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**2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**November 29 2023 @7:30 pm**

**ACT Hall**

**Year end June 30 2023**

**(July 1 2022 – June 30 2023)**

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## **2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda**

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**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2022 @ 7:30 pm  
ACT Hall**

**Board Members Present:** Rob Peace, Crystal Kowalchuk-Trapp, Michelle Wilfing, Cheryl de Villiers, Andrea Foster, Blaise Kirchgerner – Coaching Representative and Club Manager, Teresa Schmautz – Executive Director (NV)

**Absent Board Member with regrets:** Carmen Allen

**Members Present:** Sara McLeod, Qiong (June) Lu, Laura Yahui Guo, Cassandra Morari, Carla Bildfell, Kelly Benko, Le Li, Amanda Guldiman, Yune Qiu, Qin Xu, Rachel Bueckert, Ryan Symon, Karen Piche, Desirae Graham, Nicole Sereda

**1. Chairperson’s Opening Remarks & Welcome**

- i. Call to order at approximately 7:39 pm
- ii. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
- iii. Quorum

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda as circulated

1<sup>st</sup>: Cheryl de Villiers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Crystal Kowalchuk-Trapp

Carried

**3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 22, 2021 AGM**

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2021 AGM

1<sup>st</sup>: Cheryl de Villiers

2<sup>nd</sup>: Blaise Kirchgerner

Carried

**4. Actions taken by the Board 2021-2022/Secretary’s Report**

Motion to accept the actions taken by the Board 2021-2022/Secretary’s Report

1<sup>st</sup>: Amanda Guildman

2<sup>nd</sup>: Andrea Foster

Carried

**5. Approval of the Draft Updated Constitution October 22, 2022**

*Discussion: The draft constitution shared with the membership October 14, 2022 was dated October 12, 2022. Rob highlighted that the only changes between the October 12, 2022 version and the October 22, 2022 version were “they” and “their” were added to he/she and his/her references on pages 4 and 5.*

Motion to approve the October 22, 2022 Updated Constitution

1<sup>st</sup>: Qiong (June) Lu



2<sup>nd</sup>: Casandra Morari  
Carried

## 6. Financial Report:

- i. June 30, 2022 audited financial statements

*Discussion: Teresa provided the following summary:*

- *There was a combined profit for the main operations and hall of approximately \$30k. The hall had a small loss.*
- *COVID subsidies provided funding, which was significant but sizably less than Fiscal 2021.*
- *With the reduced COVID subsidies, the significant return of program numbers was key to the operation's results.*
- *Due to the Covid subsidies, the club's surplus has not been significantly reduced as a result of Covid, which would have otherwise been the case.*
- *For Fiscal 2022 the Youth Sport Subsidy decreased, as a result of lower program numbers the year prior. Because of the increase of the program numbers during Fiscal 2022, the Youth Sport Subsidy has increased accordingly for Fiscal 2023.*
- *There is a small budgeted profit for the combined operations for Fiscal 2023 – approximately \$10k.*
- *The option to renew the Hall lease for five years has been exercised. The renewal period commences January 1, 2023.*

*A question was asked about the difficulty without Covid subsidies for the upcoming fiscal year. It was highlighted again that the combined budget for Fiscal 2023 estimates a small profit. Typical program numbers were used in the budget.*

Motion to accept the June 30, 2022 audited financial statements

1<sup>st</sup>: Michelle Wilfing

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel Bueckert

Carried

- ii. Appointment of 2022/2023 auditor

Motion to appoint Virtus Group as the auditor for the June 30 2023 fiscal year end

1<sup>st</sup>: Blaise Kirchgerner

2<sup>nd</sup>: Qiong (June) Lu

Carried

## 7. Other Reports:

- i. Executive Report
- ii. Programs Report
- iii. Region 9/Section Report

Motion to accept the Executive Report, Programs Report and Region 9/Section Report

1<sup>st</sup>: Rachel Bueckert

2<sup>nd</sup>: Qiong (June) Lu

Carried

## 8. Old Business:

- i. Skate Saskatoon Strategic Plan 2021-2024

*Discussion: Rob stated that the plan is available on the club's website. There was an opportunity to ask questions – no questions from the floor. Contact information was provided should members prefer to ask any questions via email.*



