



Annual General Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2022 @10:00am
Manotick Arena, Hall 2nd Floor

Attendance: Samantha, Michelle, Sue, Melissa, Brandi, Tina, Dan, Margo, RSC coaches, skaters and families

Absent: Sandra, Tessa

1. President's Opening Remarks – Samantha Roeske

- Call to Order – **10:05am**
- Approval of 2022 Agenda - approved (moved Jan, seconded Laura) **(29 votes)**
- Introduction of 2021-2022 Board of Directors
 - President: Samantha Roeske
 - Vice-President: Michelle Carney
 - Treasurer: Sandra Craig-Browne
 - Secretary: Sue Stadnisky
 - Test Chair: Tina Braid – with acknowledgement of past Chair, Stephen Karl
 - Publicity & Emergency Epidemic Management Committee: Melissa Sargent
 - Director of Coaching: Brandi Young
 - Director at Large: Dan Gray
 - Director at Large: Tessa Hermelin
 - Fundraising: Vacant
 - Special Events: Vacant

2. Approval of 2021 Minutes – Samantha Roeske

- approved (moved Brandi, seconded Melissa) **(30 votes)**

3. President Report – Samantha Roeske (pre-written)

- After 3 years as President of this Board, this will be my final report. The 2021-22 year was still hampered by COVID-related impacts, and I will let the Emergency Epidemic Management Committee speak to those impacts. The Rideau Skating Club was still able to run successful and relatively normal Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons this year. As we have learned to adapt to whatever curve ball COVID threw us, I am tremendously proud of this Club's resilience including the Coaches, skaters, volunteers, parents, and this BOD. It has been a pleasure to serve on this Board for 5 years and I will continue to support in smaller ways in the future. As always, I encourage any interested parent or volunteer to contribute to our club. Any level of support is appreciated.

4. Treasurer Report – Sandra Craig-Browne (submitted by Sandra, read by Sam)

- Acknowledged Sandra has taken over from Tessa Hermelin who changed to a Director-at-Large for remainder of the season, and now is completely retired from the board
- Our financial statements are available for all our members.
- This year represents a substantial recovery over the previous 2 years
- Statement of Operations
 - Revenue has more than doubled from \$130K to \$300K
 - Expenses climbed from \$160K to \$240K
 - Profit was \$60K
 - These figures exceed performance pre-pandemic, with higher than normal registration revenue and slightly lower expenses
- Cash Balance
 - Cash balance has increased substantially over last year from \$105K to \$200K
 - GIC still held at \$73
- Banking support has been poor this year, with CIBC locking out accounts at one point, forcing registration to be halted. They have provided little to no options to support club financial needs (purchasing cards). The Treasurer will investigate alternate banking options when time permits.

5. Board Member Reports

- Vice-President Report – Michelle Carney
 - The club is currently hiring new coaches the coming year, both Staff Coaches and CanSkate Coaches. Should anyone be interested in a position, please talk to any club coach for details.
- Publicity Report – Melissa Sargent (pre-written)
 - This year saw the return of some of our annual events and we are hopeful that next season will see even more.
 - Rideau participated in both Manotick's Santa Claus Parade as well as the Dickinson Day Parade that took place last week.
 - We were able to host send offs in person for Provincials and Skate Canada Challenge and create an online card for Nationals.
 - Unfortunately, most of our showcases usually occur in January when we were in lockdown, but our StarSkaters skaters did have an opportunity to show off their new skills at Fun Day in March
 - We continued to build our Instagram presence this season and are consistently looking for content for all of our social media platforms. Please like, follow and send us content at publicity@rideauskating.ca
 - As we head into next season, we are looking forward to the return of our annual Used Skate Sale this fall.
 - Rideau Skating Club will also be the host of the International Skating Union's North American International Adult Figure Skating Competition in Ottawa September 19th to 24th. This is one of the two "International Masters/Adult Competitions" held annually by the ISU and they are considered the premiere skating events for skaters over 28 and up to 80 or more.
 - The event that has been delayed 4 times over the last two years due to Covid and travel restrictions, so we are very excited to be finally hitting the ice this September. This

competition often sees skaters from Canada, the US, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Ecuador, Brazil, Argentina, Peru and all over the world... and hopefully the athletes from the Ukraine will be able to join us too. It includes all skating disciplines: Singles, Pairs, Dance, and Synchronized skating as well as artistic events.

