

**Sk8 Bay Figure Skating Club Special Board Meeting Agenda**  
**October 31, 2024**

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

**Attendance:** Karen Kuch, Jennifer Gruesbeck, Melanie Black, Nancy Morrow, Jan Karr, and Kaye Horn (done via Facetime)

The meeting was called to order by Melanie at 7:10 pm and seconded by Karen.

**Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda, old meeting minutes, were approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

Learn to Skate Update: Melanie informed us of the large decrease in numbers of skaters registered for Fall 1 program as a result of summer shut down. While Fall 2 did have an increase we still have not yet seen a huge increase to get our numbers back where they would put us back to Olympic ice. This is also an issue of revenue across the board for the club as a whole. Karen processed numbers in comparison to last year, and was able to elaborate on the affect of the decrease.

Karen has taken on responsibilities of the Learn to Skate table and check-in. She explained she was currently using this as her volunteer time towards membership; financials have proven that this can be a paid position. Email will be sent out to membership for applications due one week from posting.

Melanie and Karen both addressed the need of items for the kids and more name tags for new skaters who do come. This was approved to be ordered through Amazon.

Potential Aspire Program Update: With Karen's comparison of numbers of skaters club wide (club skaters and LTS skaters), she explained along with back up from Melanie that numbers are specifically low on Mondays ice times. To the point it is concerning to keep Monday ice available. Melanie had suggestion of adding back the Aspire program, theater, or stroking, but we would have to evaluate interest as level wise. LTS current numbers may not help support this. This will need further discussion next meeting.

SafeSport Update: Karen explained there have been no new issues.

Treasury update: Kaye has taken over the treasury as a new member to our club, but with previous affiliation. She will begin reviewing finances, which will also help clear up any needs or changes to club financials.

Skater recognition update: Jan presented that Nancy will be the focus for November, as we moved Megan up previously to October. Jan will continue to monthly update the spotlight board.

**New Business:**

Shifting of board members: Jennifer resigned due to overwhelming commitment. Karen was voted in unanimously to the President position, while Jennifer was voted in unanimously as secretary. Kaye was voted in unanimously as Vice President in support of Karen (due to the upcoming delivery of newborn baby and need of time off), while also maintaining the responsibilities of treasurer. This will maintain organization and improve the working order of the board.

Christmas Exhibition: Melanie presented that the only date ending up being available for the Christmas Exhibition this year was December 21, which is of concern to the board since it is very close to Christmas Day. Concern is attendance will be low due to interfering with personal, workplace, and family Christmas celebrations. Karen will send out an email with sign up list to gain knowledge on what potential will be.

It was also brought up that in years past skaters were required to pay a fee to skate in the exhibitions to support the cost of ice. The board approved as a whole, reestablishing this guideline beginning with the 2025/2026 season. Thus, for this Christmas Exhibition skaters will be required to sign up by the deadline to participate in the event. This information will also be included in the email used to gain how much interest there is.

Deadline to cancel the ice for the exhibition if interest is as low as concern will be November 21<sup>st</sup>. To give the board time to finalize whether or not to cancel. Karen suggested response from skaters be taken now through November 18<sup>th</sup>, this was supported by all other members- Karen will notify the board via text or email November 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> of the results for a final decision.

Discussion of Friday ice usage and county concerns. Update to be provided at next meeting.

Next meeting is TBD.

Meeting closed and then adjourned at 8:15 pm unanimously.