**9. New Business:**

**10. Election of 2022-2023 Officers and Board of Directors**

*Discussion: Carmen Allen has stepped down from the Board of Directors as a Member at Large, effective October 24, 2022. Her name is not included on the 2022-2023 Nomination Report.*

Motion to accept the nomination report as presented

1<sup>st</sup>: Rachel Bueckert

2<sup>nd</sup>: Amanda Guildman

Carried

**11. Approval of the Signing Officers for 2022/2023**

Motion to elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Club Manager and Executive Director as signing officers for 2022/2023

1<sup>st</sup>: Casandra Morari

2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel Bueckert

Carried

**12. Closing Remarks**

*Although Carmen Allen could not be present at tonight's meeting, she was thanked for her years of contributions to Skate Saskatoon. She was involved with the Assessment Committee, logo redesign and clothing committee to name a few.*

*New board members were welcomed to the board. Existing board members were thanked for their continued dedication. It was mentioned that we will not turn down volunteers. Volunteers do not have to be board members to participate as volunteers on committees.*

*Questions from the floor:*

- *When will the board meeting schedule be posted for this year? It was indicated now that the board members have been accepted, the schedule will be shared in the next week.*

**13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup>: Qiong (June) Lu

2<sup>nd</sup>: Karen Piche

Carried



## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022-2023**

### **July 25, 2022 Minutes**

MOTION: To approve providing credit on account for the missed summer sessions as a result of assessment days (as was done in Spring)

MOTION: To renew the hall lease for 5 years

MOTION: To accept the proposal, as presented, for Season Transition Ice (August 29-September 2, 2022)

MOTION: To accept the Fall 2022 schedule, as presented, with option 29 amended to be Star 3-Gold

MOTION: To amend Fall schedule option 93 to Star 5-Gold stroking/edges/spin session as a pilot for the fall (3 Saturday sessions)

MOTION: To accept the Fall pricing as presented:

*CanSkate* *\$18.18 per instance*

*Adv. PreSTAR* *\$18.18 per instance*

*Option* *\$10.00 per instance*

*Drop-in Session* *\$17.00*

*15-minute ticket* *\$ 5.00*

*Locker* *\$25.00 (yearly)*

MOTION: Fall pricing for the Star 5-Gold stroking/edges/spins session will be \$15/session

MOTION: To accept the Winter schedule for 2022-23 with option 29 to be amended star 3-gold; Synchro Adult 1 will keep Tuesday 9:45-10:30p, Sunday 7:45-9pm but no session on Saturday; option 93 to star 5-gold stroking/edges/spin session

MOTION: To accept the Winter pricing as presented:

*CanSkate* *\$200.00 per term*

*Adv. PreSTAR* *\$205.00 per term*

*Power Skating* *\$205.00 per term*

*Adult* *\$132.00 per term*

*Option* *\$150.00*

*Group SS/Edge* *\$155.00*

*Drop-in Session* *\$ 17.00*

*15-minute ticket* *\$ 5.00*

*Locker* *\$ 25.00 (yearly)*

*The Skate Saskatoon membership workings and option discount structure will remain unchanged.*

MOTION: Pricing for Star 5-Gold stroking/edges/spin session to be \$155.00/year



MOTION: To accept prices for the synchro program as follows:

Beginner/Pre Juv	\$405
Juv	\$630
Pre-Novice	\$880
Open	\$735
Adult II	\$580
Adult III	\$290
Stroking High	\$103.33
Stroking Low	\$103.33

The discount structure will remain unchanged.