- If you are interested in watching some amazing skating from slightly older athletes, we encourage you come to Jim Durrell arena that week and check things out... or better yet come and volunteer with our amazing Rideau Skating Club and Ottawa skating volunteers.
- Special Events Report – position vacant
- Assessment Coordinator (Test Chair) Report – Tina Braid
 - Introduction of herself, with a thank you to the coaches and to the now-former Chair, Stephen Karl, for helping Tina to learn the position and requirements
 - Tina made a call for volunteers for future test days
 - The April test day was Star 6 to Gold levels tested. Reminder that even with the loss of ice time we recently had, the June test day is scheduled for 23 June
- Fundraising Report – position vacant
 - nothing to report
- Emergency Epidemic Management Committee Report - Melissa Sargent (pre-written)
 - It was a crazy year for the COVID committee. I would like to start by thanking the other members of the oversight committee – Sue Stadnisky and Jan Calnan. Without the two of you, this year would not have been possible.
 - RSC experienced two lockdowns this year, one last spring/summer and one again in January. However, with eased restrictions this fall on the number of skaters permitted on the ice, we were able to bring back our regular CanSkate and Pre-Canskate programs. Our StarSkaters were finally able to compete outside of the club again and enjoy our annual Fun Day.
 - The government threw a number of restrictions at us last minute this season and we would like to thank all of our members for working with us to make the constantly changing policies and procedures as smooth as possible. Thank you for your patience and understanding as well as the steps you took to help keep all members safer this season.
 - I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with screening, cleaning, policy review and protocols which made this season possible. This includes all our coaches and board members as well as many other volunteers.
- Coaches Report – Brandi Young (written and read)
 - After the past few seasons, the RSC Coaching team was so happy to be back on the ice for most of the season. With only one extended break during the holidays, we got to run most of our Fall and Winter sessions this year and it was great to be able to run all our regular programming again this season.
 - Our skaters had a very successful year
 - We had 14 skaters complete their Stage 6 CanSkate badge and graduate from our CanSkate program.
 - Our StarSkaters participated in various StarSkate competitions in Asticou, Gloucester, Kanata and completed 145 assessments from Star 1 to Gold. We also had three skaters achieve gold tests this Winter.

- Congratulations to Annie Zhang and Rebekah Ferris for completing their Gold Skills and to Liam Carney for completing his Gold Artistic.
- We would also like to take a moment to congratulate some of our skaters who represented us at Competitive Events this season:
 - Kiera and Erin Karl competed at the StarSkate Provincial Championships in the Pre-Novice Synchronized Skating Category placing 8th.
 - Liam Carney competed in Junior Men representing the club at Provincials placing 10th, Challenge placing 19th and Nationals placing 15th.
 - Congratulations Keira, Erin and Liam for these amazing accomplishments. Please give all our skaters a big round of applause for their achievements this season!
- We would also like to thank the numerous volunteers, board members, parents and skaters for their time and help making this another great RSC season. Without you we would not be able to run the quality programming we do.
- The coaches are looking forward to an amazing summer skating session in July and August. Space is still available in many of our StarSkate sessions if you wish to register or add sessions.
- We are starting to plan for next season and look forward to rolling out our Fall programming in the coming months.

6. Elections – 2022-2023 Board of Directors - Samantha Roeske

- Announcement of Sam retiring, Tessa and Stephen retired, new member joining, Yao Lu
 - Motion (moved by Leigh Craig-Brown, seconded by Jan Calnan) **(37 votes)**
- No new volunteers at this time but some indicated interest on sign-in list & will be contacted

7. Introductions / Acknowledgements – Samantha Roeske

- covered above, #6

8. Draw for \$25 Gift Certificates – Samantha Roeske & Sue Stadnisky

- CanSkate winner: Georgia Bracken
- StarSkate winner: Mia Nehme
- Brandi jumped in to say thank you to Sam for her service to the club

9. Closing Remarks / Adjournment – Samantha Roeske

- Open for any comments or questions
- Conclusion

2022 RSC Awards – presented by Brandi Young, Melissa Sargent, & Samantha Roeske

CLUB AWARDS

Most Improved - Adult: Colleen Kanna

Most Improved - STAR Group: n/a

Most Improved - Future Stars: Ava Graystone, Naomi Laurin

Most Improved - Junior: Alexander Craig-Browne

Most Improved - Intermediate: Xiadong (Flora) Lu

Most Improved - Senior: Saathana Chandrakumar, Devon Rose

Most Improved - Senior STAR 5-7: n/a
Most Improved - Senior STAR 8+: n/a
Adult Skater of the Year: Renate Dilk
Competitive Skater of the Year: Liam Carney
CanSkater of the Year: Keegan Braid
STARSkater of the Year: Lea Brossier
Volunteer of the Year:
Program Assistant of the Year:
Ambassador Award: Gabriela Palomeque

SKATE CANADA AWARDS

CanSkater of the Year: n/a
STARSkater of the Year: Lynne Lee
Volunteer of the Year: Sue Stadnisky
Program Assistant of the Year: Stephanie Paterson
Competitive Skater of the Year:
Special Recognition Award:

SHINING STARS

Future Stars - Wednesday: Liam Bilodeau, Kathy Gibb, Sadie Gray
Future Stars - Saturday: Avonlyn Long, Katherine Boisvenue, Kayleigh Schnare
Off Ice: Xiadong (Flora) Lu
CanSkate Stage 6:
Ava Graystone, Sadie Gray, Kayleigh Schnare, Aashritha Kanumuri, Avonlyn Long, Fallon-Brae Long, Rosie Rhines, Liam Bilodeau, Jovie Brittain, Katherine Boisvenue, Naomi Laurin, Kathy Gibb, William Fullarton, Samantha Wang

OVERALL CONCLUSION: 10:57am followed by light refreshments of water, juice, cookies