the doctor. There is no upper age limit. The lower age limit is 8 years old. This information may be shared with potential participants.
- Membership
 - USFS increased rates, but the board voted not to increase rates this year because of rink maintenance. Increasing membership cost will be revisited next year. Membership options are the same as last year. Membership will open soon. To renew membership, complete the process in EntryEeze by June 30 to avoid the \$25 late fee. Club members were also reminded to log volunteer hours in to avoid a \$100 fee.
 - The new membership year will also bring a new pin design contest.

New Business

- Elections
 - After the votes were tallied, Gigi Negrón is the new vice president. Janet Karr and Brett Greathouse are the new directors. These positions are in effect until the Annual Meeting of 2026.
- Showcase bulletin board
 - The club agreed to using the showcase bulletin board to highlight skater accomplishment. Kyra will be the first to be recognized since she is graduating. Madeleine volunteered to complete the bulletin board for Kyra.
 - Madeleine also reported that the club needs to be sensitive to the club's history. She requested that a historical photo be brought back to the club showcase and inquired about the scrapbook. Lynne will bring a photo for the showcase and work on the scrapbook as time allows.
- Social Function ideas
 - The club was asked if they would like social functions scheduled for the group. The vote did not pass.

The next board meeting will be held on July 26 after Learn to Skate in the Community Room at Bay Civic Arena.

Lynne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. The motion was seconded by Jodi.