MOTION: To accept the coach contractor rates as presented, effective September 1, 2022

MOTION: To approve the Skaters' Assistance Policy (v6 – August 10 2022) which addresses singles, dance, and pairs skaters

MOTION: To apply the “Single, Dance and Pairs Skater Assistance Policy”, approved August 22 2022, for the 21-22 competition year

## **September 19, 2022 Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the monthly payments of \$19,962.29, plus GST, for the main operations license agreement July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

MOTION: To accept the main operations budget (updated Sept. 17, 2022), and hall budget (updated Sept. 14, 2022) as distributed by email Sept. 18, 2022

MOTION: To designate ice Sunday September 25 2022 as follows: 4-5 pm competitive skaters – Sask Skate competitors; 5-7 pm private all levels lessons; no ice fees for skaters (MUST have a Skate Canada Membership)

MOTION: First 20 members at 2022 AGM get swag bag (\$10 tims, 1 pen and 1 lanyard)

MOTION: To provide Skater assistance for the 21-22 year, for Singles, Dance and Pairs at Challenge held in Regina, Saskatchewan, total amount of \$2,450

MOTION: To approve the June 30 2022 Draft Audited Financial Statements and Audit Completion Report, as distributed to the board by email September 20 2022

## **November 21, 2022 Minutes**

MOTION: To offer any options in Term 2 with less than 14 skaters for the price of \$90.00/option and applying the Skate Saskatoon Membership fee in full if not previously paid for the current season

MOTION: The Elvis Seminar will be as follows: Advanced PreStar is 1 day for \$100; Star 1-10/Competitive will be 2-day Seminar for \$220; Coaches fee will be \$50; Off ice lecture/autograph session will be \$25; Parents can attend complimentary with paying skater; refunds as per refund policy

MOTION: Provide the coaches with snacks/dinner/desserts on one evening during family skate sessions in December, with a budget of \$250.00





**December 13, 2022 Minutes**

MOTION: To increase the assessment day tickets by \$5 each

MOTION: To offer the group skating skills/edges/spin lessons on Saturday and Sunday at \$95.00 for Term 2 and apply the Skate Saskatoon Membership fee in full if not previously paid for the current season

**January 17, 2023 Minutes**

NO MOTIONS

**February 27, 2023 Minutes**

MOTION: To adopt the following wording for the regulation and attendance rules:

A Skate Canada Coach, plus at least one skater, must be in the building for the session to occur. Skater(s) must exit the ice if this requirement is not met. No refunds or make up sessions are provided.

MOTION: To adopt the Spring 2023 schedule v2 as presented for the Spring 2023 season

MOTION: Adopt pricing as presented below for spring, with the addition of the adult session to be priced at \$12.00 per session

CanSkate	\$18.75
Advanced PreSTAR	\$18.75
45 min	\$10
Drop In	\$17
15 min lesson ticket	\$5
Group Skating Skills/Edges/Spin	\$12
Creative Edges	\$15
Group Packages	\$10 per option session; \$5 per Group Skating Skills/Edges/Spin session
Off Ice	\$18
Power	\$18.75

MOTION: Board members are eligible to attend the Elvis Stokjo meet and greet session at no cost (including Teresa)



MOTION (as per the below bullet points):

- Option 48 and 84: Amended to Advanced PreSTAR – Gold
- Group B: Amended to Advanced PreSTAR – STAR 3
- Increase the capacity of Group B
- Option 11 and 47 become available for individual purchase at a cost of \$12.00 per session
- Offer the registered skaters the option to withdraw from Group A and receive a credit

### **April 17, 2023 Minutes**

MOTION: To accept the Skater Photo Display Policy and Procedure as presented

### **May 23, 2023 Minutes**

MOTION: To accept the summer schedule as presented (May 18, 2023). The 3-group version of the summer schedule will be offered first and we will pivot to the 2<sup>nd</sup> group version of the summer schedule if enrollment doesn't support the 3-group version of the summer schedule

MOTION: To accept the pricing as presented (shown below) as well as approve 2- 1 week half day intermediate skating camps with the additional cost to be priced on a cost recovery basis based on a TBD number of skaters:

- CanSkate & Advanced PreSTAR - \$18.75 per instance
- Power Skating - \$18.75 per instance
- 15-minute lesson ice ticket - \$5.00
- Drop-in session - \$17.00
- 45-minute option - \$10.00
- Elite and Senior Package - \$255.00 per week (prorated for Week 9 based on being four days only)
- Intermediate Package - \$190.00 per week (prorated for Week 9 based on being four days only)

