

The SFSC Annual Meeting was held via Zoom call on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The SFSC President, Buffy Lael-Wolf, began the meeting with a welcome to all members present. The following was discussed:

Re-Opening of Nelson Center Ice Rink

Buffy stated that although Springfield will begin Phase 3 of the quarantine on May 29, no definite opening date has been provided. Buffy has been in discussion with the rink management and has provided them with information from USFS concerning their guidelines for re-opening. SFSC will continue to work with rink management and the Springfield Park District towards an opening plan which will most likely establish new rules limiting skaters and coaches on the ice, require online scheduling for ice time, designate areas outside the facility for warm ups and for putting on skates, the wearing of masks inside the facility, except when skating, and blocked cleaning times for the facility. Once a plan has been provided by the rink, it will be distributed to all membership.

Spotlight on Ice

A meeting will be held on May 28th with coaches, spotlight committee and board members to discuss what the status of a show is for 2020. Due to the quarantine limitations, we may need to wait until Phase 5 for the size audience SOI involves. Things to be considered include the pros and cons of possibly holding a show in 2020 vs. rolling show over to 2021. Once a decision is made on the status of show, membership will be notified.

Spotlight merchandise was successfully distributed curbside thanks to the help of Monica Polistina, Buffy Lael-Wolf and Julie Stice.

A curbside distribution of Spotlight pictures is being organized. Once a pick up date is established, members will be notified.

Year In Review

Spirit Week - both weeks were successful, enjoyable and built much camaraderie.

Dress Sale – unfortunately, only one was held this year. We would like to hold 2 next year especially around competition dates. The club is open to help with these sales if any member is interested, please notify a board member.

Scrip Orders – A report on the year's details of Scrip will be coming from Monica Polistina. The program continues to be successful for SFSC, especially during the holidays.

Annual Springfield Invitational – This year's event was a success. Next year's paperwork is ready to submit but as of now, we do not know that we will be able to hold due to the Covid closures. In order to hold, there is a minimum of 8 weeks of practice, which will have to be started by 7/26/20.

Club Ice – started in September and continues to be a benefit of membership.

Regionals – There were a total 12 skaters who attended regionals!

Ice Dance Weekend – the first Ice Dance Weekend was held in Springfield, thank you to Missy Behl for all her hard work on accomplishing this first time event.

Board Retreat – the new 2020 board held a retreat where they were able to come up with a strategic plan for the year.

Exhibitions – both a summer and winter exhibition were held. The Halloween exhibition was not held due to ice limitations and regionals. A Regionals Exhibition was held in October.

National Skate Day – SFSC co-hosted National Skate Day

Membership Meeting – a meeting was held to vote for the top 3 items that membership felt needed priority. The top three items were: Summer Skate School, Logo, and acquiring a new Storage Unit. Skate school has not been organized due to Covid closures; a new storage unit was purchased at the airport hangar which will house props, sets and costumes year round; a new logo is being created.

Adult Sectionals – Kathy Hart and her committee did an amazing job and received great feedback from skaters, coaches, referees and judges. Thank you, Kathy!

Governing Council – three board members attended the USFS Governing Council meetings via Zoom.

SFSC Social Media/Website – club continues to have a strong social media presence and instituted the Remind app for instant messaging to membership.

SFSC made a goal to participate in a few events like Ice Jamz and city parades in order to create a presence in the community, but were unable to get programming off the ground due to Covid.

New Logo Review

Fellow SFSC member, Lisa Beja, has generously been helping the board research ideas for a new logo. A link will be sent out to membership which they can open and look at ideas.

20-21 Budget

The board has finished the projected 20-21 budget. This will act as a guideline for the board throughout the year when planning events. It will also help monitor expenditures and income for the accountant and for future goal setting.

Volunteer Thank You's

Thank you for the many volunteers that helped make the 2019-2020 events happen for SFSC. Some of those events included: Ice Jamz, Scheels, LTS Sessions, Adult Ice Dance Weekend, National Skate Day, and a special thank you to Kathy Hart who took on and did an amazing job with the Midwest Adult Sectionals.

Coach Recognition

Thank you to all our coaches for their time, participation and input. A special thank you to:

Toni Hickey for her help with LTS. Toni took this under her wing and has helped to organized rosters and coaches for each session and has worked with parents and volunteers to make this program a continued success. Her help is much appreciated.

Missy Behl for her help with the Ice Dance Weekend. Missy followed a vision and believed so strongly in it that she accomplished a successful Adult Ice Dance weekend attended by adults from around the country. Thank you, Missy, for your passion for this sport and for sharing that dream with SFSC.

Board Nominations, Voting Results and Membership

Seven board members were voted into the SFSC Board of Directors. Two positions remain open. SFSC Membership will open starting 6/1/20. Kathy Hart will be entering them on the 1st and 15th of the month.