



Wayne Westland Figure Skating Club Minutes

July 25, 2023 6PM

Call to Order: Shaun Taft

Present: Shaun Taft, Bill Goden, Amy Harris, Renee Brown, Tess Kuhene, Pam Larsen, Abby Sitarski, Courtney Ozog

Absent with notice:

Minutes: no report

Treasurer's Report: See below

MMIA Report: The rink will open Tuesday after Labor Day (September 5, 2023) predicting about 2 hours per day until hockey begins.

Future Club Activities: Welcome back event was discussed, possibly a date before school begins. Will send out a survey of possible dates.

Committee Reports

- **Delegate's Report** Received renewal from Metro Council. Tri-State Council coming soon.
- **Competition:** Competition Sanction is still "pending" in EMS. Waiting on USFSA to approve. The Chief Referee for the October 28th competition is Heather Toporowski. She is a life-long skater, participated in Stars on Ice with our own Becky B., and trained with last year's referee. She lives in Illinois about a seven-hour drive. She wants to help reduce her expenses by driving and plans on arriving the day before the event. She will require a hotel for up to two nights. Mary Moss will serve at the Chief Accountant. USFSA prefers we post results electronically. Will need to determine if 1) the WIFI is reliable enough to use and 2) Mary has the knowledge to use the on-line platform. Shaun spoke to Dave and he has the WIFI or possible mesh system on his to-do list. Shaun has reached out to Doreen Young and Melissa Yonemura to see if they are available to serve as the Music Coordinator. She has not received a response. Shaun has reached out to almost 45 judges and has been able to receive commitments from six individuals to date. Three judges are from Ohio and one is from Ontario. The judges from Ohio will also need a hotel room. Heather reviewed our events from last year and believes that some of the basic skills can have minority judges. A minority judge is a member of USFSA, at least 16, and has their SkateSafe certification if 18 and over. A coach from Farmington has agreed to serve in this capacity. Shaun is still awaiting responses from four individuals. Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club is hosting a three-day Adult Competition November 3rd, November 4th, and November 5th. They are offering IJS at \$120, 6.0 at \$90, and CJS for showcase. This competition will certainly have an impact on our registrations and judges' availability. We need to access the competition landscape and determine if we can develop a niche or specialty to attract participants. Courtney has volunteered to organize a Halloween exhibition after the competition. Shaun wonders how we might connect to an Adaptive Skating program to extend the invitation to our competition. Do we have someone "famous" in skating who could host a meet and greet? We can discuss further as a group and consider other ideas. Shaun was notified by USFSA that a Basic Skills meeting is scheduled for this summer. This is an

avenue we can explore to become part of the Basic Skills series. Consider selling Mingo t-shirts at the event.

- **Ice Show:** no report
- **Membership:** Looked into reimbursing officers with membership cost. Tess made a motion for a \$60 fee reduction for all Board members. Motion seconded by Renee. Motion passed.
- **Media:** Tess will update the website. Weekly updates will begin in August. Will ask Courtney if she will join the social media with Amy Sitarski.
- **Fundraising:** Emailed a timeline based on last year's fundraisers. Mum fundraiser will begin early August through September 11. Discussion about incentives for top earners. Motion by Tess for Mum's fundraiser to award \$50 for top seller, \$40 to second place, and \$30 to third place for ice show credit. Second by Pam Larsen. Motion passed.
- **Testing:**
 Skater Registration: \$652
 Judges Gift Cards: \$125
 USFSA Fee: \$151.50
 TOTAL EARNED \$375.50
 USFSA has increased their individual test registrations from \$6 to \$8. Might be worthwhile to compare our testing fees to other local clubs to determine if we are charging a competitive amount per test.
- **Nomination:** Should type a nomination process document. Shaun and Courtney will work on the document.
- **Skater's Advisory:** Suggested a representative be present at Board meetings. Discussed the Goudy Park event on August 25 and have skaters promote the Club.

Old Business: Shaun will be comparing current By-Laws and US Figure Skating template. Shaun discussed with some Club parents about joining a new Entertainment committee. Clean up at rink is almost complete.

New Business: Shaun worked with Rachael on welcome back contents. Send to Rachael if anyone has specific items to include. Shaun looked into starting Adaptive skating or other ways to expand program. Inquired about updates on sound system.

Meeting Follow-up: Reduced rate for Board members. Rachael will work on Welcome Back packet. Tess begin weekly emails and send a survey for Welcome Back party.

Adjournment: 6:56PM Motion by Amy.

Next meeting: August 22, 2023 7PM

Date	No	Description	Debit	Credit	Comments
		Beginning Balance	\$13,215.86		
7/19/2023	0	COMERICA ONLINE BILLINGFEE CKF091605055POS	\$6.95		
7/18/2023	0	PAYPAL INST XFER 230717	\$350.00		T. KUEHNE ICE SHOW PAYMENT (COACHES PAYMENT)
7/18/2023	0	PAYPAL TRANSFER 230717		\$150.36	MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS
7/17/2023	0	PAYPAL *ICOACHSKATI SAN JOSE CA 2564	\$29.97		
7/14/2023	0	USFigureSkating PURCHASE 230714	\$101.00		USFS CLUB FEE
7/13/2023	0	MOBILE DEPOSIT		\$54.00	TESTING PAYMENTS
7/13/2023	0	MOBILE DEPOSIT		\$434.00	TESTING PAYMENTS

7/12/2023	0	Amazon.com*1G35 Amzn.com/bill WA 2564	\$100.00		TEST JUDGES GIFTS
7/10/2023	0	US FIGURE SKATI COLORADO SPRI CO 2564	\$151.50		TESTING FEES
6/29/2023	0	US FIGURE SKATI COLORADO SPRI CO 2564	\$2,125.00		MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
6/28/2023	0	PAYPAL TRANSFER 230627		\$1,326.10	MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS
		Ending Balance	\$12,315.90		
		Outstanding checks			