MOTION: To approve Ice, Registration and Attendance Rules (May 21, 2023) with discussed revisions. Revised the order of the rules to group like rules together in sequence. Amended Rule 27 to include "*Failure to do so may result in revoking permission on future BYOC Skate Saskatoon session.*"

MOTION: To approve Laura Young and Teresa Schmautz or any board member to provide approval for damage deposit refunds for hall rentals

MOTION: To approve the purchase of a club Canva account that is used for promotional items such as posters, videos and social media posts

### **June 19, 2023 Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the Fiscal 2024 Capital Assets Budget as presented, with executive approval required to remove any of the items listed

MOTION: To accept the hall rental pricing and damage deposit recommended changes as presented below:



- Weekday Evenings - \$300
  - o Sunday – Thursday
  - o Maximum time of 5 pm – 2 am
- Weekend Evenings - \$400
  - o Friday or Saturday
  - o Maximum time of 5 pm – 2 am
- Weekend Days - \$400
  - o Saturday or Sunday
  - o Maximum time of 9 am – 6 pm
- Full Day Weekend Rental - \$700
  - o Saturday or Sunday
  - o Maximum time of 7 am – 2 am
- Weekend rental - \$1,300
  - o Friday night, all day Saturday and Sunday morning
  - o Maximum time of 5 pm Friday – noon Sunday
- Set up and take down are included in the hours of rental
- The above prices do not include applicable tax
- 10% Discount for Skate Saskatoon Members
- There is a damage deposit of \$300 due seven days ahead of the event
  - o It is refundable based on the conditions specified in the rental agreement

MOTION: To provide a credit to skaters that will have to miss sessions to accommodate summer assessment days

MOTION: To allow the executive to modify summer programming and staffing as necessary

**With rare exception any email motions were included with the minutes of the board meeting prior, as a separate section, and are included in the information above.**



## Executive Report

The July 1 2022 – June 30 2023 was the first year, since COVID 19, that the club operated normally for the full fiscal year. This included a Seminar and Ice Show, as well as the regular complement of assessment days. There are more details regarding these events below. The CanSkate demand was consistent with the pre-pandemic demand.

The club was temporarily relocated to Cosmo Civic Centre for the majority of Summer 2022 and all of fall 2022, with the return to ACT early in the Winter 2022-2023 season. This temporary relocation was due to significant ice plant maintenance being required. Although this relocation presented some challenges, our coaching personnel and members navigated the change well.

Commencing April 3 2023, the start of spring season, Gennady Kaskov, joined the Skate Saskatoon team as the Director of Skating. Gennady brings over 35 years of experience in figure skating as an international competitor, coach, specialist, and manager. The intent of the Director of Skating role was to take the lead on implementation of the club's strategic plan. The Director of Skating role was an expansion from the Club Manager role, which had been held by Blaise Kirchgessner. The club is grateful for Blaise's contribution as Club Manager and is very pleased that he is continuing as a Club Coach, Program Coordinator and valued member of Skate Saskatoon.

Off-ice classes were introduced in spring, with the plan of their inclusion in levelled group packages commencing in Summer 2023. Off-ice equipment was acquired by the club so that skaters can achieve the maximum benefit from the classes. A key acquisition was an electric spinner. The primary goal for hall usage shifted to off ice, which was the club's intent at the time of the initial bid for the hall.

With the start of Summer 2023, Skate Saskatoon took a significant step towards achieving the goals laid out in the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan, foremost was the introduction of group packages which included on and off-ice training programs. One component of the off-ice training is dance. These programs emulate industry best practices in programming as well as meeting Skate Canada requirements for an off-ice program.

Two valued members of the Board Executive are stepping out of their roles, Robert Peace as President and Michelle Wilfing as Secretary. Rob will serve in the ex-officio role of Past President and Michelle has agreed to let her name stand for Member at Large. The club is very appreciative for their extensive contribution over several years and that they have offered their experience and expertise for the 2023-2024 year.

Sandy Nicholat has been elected by the club coaches to serve as the coach representative for the 2023-2024 year. The club is appreciative of Sandy assuming this role and providing the input of the coaches.

