

**Springfield Figure Skating Club**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Springfield Figure Skating Club Board of Directors meeting was called to order via Zoom at 5:34pm by president, Buffy Lael-Wolf.

**Board Members Present:**

Buffy Lael-Wolf

Julie Stice

Elaine Knauer

Anna Krug

Lisa Beja

**Guests:**

Coach Toni Hickey

Kathy Hart

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Julie is wrapping up year end reports to give to the accountant. SOI bill payments continue to be sent directly to Julie's house. Julie is working with Vicki for documentation as payments come in.

Springfield Invitational- September 2020

Kathy reported current status of SFSC September competition. 6 judges are needed as well as an accountant and a referee. Currently 4 out of the 7 requirements are filled, but those are very contingent on current pandemic situation. Status had also been reviewed with SFSC coaches who felt that most activities this year would be canceled and are adjusting as such. Cost of the competition requires at least 55 skater competitors to not suffer a budget loss.

Elaine made a motion to cancel the Springfield Invitational for 2020. Julie made a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion. Board members voted in favor of the motion.

Kathy will remove the event from EntryEeze; Elaine will remove information from the website.

### Coach's Corner

Toni asked about the possibility of having a test session in the Fall. The Board would be supportive of this plan, provided safety measures can be followed easily for everyone. Kathy is going to gauge interest with SFSC coaches.

Toni has been notified that programming for LTS may start in September. However, there is hesitation from coaching staff to engage the public in this class format during the pandemic. Buffy indicated that SFSC presence (week 1, week 2, week 6) would not be feasible. Feedback will be given to rink programming.

Toni reported that USFSA coach compliance deadlines are different this year.

Coaches must have when teaching students:

Current US Figure skating membership, SafeSport training, background check, liability insurance

Coaches must have for sanctioned activity: (testing, competitions)

CERS, PSA membership

The Coach compliance checklist will not appear "up to date" for many coaches, but they are NOT out of compliance.

### COVID Update

Buffy has been in frequent communication with rink management regarding activities at the rink related to COVID regulations.

Parents are encouraged to notify a Board member if they have concerns about the regulations.

### Contracts

Facilities Contract with The Nelson Center reviewed. Members had a few questions:

- Why a 2-year contract and not a 1-year contract?
- Is there no longer a clinic rate/education rate for ice time?
- Is the 3% increase negotiable?
  - o USFSA is reporting that clubs across the country are seeing decreased numbers in membership renewals. A 3% increase per year will prove to be a true hardship during the pandemic and recovery from the pandemic.
  - o LTS is not in session and often new membership comes from these groups
- Buffy will reach out to Bruce for clarifications and possible negotiations

## Coach Contract

- Due for renewal; Contract has been updated
- Contract now includes wording surrounding SafeSport
- Contract also delineates volunteer club activities from SOI commitments. Club members are required to volunteer 10 hours of time as well
- Prolonged discussion around SOI options; determined to leave current options for the 20-21 contract
- Buffy will update contract with suggestions and send out to coaches.

## Board Reminders

Board members are reminded to complete Background check and SafeSport training as required by USFSA.

Board members will provide contact information to Buffy so she can put in the newsletter

## New Logo

Lisa reported that approximately 20 members completed the survey. She felt that themes emerged from that survey and will create the recommendations. She predicts she will have something to share with the Board by next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm