

**SFFSC Board Meeting**  
**2-9-16**

Present: Dan Klobeck - Vice President, Kristi Feucht - Treasurer, Stacie Stengrim, Bonnie Harvison, Barb Ebeling, Karen Thornbrugh, Sue Salter, Stephanie Ideker

Dan called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Introduced and welcomed Stephanie Ideker.

We reviewed the January board meeting minutes. Noted that the show time was changed to 1:00pm both days. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bonnie H. A second by Kristi F. Motion carried.

We reviewed the January Financial Statements. It was mentioned how well we did with the Christmas Show. Maybe next year get a sponsor to cover the ice cost. Also add some way to "give back" - toy drive, food collection, angel tree type of idea. A motion to approve the financials was made by Dan K. A second by Barb E. Motion carried.

Ice Classic:

- ◆ Bonnie has ordered the trophies & medals. They are expected to be here by March 4. Also ordered a couple extras of each just in case.
- ◆ ABC Rental needs to be added to the program as a sponsor
- ◆ Platform has been reserved. Will need help with delivery and setting it up.
- ◆ Vendors are set
- ◆ Volunteers needed and Food needed has been set. Sign up genius to go out soon
- ◆ Promotion of summer ice needs to be in the program
- ◆ Skater gifts/Coaches gifts all set
- ◆ We have 115 skaters registered. 44 of them are SFFSC.
- ◆ We decided to charge \$15/hour for other clubs to practice on Friday night ice 3/11/16 before the competition.

Decided to use March 8 at 7:00pm as a competition meeting night to put skater/coaches gifts, trophies/medals together and any other prep work that needs to be done. Decided to bump board meeting back one week to March 15 at 7:00pm.

Discussed doing a competitive team photo..... Decided to do it at another time as it is very difficult to get everyone together at competition.

We need someone to sit at our SFFSC booth March 6 12-3:00pm at the SF Parks & Rec Showcase. This event is held at the Convention Center.

Synchro: Barb E is working with Annalise & Julianne to determine what ice time and hours are needed for next year.

PSA & ISI Coaches seminar and convention in Las Vegas May 31-June 4. We have \$500 in credit that can be used for registration. Registration cost is \$525. Hotel approx. \$124/night. Karen will put a proposal together for next board meeting as to how many and which coaches are

interested in going.

ISI Worlds: Kristi has written an information letter (See attachment 1) to go out to all families with information pertaining to worlds. Ask people to respond asap so we have an idea of how many skaters will be interested in going. Also need to start fundraising for worlds soon.

Other Competitions: We have 9 skaters going to Yanton's Winter Miracle Feb 13 and 11 skaters going to SQSA Skate Parade March 4-6.

New Business:

Show registration: 42 Learn to Skate and 41 Freestyle

Show Co-Chairs - Susan McDowell & Kristi Feucht - they will meet with Karen asap to get budget set and Karen's vision of the show and then set show meeting.

End of year banquet is May 1 at Minnehaha Country Club.

Summer Ice proposal – Still being worked on. See attachment 2

Discussion held on testing policy - brainstormed on ways to make testing a bigger deal and keep it consistent

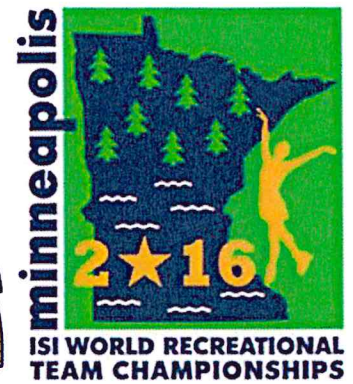
- ◆ Have skater that is testing dress/hair up as if they were competing
- ◆ Incorporate younger skaters to watch
- ◆ Monthly Friday test time and pizza party
- ◆ Using ice that doesn't have very many skaters for testing

Coaching—shortage of coaches on Saturdays. Policy with coaches and junior coaches not be followed because of the shortage. Will need to keep on top of this and find ways to alleviate the problem.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.



# WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Dear Families of Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club,

We have a unique opportunity this summer! ISI (International Skating Institute) World Recreational Team Championships are taking place in Blaine, MN July 25-30, 2016! Skaters can compete in events just like our local competitions: individual events, couples, ensembles and team events are offered to ALL levels of skaters (Tots - Adult). This year's competition is expected to attract nearly 1,100 skaters along with parents, friends and coaches. We would like to take as many skaters from SFFSC as possible to this competition. In order for that to happen, we need to start preparing now!