Our members, personnel and volunteers are vital components to the club's ongoing success. Thank you for your contribution. The club is excited about the future.



## Director of Skating Report

With some relatively new restructuring in the club, I see progress in the programs. Of course, to see all of the fruits it takes a minimum of two years.

With level package implementation, starting in summer 2023, the level separation provides optimal training. The skaters have no training distractions. Basically, we are creating the same system that exists at educational schools. Everyone belongs to their grade!

It does take time, especially motor learning, where off ice "in the house" makes significant changes to the quality and mobility of skaters. I am starting to see changes in our skaters, especially the Senior group.

Off-ice programs for all levels is extremely important and brings 70% percent of success for athletes. Consistency and patience are bringing results. In the short time we can see the majority of our skaters have had some improvement at home and at competitions!

Most skaters abandon working on the skill if they don't see progress after a few short weeks of practice. There are improvements in that area. I see that skaters work on their exercise before attempting the jump. It is not just the repetitive method. It is more mindful training.

There is less loitering and talking during the sessions, skaters are learning to utilize every minute of their time and have better awareness during the sessions.

I feel that morale is much higher and there is more mutual support during the sessions. It is wonderful to skaters support each other!

I will say there is a big adjustment especially with on ice group stroking, it is more detailed and the coaches are working hard to deliver that.

Super Nova Academy has become extremely popular. Consistency with on ice and off ice training is bringing tremendous improvement. We are receiving a high number of compliments regarding the new program. Academy skaters are motivated and happy to work on their skills. A parent meeting is being planned at the end of Winter Term 1.

We are working hard on bringing improvements to our programs and for our skaters! Right now, we are looking for an exciting workshop to be held in Spring 2024.

United we are strong.

Yours in skating,

Gennady Kaskov  
Director of Skating



## Program Report

### i. PROGRAM REGISTRATION NUMBERS

<b>July 2022- June 2023 Number of Skaters</b>	<b>July 2021- June 2022 Number of Skaters</b>	<b>July 2020- June 2021 Number of Skaters</b>	<b>July 2019- June 2020 Number of Skaters</b>	<b>Program</b>
				Learn to Skate includes CanSkate, Advanced PreSTAR, Power Skating Group Lessons and the Adult Program
<b>139</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>151</b>	Learn to Skate--Summer
<b>180</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>89</b>	Learn to Skate--Fall
<b>408</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>416</b>	Learn to Skate--Winter Term 1
<b>520</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>546</b>	Learn to Skate--Winter Term 2
<b>389</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>95</b>	Facility Closed	Learn to Skate--Spring
<b>88</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>86</b>	Options--Summer
<b>107</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>66</b>	Options--Fall
<b>189</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>141</b>	Options--Winter
<b>196</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>160</b>	Facility Closed	Options--Spring
<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	Synchro--Beginners & Pre-Juvenile
<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	Synchro--Juvenile
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	Synchro--Pre-Novice
<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>18</b>	Synchro--Open/Adult I
<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	Synchro--Adult II
<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	Synchro--Adult III
<b>2266</b>	<b>1884</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>Total</b>



## ii. COMPETITIONS

- Skate Saskatoon was well represented at competitions over the last year by individual skaters, pairs and synchro teams.
- Skaters found themselves traveling from coast to coast with well earned opportunities to compete at the Canada Winter Games in Prince Edward Island to Nationals in Ontario! Skaters attended Sectionals, Challenge, Saskatchewan Winter Games, Winter Classic and various Regional Invitational Competitions.
- Special mention to Damien Bueckert who earned a spot at Canadians (National Championships) to compete in the Junior Men category and Azziza Kowalchuk who represented Saskatchewan at the Canada Winter Games as a Pre-Novice lady.
- Our Synchro teams attended the following competitions:
  - The Star 6 (Juvenile) team competed at Prairie Regionals in Yorkton Sask receiving Gold and at Ice Fest in Carstairs Alberta receiving Bronze.
  - The Star 8 (Pre-Novice) team competed at Prairie Regionals in Yorkton Sask receiving Bronze and at Ice Fest in Carstairs Alberta receiving Bronze.
  - The Adult 1 team competed at Crocus in Morden Manitoba, at Prairie Regionals in Yorkton Sask receiving Silver and at Ice Fest in Carstairs Alberta receiving Bronze. Due to Manitoba Section judging issues there were no placing for any of the teams present at the Crocus competition.
  - Adult 2 team competed at the Prairie Regionals in Yorkton Sask receiving Silver and at the Ice Fest in Carstairs Alberta receiving Bronze.
- Skate Saskatoon had a busy and successful competitive season. We are excited to see what this upcoming competitive season brings. We are very proud of all our skaters.

