



Annual General Meeting Minutes

June 15th, 2024 @10:00am

Manotick Arena, Hall 2nd Floor

Attendance: Brandi, Tina, Melissa, Dan, Laura, Margo, RSC coaches, skaters, and families

Absent: Martha

1. President's Opening Remarks/Introductions– Laura Fromow

- Call to Order
- Approval of 2023 Agenda- Approved
- Introduction of 2023-2024 Board of Directors
 - President: Laura Fromow
 - Vice-President: Vacant
 - Treasurer: Melissa Sargent
 - Secretary: Martha Holmes
 - Test Chair: Tina Braid
 - Publicity and Health and Safety: Melissa Sargent
 - Director of Coaching: Brandi Young
 - Director at Large: Dan Gray
 - Director at Large: Vacant
 - Fundraising: Vacant
 - Special Events: Vacant

2. Approval of 2023 Minutes – Laura Fromow

- Approved

3. President Report– Laura Fromow (pre-written)

- Welcome everyone to Rideau Skating Club's 2024 Annual General Meeting

- Thank you for attending today. We promise to keep our reports short and sweet so we can get to the awards and certificates.
- Rideau Skating Club once again had a very successful year. We welcomed new skaters to the club and saw many of our skaters reach their goals and personal bests.
- The club's success would not be possible without our wonderful skaters and you, their supportive parents and guardians. We have some of the best skaters and families
- Thank you to our amazing coaches. Our Staff, Associate, and CanSkate Coaches have worked diligently to provide our skaters with excellent coaching while instilling a love of skating that we hope will stay with our skaters throughout their lives
- And finally, thank you to our Board of Directors, our Club Administrator, and our many other volunteers- the time and talents you have provided behind the scenes has been greatly appreciated
- While we are presenting three reports only today, the other two from our Publicity director and Test Chair have been provided to you in a handout

4. Treasurer Report– Melissa Sargent (pre-written)

- Our complete preliminary financial statements are available for all our members upon request. They are currently undergoing a Review Engagement with Baker Tilley Ottawa LLP Chartered Professional Accountants.
- The club has had an incredibly successful last two seasons financially.
- Our total current assets at the end of the season is \$408k, an increase of \$3k from the prior season.
 - This includes \$100k GIC purchased in the fall.
- The club has approximately \$9.5k of accruals and \$45k in deferred revenue as of April 30, 2024, down 75% and 30% from last year. This is in large part due to the hiring of a 3rd party firm to manage daily transactions and bookkeeping as well as changes to our spring 2024 ice availability.
- RSC saw registration revenues of \$389k this season, down from \$403k last year, but \$18k higher than our budget.
 - Despite the constant ice cost increase we have experienced (about \$10k this year), we are happy to say that the success of the last few seasons has allowed the club to continue to reduce program costs again this past season with a reduction for STARSkate of approximately \$2 per 50 minute session over last season.
 - Our operating expenses increased by \$18k (excluding the ISU competition we held in 2022) over the prior year and \$24k under budget.
 - The Savings from budget relate to a few postponed events
- Overall the club had a profit of \$55.5k this year, a decrease of 49% from last season.

5. Motion to appoint Baker Tilly Ottawa LLP Chartered Professional Accountants to conduct a review engagement for 2023-2024 season – Melissa Sargent

- Approved

6. Year in Review - Brandi Young (pre-written)

- It was another great season starting with record numbers participating in our 2023 Spring and Summer programming.
- We completed the coach hiring process discussed last year and added four new Staff Coaches for this season whom everyone had the privilege of working with our new coaches this year bringing some new ideas and energy to our coaching team.
- We had a huge growth in our Star 1 -3 program participants this year and another great season of movement through our various programs from CanSkate to Future Stars & Advanced CanSkate and from these programs to our StarSkate programs.
- We were very happy to welcome an Adult Synchro 3 Team to the RSC family this season. Capital Ice Adult 3 , performed at Shiverfest to an awed crowd and competed at 3 competitions ending the season with a season's best score in front of a hometown crowd.
- We continue to grow our Adult skating programs within RSC and throughout the skating community.
- We would like to congratulate our skaters and their families on the amazing achievements completed this year.
- In CanSkate we gave out a total of:
 - 1947 Ribbons
 - 582 Badges and
 - 36 Skaters graduated from our CanSkate program this year by completing their final Stage 6 Badge
- We also had a very successful year with our StarSkaters achieving 227 Assessments this year
- 1 Skater finished a Gold Assessment
- Alexander Craig-Browne qualified to skate at the StarSkate Provincial Championships this season finishing 6th in Ontario for the Star 5 Over 13 Men's Category
- We also had two of our skaters win Skate Ontario Awards this season.
 - Please join me in congratulating
 - Alexander Craig-Browne the Skate Ontario Program Assistant of the Year and
 - Charlotte Dimitrious the Skate Ontario CanSkater of the Year.
- It has been an amazing season full of personal bests, new skills and elements achieved , and great memories made by all our members.
- We would like to thank all our volunteers, board members and coaches for all their hard work making this season our best season yet and we are looking forward to another great season for 2024-2025.

7. Elections – 2024-2025 Board of Directors– Margo Guerette

- Nominees: Noriko Amaya, Hannah Ameerah, Tina Braid, Jessica Desrochers, Rebekah Ferriss, Laura Fromow, Dan Gray, Brandi Young, Jie Zhang

1) Motion to elect Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 Season: *Motion Passed*

8. Introductions/Acknowledgements – Laura Fromow/Brandi Young

- Acknowledgment and thank yous to retirees on behalf of the Board and Club by Brandi: Melissa Sargent, Martha Holmes,
- Gifts- presented by Laura and Brandi

9. Draw for \$25 Gift Certificates– Tina Braid

- CanSkate winner: Danny Copp
- StarSkate winner: Angela Justason

10. Closing Remarks / Adjournment– Laura Fromow

- Open for any comments or questions
- Conclusion

2024 RSC Awards– presented by Coaches

CLUB AWARDS

Adaptive Skater of the Year: Stephanie Chubarev

Most Improved - Adult: Carmen Cheung

Most Improved - Advanced CanSkate: Fifehan Wale-Popoola

Most Improved - Future Stars: Men Fei Chan

Most Improved - Junior: Aurora Randell

Most Improved - Intermediate: Abigail MacLeod

Most Improved - Senior: Grace (Yuejia) Zhang

Adult Skater of the Year: Nilufer Erdebil

Skate Ontario Nomination CanSkate of the Year 2024 - Charlotte Domitrovits

STARSkater of the Year: MJ Gray

Program Assistant of the Year: Brielle Fromow, Alex Craig-Browne

Skate Ontario Nomination Program Assistant of the Year 2024 - Alex Craig-Browne

Ambassador Award: Laura Fromow

STARSkate/Competitive Qualifier - Provincials 2024 - Alex Craig-Browne

OVERALL CONCLUSION: 11:30 am followed by light refreshments of water, juice, cookies