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2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Monday November 25 2024 @7:30 pm

ACT Hall

Year end June 30 2024

(July 1 2023 – June 30 2024)

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2024 AGM Booklet

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2024 Annual General Meeting Agenda

- 1. Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Welcome**
 - i. Call to order
 - ii. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
 - iii. Quorum

- 2. Approval of the Agenda**

- 3. Approval of the Minutes from the November 29, 2023 AGM**

- 4. Actions taken by the Board 2023-2024/Secretary's Report**

- 5. Safe Sport Guide Update – Nicole Sereda presentation**

- 6. Financial Report:**
 - i. June 30, 2024 audited financial statements
 - ii. Appointment of 2024/2025 auditor

- 7. Other Reports:**
 - i. Executive Report
 - ii. Director of Skating Report
 - iii. Program Report
 - iv. Region 9/Section Report

- 8. Old Business:**

- 9. New Business:**

- 10. Election of 2024-2025 Officers and Board of Directors**
 - i. The nominees will give a brief introduction about themselves
 - ii. Vote

- 11. Approval of the Signing Officers for 2024/2025**

- 12. Closing Remarks**

- 13. Adjournment**



Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

ACT Hall

Board Members Present: Rob Peace, Michelle Wilfing, Carla Bildfell, Cheryl de Villiers, Andrea Foster, Gennady Kaskov (Director of Skating; NV), Sara McLeod, Teresa Schmutz (Executive Director; NV)

Absent Board Members: Desirae Graham, Crystal Kowalchuk- Trapp, Sandy Nicholat (Coach Representative)

Members Present: Maya Vu, Julia Lepka, Ludmila Manista, Nicole Sereda, Andrea Symon, Melissa Stolte, Krista Matheson, Amanda Guldiman, Cassandra Morari, Derreck Kolla, Michelle French, Le Li, Tatrina Tai, Sam Sun, Valentyn Denysenko, Si Liu

1. Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Welcome

- i. Call to order at 7:40 pm
- ii. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
- iii. Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

1st: Melissa Stolte

2nd: Derreck Kolla

Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes from the October 24, 2022 AGM

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2022 AGM.

1st: Nicole Sereda

2nd: Sara McLeod

Carried

4. Actions taken by the Board 2022-2023/Secretary's Report

Motion to accept the actions taken by the board 2022-2023/Secretary's Report.

1st: Derreck Kolla

2nd: Nicole Sereda

Carried

5. Financial Report:

- i. June 30, 2023 audited financial statements



Additional clarification provided by Teresa Schmautz (Executive Director) as follows:

- The net income for Fiscal 2023 was approximately \$8k (Fiscal 2022 \$31k)
- There was no COVID funding during Fiscal 2023 compared to approximately \$70k in fiscal 2022 for Covid and other special funding. The majority of this funding pertained to the earlier part of the fiscal year.
- The program registration numbers from page 14 of the AGM report reflect growth of approximately 20%, which was the main factor regarding the performance for the fiscal year, even with the significantly reduced funding.
- There is a loss of approximately \$22k being budgeted for Fiscal 2024, without consideration of the difference between the 22-23 and 23-24 City license amount. The 23-24 license agreement covers July 1 2023 – June 30 2024 and has still not been finalized, as a result of delays on the city's end.
 - With the implementation of the strategic plan, it was expected there would be some years with losses, while the club was building.
 - The introduction of the group packages was in summer 2023.
 - The primary goal of the hall has become off ice, with the rentals becoming secondary. This was the intent with obtaining the hall.
 - The performance at the end of September 2023 Fiscal 2024 (three months of the Fiscal 2024) was well ahead of the budget for Summer and Fall 2023. The budget is done by season.
 - The performance at the end of October 2023 Fiscal 2024 (four months of Fiscal 2024) is well ahead of last year at the same point in time, which should indicate the budget numbers are conservative.
- The club has strong working capital to be able to sustain the period of growth.

Motion to accept the June 30, 2023 audited financial statements.

1st: Michelle Wilfing

2nd: Cheryl de Villiers

Carried

ii. Appointment of 2023/2024 auditor

Motion to appoint Virtus Group as the auditor for the 2023/2024 fiscal year.

1st: Amanda Guldiman

2nd: Carla Bildfell

Carried

6. Other Reports:

- i. Executive Report
- ii. Director of Skating Report
- iii. Programs Report
- iv. Region 9/Section Report



Motion to accept the Executive Report, Director of Skating Report, Programs Report and Region 9/Section Report as circulated.