## iii. ASSESSMENTS

- Four assessment days were held for STAR 6-Gold levels during Fiscal 2023 (July 1 2022 – June 30 2023). One was held in summer 2022, two in winter 2022-2023 and one in spring 2023. There was a total of 100 assessments pertaining to assessment days with a pass rate of 85%.
- 214 coach administered assessments were submitted pertaining to this period (100% pass rate).
- There are only 7 fully qualified evaluators in the entire province, an increase of 1 from the statistics reported last year.
- All assessment results are available in Uplifter (the registration system) member account under the participant profile achievements tab.



#### iv. **2023 SEMINAR**

- Elvis Stojko and Gladys Orozco conducted a seminar at ACT on March 25 and 26 2023. This seminar had originally been planned for March 2020 and had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Elvis is a 3-time WORLD CHAMPION; 2-time OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALLIST; 7-time CANADIAN CHAMPION (Member of Canada Sports Hall of Fame and Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame; T.V. Actor; Kart Race Car Driver). Gladys is an international and world competitor as well as a professional skater with Disney on Ice. We Move, a local organization, assisted with some of the off-ice sessions.
- The seminar accommodated Advanced PreSTAR- Competitive skaters as well as coaches. The seminar was very well received by skaters and coaches. Many travelled to attend.
- An autograph session was held on March 25. The talks given by both Elvis and Gladys were very inspirational and resulted in a great question and answer session afterward prior to the autograph signing.
- The seminar realized a positive margin of approximately \$1.5k.

#### v. **2023 ICE SHOW**

- The Ice Show was held at Merlis Belsher Place on April 2, 2023. The theme was Spring Fever. With the remaining uncertainties of covid and delays on finalizing coaching staff, the committee began planning the ice show with limited time. The ice show was still very successful and the club is proud of the work the entire committee put in place.
- Ticket prices were the same for 2023 as they were in 2019. A total of 505 tickets were sold through Uplifter and 73 tickets sold at the door. This is a decrease in tickets sold from the 2019 ice show of approximately 270 tickets, however, this was the first show since then.
- An estimated 176 skaters participated in the show, this is approximately 27 skaters less than 2019.
- Flowers were sold as part of the Ice Show and they sold out. Consideration will be given to increasing this offering in the future with increased advertising ahead of the event.
- The show realized a positive margin of approximately \$1.5k.
- All coaches were provided with 2 complimentary tickets to attend the show and 1 program. Most coaches attended and were pleased with their complimentary ticket.
- Volunteer credits were provided to 14 families where a family member(s) volunteered.





## **Region 9 and Section Report 2023**

Section Board Members as of the May 2023 AGM are:

President - Allyson Senecal of Rosetown

Vice President and Officials Committee Chair - Candice Dion of Regina

Treasurer - Ricki Onstad of Weyburn

Coach Representative Chair - Heather Martin of Saskatoon

Regional Coordinator Chair - Rhonda McAlpine-Haubrich of Dubuc

Athlete Development Committee Chair - Rayleen Eberl of Moose Jaw

Competitions Committee Chair - Hayley German of Regina

Skating Programs Committee Chair - Nicole Sereda of Saskatoon

Membership & Club Development Committee Chair - Earl Swalm of Moose Jaw

Awards Committee Chair - Judy Harris of Regina

Director - Laurel Dutton-Wilkins of Regina

NOTE: The section 2024 AGM and Awards Ceremony has been moved to Saturday, June 1 in Regina. This will once again be a hybrid of in-person and online attendance.