The first thing we need to do is get an idea of how many skaters are interested in attending Worlds. *We would ask that you respond to this email as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. Even if you are not 100% sure you will be going, please respond so we have an idea.*

The cost to enter can be overwhelming when you look at multiple nights in a hotel, meals, gas, coaches fees, etc. Therefore, we will be doing several fundraisers to help offset these expenses. The monies raised will be split between all skaters attending as long as they have worked/participated in the actual fundraising event. Fundraising will be mandatory for those attending Worlds, unless you choose to not receive any of the funds.

We have attached a tentative schedule for you to look at. This may give you and your skater a better idea of what events you may be interested in competing in. Please keep in mind this is a tentative schedule from ISI.

Trading pins are a fun experience for the skaters at Worlds. We will have a lapel pin specially designed for our club that will be available to purchase before Worlds. The skaters then take their pins and trade them with skaters from around the world. These become a great souvenir for all skaters.

We are working on getting a block of hotel rooms reserved for our club. It is a fun off-ice bonding experience to stay in the same hotel with other members of our club. And also get to know other people from our club as well! This is not a requirement by any means.

About the location:

The Schwan Super Rink is part of a larger sports facility known as the National Sports Center in Blaine, MN. The Schwan Super Rink is the largest of its kind in the world. There are eight sheets of ice under one roof. Four rinks are Olympic-sized and four rinks are NHL size. That's a lot of ice! This alone makes it a sight to see!

Please contact us if you have any questions,  
Karen Thornbrugh  
Kristi Feucht  
Bonnie Harvison

## 2016 Summer Ice

For background:

2015 (at \$20 per hour; +\$3 dropin; +\$5 non-member/non-contract dropin)

Sunday 5:00-6:00 (hi FS=7); 6:00-7:00 (all levels=7)

Tuesday 7:30-9:00 (FS=8)

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 (PI=8); 6:30-7:30 (FS5+=7)

Thursday 6:00-7:00 (all levels=7 July/August); 7:00-8:30 (FS=8) LTS was 6:00-7:00 in June

*Information on drop-in numbers was not captured.*

Recommend in general requesting same ice as 2015, but moving LTS to Wednesdays, for better chance of getting Furniture Mart rink (according to those that met with Brian, Tuesdays and Thursdays have the lowest likelihood of getting that center rink; Karen did not remember center ice being a problem to obtain). For sake of keeping the conversations simple, one hour is designated LTS through the summer, although the session is unlikely to be 12 weeks long (probably 7 or 8). We would also like to keep one hour exclusively for high FS (probably need to open to FS5 and up). It would be nice, but not necessary to have the Tuesday and Thursday start times be the same.

Proposed 2016 (at \$18 per hour; +\$5 dropin [after May 22])

Sunday 5:00-6:00 (FS 5+); 6:00-7:00 (all levels)

Tuesday 7:00-8:30 (FS)

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 (LTS *or all levels*); 7:00-8:00 (FS5+)

Thursday 6:00-7:00 (all levels *or LTS*); 7:00-8:30 (FS)

Contracting a la carte, ISI membership (to assure insurance), but no associate membership requirement for summer

Priority deadline for SFFSC skaters only = May 1

Deadline for others (and final deadline for SFFSC) = May 22

After that, all ice is "drop-in"

Prices to be the same for SFFSC and outside users: \$18/hour contracted, +\$5/hour for drop-in

At that rate, there would need to be 10 contracted skaters on the ice to cover costs of ice & coach-in-charge (assuming \$160-\$165 cost from IcePlex).

If there are 12 weeks in the summer (June 1 – August 31), there would be approximately 84 hours of ice available to FS5+, 72 for FS, and 24 for all levels. We would like to offer a discount (-10%) at a certain number of hours contracted (TBD, but probably around the 24-hour level), while mandating (if possible) the hours be spread over all three months (but not necessarily equally, but we don't want post-Worlds ice to be completely vacant).

QUESTIONS: Does Scheels IcePlex take a maintenance break?  
Should we offer ice during Worlds?  
If we need to cancel ice due to numbers, how much advance is needed? (30 days?)  
Are other clubs offering summer ice? When and at what price?  
What is the status of proposed clinic/camp?  
Will synchro and/or teams want ice time in this?  
What is the final word on the "last-minute buy-on at great discount"?

2016 Summer Ice Request – Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club

The Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club is requesting a very similar schedule to last summer:

Sundays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

We do NOT want to reserve ice the week of July 25-30, as (we hope) many skaters will be at a competition.

Questions:

We want to offer Learn to Skate on the Furniture Mart rink, for the sake of the parents. Does Wednesday or Thursday offer the better chance of obtaining that ice?

Does Scheels IcePlex take a maintenance break during the summer?

If we need to cancel ice due to numbers, how much advance is needed?