1st : Cheryl de Villiers
2nd : Michelle Wilfing
Carried

7. Old Business:

Skate Saskatoon has started to implement aspects of the strategic plan including increased group programming.

8. New Business:

No new business was presented from the floor.

9. Election of 2023-2024 Officers and Board of Directors

Motion to accept the nomination report as presented.

1st: Nicole Sereda
2nd: Carla Bildfell
Carried

10. Approval of the Signing Officers for 2023/2024

Motion to elect the Vice-President, Secretary and Executive Director as signing officers for 2023-24.

1st: Derreck Kolla
2nd: Tatrina Tai
Carried

11. Closing Remarks

Michelle Wilfing was thanked by the Chairperson for serving as Secretary for the past several years.

Rob Peace was thanked from the floor for his contributions to Skate Saskatoon as President for the last several years.

Teresa Schmautz was acknowledged for her significant work as Executive Director, always going above and beyond. As of October, she celebrated 7 years of employment with Skate Saskatoon.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:04pm.

1st: Derreck Kolla
2nd: Carla Bildfell
Carried

Winner of the draw for the \$100 Skate Saskatoon credit is Michelle French.



Actions of the Board of Directors 2023-2024

July 31, 2023 Minutes

MOTION: To accept the Fall and Winter brochures (distributed July 30 2023) considering the discussion to provide the installment plan for registration fees and move advanced to option 96.

MOTION: Update the waiver and invoice notes based on the July 2023 distribution.

MOTION: 100% of the calculated amount, as per the Sept 25 2023 spreadsheet, be paid for the 22-23 single, dance and pairs skater assistance, total dollar amount of \$2,550.

October 16, 2023 Minutes

MOTION: To change option 110 to team power skating session.

MOTION: To allow 10 days for members to make changes at the start of each season and waive the admin fee.

MOTION: Term 2 – Move Monday Sr edges/skills/stroking session after the Sr/Elite free skate session, option 12; Term 2 – allow Sr/Elite flexing to any Advance PreSTAR-Gold sessions; Term 2 Friday – shift floods up by one option (ahead of 86 and after synchro stroking); Term 2- shorten the Wednesday Elite skill/edges grp session to 30 mins and increase option 48 (free skate) to 1 hr.

MOTION: Change the designation of Option 100 to “All Levels” for term 2.

MOTION: Change the designation of Option 113 to "All levels" for term 2.

MOTION: To approve the fiscal 2024 P&L Budget with a projected loss of \$22,274.

MOTION: To amend the PA credits to 1st year \$5.00 per session, 2nd year: \$7.50 per session, 3rd+: \$10.00 per session.

MOTION: Any 2023-24 existing 16-year-old PA will be compensated at \$10.00/session.

MOTION: To have a prize draw for a Skate Saskatoon \$100 credit at the AGM, must be signed in to attend the AGM (count towards quorum) to be eligible for the draw.

MOTION: To approve the June 30 2023 Draft Audited Financial Statements and Audited Completion Report, as distributed to the board by email October 24, 2023.

MOTION: To invest \$150,000 in a 2-year non-cashable GIC and \$150,000 in a 4-year non-cashable GIC.

December 11, 2023 Minutes

MOTION: To approve the monthly payments of \$21,500, plus GST, for the main operations license agreement July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.

MOTION: To continue with hall operations for the 2024 calendar year.

MOTION: To approve credit for the Option 15,16 ,17 sessions missed and movement of package sessions to available group lesson time slots, based on the schedule determined by Gennady and Teresa, as a result of the December 18 2023 assessment day.

MOTION: To approve the Policy Regarding Program Assistants December 19 2023 draft, as distributed by email December 19 2023.

January 15, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: When Synchro and group lesson ice time isn't being used, the session will be available at coach initiation without charge to the skaters.



MOTION: To accept the proposed Ice Show line up distributed February 1 2024.

February 26, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: To approve the Spring Schedule distributed February 24 2024, with amendment of the Wednesday Intermediate Off Ice start time to 6:30 pm.

MOTION: To approve spring pricing as distributed February 24 2024, with installments handled on the same basis as winter.

MOTION: To approve 2024 Ice show ticket prices - Online Adult \$18, Child \$8; At the door Adult \$20, Child \$10.

MOTION: To leave Addison Hall's picture displayed in the lobby based on special circumstance consideration.

MOTION: To move forward with the June 14 and 15 dates for Brian Orser and Tracy Wilson at \$2000 per day for each of them, plus travel and related costs.