Congratulations to the following: Team Saskatchewan Elite Team member Damien Bueckert; High Performance Team members Rebecca Schindel, Azizza Kowalchuk, Kiara Slabik, Sydney de Villiers and Sofiya Dryga; Competitive Team members Lauren Bildfell, Danika Matheson, Ollie Smith, Madelyn Symon and Addison Hall all of Skate Saskatoon. New this year is our 'Prospects Program' which is an entry-level program where any skater who has completed STAR 3 Freeskate or higher can pay a fee to become a member. No one can age out of this but there is a limit of 45 spots. Skaters will have access to training towards the Podium Pathway with the option to remain competitive or stay in the STAR program.

See [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) for all your detailed skating information. It's a very user-friendly website which is updated frequently showing everything from Safe Sport to policies to fundraising to grants and athlete development.

In October, we had seminars from two Skate Canada visitors. First was Josee Bourdon who spoke on Long Term Development, NCCP coaching, coaches' contracts, body positive, safe sport, bystander intervention, the rule of 2, code of ethics, injuries, and dispute reporting. The second visitor was Heather McMahan, a coach and mother of a blind figure skater. Heather holds the position of Senior Manager for Skating Programs at Skate Canada where her extensive knowledge and vast experience are instrumental. She spoke on CanSkate delivery standards, program assistants, coaching, Adaptive Skating, Special Olympics, sharing ice, and tools to promote success in skating.



While CanSkate has our highest enrolment of participants, it is important to focus our efforts on STARSkate. Attending a seminar is a great way to do that as these are directed at STARskaters. Only 1% of registered skaters become champions; therefore, focus should be at grassroots. However, sport funding is based on results at the National level and Section level.

This season's section seminars are:

1. Canora, SK – Rising Stars on November 25, 2023
2. Shellbrook, SK – Rising Stars on November 26, 2023
3. Maple Creek, SK – Rising Stars on December 2, 2023
4. Whitewood, SK – Rising Stars on December 3, 2023
5. Pense, SK – BLACK BOOTS Seminar 8am – 5pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024
6. Pense, SK – STAR Winter Kick Off Seminar 8am – 4pm on Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Competitions 2023-2024

(many of which are being livestreamed on Daily Motion so please tune in)

1. November 11 – 12, 2023 SECTIONALS for Junior/Senior + Pre-Juvenile–Senior Dance and Pairs in Moose Jaw.
2. November 29-December 4 Skate Canada Junior/Senior Challenge in Winnipeg.
3. December 8 – 10 2023 Skate Saskatchewan **Pre-Juvenile-Novice** Sectionals in Melville. This will be held in conjunction with the **STARSkate Invitational Competition**.
4. January 8-14, 2024 – Canadian National Figure Skating Championships at Winsport Arena in Calgary
5. January 20-21, 2024 – Regions 2/3/4/5 Regional Competition at Cooperators in Regina (STAR 1- Gold).
6. January 27-28, 2024 – Region 10 & 13 Regional Competition in North Battleford.
7. February 2-4, 2024 – SYNCHRO Prairie Regionals in Morden, MB
8. February 3-4, 2024 – Region 1 & 6 Regional Competition at Estevan Affinity Place.
9. February 10-11, 2024 – Regions 7/8/9 Regional Competition at ACT Arena in Saskatoon (Assess to Standard STAR 1-4).
10. February 17-18, 2024 – Region 11 & 12 Regional Competition Melfort Northern Lights Arena (STAR 1 – Gold).
11. February 17-18, 2024 – Regions 2/3/4/5 Regional Competition in Assiniboia (Assess to Standard STAR 1-4)
12. March 1-3, 2024 – Winter Classic (formerly known as the Jean Norman) at the Kindersley Events Centre (STAR 2 – Gold).
13. March 11 – 12, 2023 – Living Skies Synchronized Skating Competition in Regina at the Doug Wickenheiser Arena.
14. March 18-24, 2024 – Worlds Figure Skating Championships at The Bell Centre in Montreal, Quebec.

Respectfully submitted,

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Region 9 Coordinator



## **2023- 2024 Executive and Board Nomination Report**

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