

**Annual Meeting of the Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati  
June 14, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by President Dottie Janson.

Welcome and introductions were done. Thirteen club members attended. Thirteen voting members were in attendance. Two members assigned proxy prior to the meeting. Three members voted prior to the meeting. This was enough for a quorum for the Board of Directors elections but not enough for approval of the proposed Constitution changes. Follow-up will be done to gain enough votes for a majority.

Dottie Janson showed the minutes from the Annual Meeting through a screenshare during the Zoom meeting. The last annual meeting was held June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A motion was made by Cathy Brinkman to approve them. Mimzi Staten 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Agenda:**

1. Review of last year's minutes	4. Constitution and Bylaws
2. President's Report	5. Elections
3. Awards and Test Certificates	

**President's Report**

- 2019-2020 Season Summary
  - 68 members
    - 19 families, 14 adult, 6 professional (3 home club), 2 collegiate.
  - Offered Sunday ice from Sept. 2019 to May 2020.
    - 10 All You Can Skate packages, 6 members walked on (cumulative 16 sessions), 12 non-members walked on (cumulative 36 sessions)
  - Sports Plus closed down March 16th because of Covid-19 canceling remaining 7 sessions.
  - Skate Cincinnati and test session planned for April 25th & 26th canceled
  - Discussed partnering with NKY FSC and QC to share ice costs and expand our offering. Neither club expressed interest in our proposals even as we modified them to meet their concerns.
  - Board made difficult decision: We will not offer a freestyle session this season. With rising costs and low ice package sales we cannot continue supporting ice sessions.
  - As a result, membership rates are being lowered:
    - Family (1 skater + parent): now \$170; Adult: now \$145; Professional: now \$85

- Competitions and Test Sessions
  - Skate Cincinnati was canceled, however, we will evaluate at the end of June the potential to hold competition in Sept/Oct. Planning to host again in April, 2021.
  - The club is hoping to host at least 2 test sessions this season.
  - Jeff commented that he worked to find out if US Figure Skating is allowing competitions, and it appears they are as long as the club and rinks are okay with it.
  
- Testing and Awards
  - Mimzi went through the 2019-2020 tests that were passed.
  - Gold Medalist – Sammy Jo Murray passed her Gold Dances. The club presents a \$50 USFSA gift certificate to first time Gold Medalists for use towards their Gold Medalist jacket. For Sammy's 2<sup>nd</sup> gold medal the club presented a \$50 USFSA gift certificate for additional embroidery on the gold medal jacket.
  - Jennifer went through awards for the seasons. See below for full list of award recipients.
  - Dottie researched the background of the awards and individuals for which they were named from various scrapbooks she has received over the years. She showed pictures of a few of the originators of our awards.
  
- Constitution
  - Dottie walked the members through the changes the Board is proposing to make to the constitution.
  
- Dottie thanked the Board for their contributions this year.

## Club Awards

- Brintnall Most Improved Award – Presented to a member(s) who has shown great improvement over the past year. Awarded to Rebecca Moore (adult) and Marie Godarova (junior).
- Erdman Artistic Award – Presented to a skater who portrays creative artistic impression in their skating. Awarded to Carousel Bierma.
- David C. Prince Memorial Hospitality Award – Created in 1988 in memory of David Prince, devoted member of FSCC and judge, this award pays tribute to David's ever-present club hospitality, his unrelenting patience with his own skating and those whom he helped. David's devotion and love of this sport should be an inspiration to all skaters. This recipient should exhibit friendliness and a welcome feeling to new members and visitors of FSCC; consistently helps and watches those people striving to improve their skating; seeks out members and provides encouragement to all skaters. Awarded to Mimzi Staten.
- Betty Lee Duvall Sportsmanship Award – Created in 1969 to honor Betty Lee Duvall, this award is given to a skater under 18 years of age who exemplifies sportsmanship and character during the skating year. Criteria includes good social behavior, manners, consideration of

others, participation in club activities, sportsmanlike conduct and adherence to club rules. Awarded to Sasha Vondran.

- ShIPLEY Dance Award – This award is given to a member who has shown the most improvement in Ice Dance. Awarded to Daphne Nelson.
- Griffin Outstanding Skater Award – This award is given to a member who has shown improvement, integrity, volunteerism, sportsmanship and positive representation of the club. This recipient is an all-around outstanding skater. Awarded to Sammy Jo Murray.

- Our Graduating Seniors – Sammy Jo Murray, Savannah Steinkamp, Sarah Werdmann.

Two of our Graduating Seniors also received recognition from USFSA:

- Silver Level Achievement Award from USFSA presented to Savannah Steinkamp.
- Gold Level Achievement Award from USFSA presented to Sammy Murray.

## **Constitution and Bylaws**

- The Board proposed changes to the Constitution that required approval.
  - After discussion, it was determined that some sections need to be revised before a vote is appropriate.
  - A motion was made to approve only the proposed changes to Article VII effective immediately, Mimzi seconded. All 18 voting members in attendance (two by proxy, three by pre-vote) plus approved the Article VII proposed changes. Since we did not have a majority, Dottie plans to contact the remaining membership via email for their votes. See the June 22, 2020 update below for approval details.
  - A motion was made to by Cathy to defer all other changes to the constitution back to the board for discussion. Mimzi seconded the motion.

## **Elections**

- Completing year two of term: Dottie Janson, Mimzi Staten
- Resigning from two-year term: Rebecca Moore
- Nominations for new two-year term: Cathy Brinkman, Don Bowman, Jennifer Fontanella,
  - 18 members voted and all approved.

## **June 22, 2020 Update: Board of Directors and Proposed Constitution Changes – Election Results**

### **Before the Annual Meeting on June 14, 2020**

Paola Cappelari – approved all board members and all proposed constitution changes

Annasophia Scheve – approved all board members and all proposed constitution changes

Alzbeta Godarova – requested attendee proxy

Jessie Kong – requested board proxy

Barb Kreunen - approved all board members and all proposed constitution changes

## **Annual Meeting**

13 voting members attended – approved all board members and Section VII proposed Constitution Changes

\*Jeff Privett - attendee proxy for Alzbeta Godarova – approved all board members and Section VII Constitution Changes

\*Jennifer Fontanella was Board proxy for Jessie Kong - approved all board members and Section VII Constitution Changes

At this point we had 18 votes with 18 approving Board of Directors elections. Quorum is 14. Slate for Board of Directors approved by quorum.

## **Email Responses to Section VII Proposed Constitution Changes**

An email survey was sent to all members with the following questions:

- Approve changes to Article VII of the FSCC constitution which include:
  - Allowing the annual meeting to be held over video conference.
  - Allowing secretary or president to send notices of regular and special meetings.
  - Allowing for electronic proxies.

Marcia Williams – approved

Stacy Hodgett – approved

Rachel Quinn – approved

Debi Wyatt – Yes to approve

Susan Schoeny – approved

Laura Morehead – approved

Amanda Zou – approved

Gemma Steinkamp – approved

At this point we have 26 votes with 26 approving Proposed Constitution Changes. Majority is 23. Proposed Constitution changes (Section VII only) approved by majority.