April 8, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: To approve the summer schedule as distributed April 5 2024:

- With week 1 starting July 2.
- No CanSkate, Advanced PreSTAR and Supernovas Week 1.
- Elite definition starting at Novice.
- No rules limiting option registration based on package registration.

MOTION: To approve summer pricing as presented with the 50% option discount for package skaters also applicable to drop in registrations.

MOTION: To approve 2024 Seminar pricing of \$220 for Int/Adv \$235 for Senior/Elite, \$50 for non-club coaches, club and associate coaches for no charge.

May 13, 2024

MOTION: For Azizza Kowalchuk to receive a volunteer award of a \$1000 bursary and Teagan Wilfing to receive a volunteer award of a \$500 bursary.

MOTION: For Nicole to represent Skate Saskatoon at the 2024 Skate Canada Ice Summit and AGM.

MOTION: To provide credits for missed sessions on any future assessment days.

MOTION: To purchase the current elected volunteer members (including Past President) of the SFSC board Skate Saskatoon Vests from our current clothing sale as appreciation for time and duties carried out during the 2023-24 year.

MOTION: To purchase vests as farewell gifts for Blaise and Yvette to be presented at a later date.

MOTION: To purchase vests for current coaches, including associate coaches.

MOTION: To purchase a vest for Teresa.

MOTION: To approve a deferral regarding the YSSP used in the City license agreement renewal calculation, commencing with the 2024-2025 license agreement - letter of renewal - i.e. the 2023 YSSP will be used for 2024-2025 year.

MOTION: To approve the monthly payments of \$22,494.58, plus GST, for the City license agreement - letter of renewal, effective dates July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

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

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 has been a period of significant change for Skate Saskatoon. It is also the year that we reflect and evaluate our progress towards meeting the goals established in the strategic plan developed by the club in 2021.

The following goals were developed as part of this plan:

GOAL 1: Offer the highest quality learn-to-skate program which provides a strong foundation for all ice sports (figure skating, hockey, speed skating and ringette).

GOAL 2: Offer a high-level training environment, by following Skate Canada's LTAD and current best practices for training figure skaters of all ages who have competitive or recreational goals.

GOAL: 3 Strive to emulate industry best practices in organizational and administrative leadership.

GOAL: 4 Improve the competitive success of our skaters by providing a full training program and be recognized as the leading training facility in Saskatchewan.

GOAL: 5 Develop a club identity and sense of community ("Team Saskatoon") for all skaters.

Several Strategies were identified to meet our goals.

STRATEGY 1: COACHING TEAM

Building a strong and united coaching team is a key factor in achieving our goals. We are excited to have Natasha Taylor with us in the role of Director of Skating and anticipate great things for our future. We have also welcomed new Club Coaches, Contract Coaches, and Canskate Coaches to our team. They are all valuable additions to our programming and key to the success of the club. We have also had to say goodbye to some members of the Skate Saskatoon coaching team who have been with us for many years. We thank them for their contributions to the growth of the club and we will appreciate them always.

STRATEGY 2: CURRICULUM and PROGRAMMING

Skate Saskatoon has made major changes to our programming with Skate Canada's long term athletic development in mind. In July, 2023 we introduced group packages so skaters are training together with other skaters at the same level. We added the Supernovas program (currently Junior Excel). Edge and stroking and off ice classes are part of the packages which benefit skaters from Junior Excel to Elite and Synchro. Synchro teams numbers have been improving since Covid and we are seeing their success in training and competitions which has been exciting. The coaching team and executive continue to evaluate programming for each season and make changes as necessary to deliver the best programming we can.

STRATEGY 3: LEARN-TO-SKATE PROGRAMMING

The club continues to have great reception to the learn to skate programming. The coaching staff is growing. We have introduced the Supernovas program (currently Junior Excel) which targets young athletes from the Canskate program who want to pursue excellence in figure skating and is a bridging program between learn to skate and competitive figure skating. Advanced PreSTAR (currently Junior Prep) is continuing to be well received and began offering packages starting with the Winter term that is running currently. The packages include off-ice.



We are excited to expand on skating options and private lesson opportunities for skaters at this level since they are the future of our growing club.

STRATEGY 4: SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Having skaters train in groups at their level has been an important factor in building relationships and strengthening community. The 2024 Ice Show, Hollywood on Ice, was an exciting weekend for all our skaters and members and an opportunity to celebrate our skating community. Team clothing orders have been organized. Skaters and coaches have been proudly sporting their Skate Saskatoon merch. Our social media presence is growing and the club is having a lot of fun celebrating skaters at every level. Volunteerism is on the rise. This is so important and key to fostering our sense of community. There are many ideas on the horizon, and with growing involvement, we anticipate great things for our skating community.

STRATEGY 5: PHYSICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Skate Saskatoon has made the decision to dedicate the hall to off ice programming. This is a significant investment but an important step towards the club's strategic direction. There are a few long standing bookings that we will honour, but no new bookings are being taken. The club has also invested in program equipment to enhance program execution.

2023-2024 saw the addition of new coaches with the plan to continue to introduce coaches as needed to optimize program delivery and skater development.

STRATEGY 6: GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors' focus is being streamlined to five key areas of best practice for not-for-profit organizations; board governance, financial accountability and transparency, fundraising, staff management and volunteer involvement. Ultimately, the board will become less operational and move towards being largely a governance board.

Crystal Kowalchuk is stepping out of the vice-president role and has agreed to let her name stand as member at large for the 2024-2025 year. The club is very appreciative of her long-term contribution and welcomes her experience for the upcoming year. Michelle Wilfing, who has been a long-term board and board executive member, agreed to stay on as a member at large for the 2023-2024 year, after stepping off the executive. She is now finishing her tenure with the board. She will be missed. Her contributions have made a significant difference.

All our members, volunteers, and staff are key to meeting goals laid out in the strategic plan. We have come a long way, but recognize there is still work to be done. Skate Saskatoon is confident that together we can reach our goals and are very excited for our future. We thank everyone for their continued commitment to the success of our club.



Director of Skating Report

1. **Observations and Action Plan**

Having been with the club for four months, I've focused on understanding our key strengths and areas for improvement. It's clear that we have many strong aspects, but there are also areas where we can refine our approach. Moving forward, I will develop an action plan that aligns with our strategic goals to both leverage our strengths and address areas that need improvement.

2. **Transition to a Team Coaching Environment**

We have just recently begun gradually implementing changes to foster a team coaching environment. This shift will encourage greater collaboration among coaches and provide skaters with a more cohesive and well-rounded training experience.

3. **Improving Procedures and Reducing Frustration**

To reduce confusion and frustration, we will prioritize educating skaters and coaches on key procedures. This includes clarifying practice schedules, competition registration, and other essential processes, ensuring smoother operations for everyone involved.

4. **Building Off-Ice Programming**

We will also focus on expanding off-ice programming to support skaters' overall development, providing them with more opportunities to improve their skills and conditioning beyond the rink.

These steps will help streamline operations, enhance the coaching experience, and provide skaters with the tools they need to succeed both on and off the ice.

Natasha Taylor
Director of Skating



Program Report

i. PROGRAM REGISTRATION NUMBERS

July 2023- June 2024 Number of Skaters	July 2022- June 2023 Number of Skaters	July 2021- June 2022 Number of Skaters	July 2020- June 2021 Number of Skaters	Program
				Learn to Skate includes CanSkate, Advanced PreSTAR (currently Junior Prep), Power Skating Group Lessons, the Adult Learn to Skate and Adult Program. Group packages started in July 2023. Winter 2023-2024 was the first winter split into terms for STARSkate and Competitive.
121	139	76	35	Learn to Skate--Summer
263	180	117	33	Learn to Skate--Fall
461	408	278	171	Learn to Skate--Winter Term 1
494	520	435	30	Learn to Skate--Winter Term 2
385	389	335	95	Learn to Skate--Spring
103	88	101	101	STARSkate/Competitive - Summer
135	107	125	113	STARSkate/Competitive - Fall
221	189	179	182	STARSkate/Competitive -Winter (includes both terms for Winter 23-24)
243	196	190	160	STARSkate--Spring
11	6	11	14	Synchro--Beginners & Pre-Juvenile
10	9	9	9	Synchro--Juvenile
10	9	10	9	Synchro--Pre-Novice
14	10	9	5	Synchro--Open/Adult I
11	10	9	8	Synchro--Adult II
0	6	0	0	Synchro--Adult III
2482	2266	1884	965	Total



ii. COMPETITIONS

Skate Saskatoon was well represented at competitions over the last year by skaters and synchro teams. Many personal bests were celebrated and numerous medals were brought home. Skaters attended Sask Skate, Skate Saskatchewan Sectionals and Star Invitational, Challenge, Canadian Nationals, Canada Cup, Winter Classic, Prairie Regionals and various Invitational Competitions across BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Special mention to the following skaters and teams who received skater assistance for qualifying for national events:

Damien Bueckert (Senior Men)- Canadian National Championship and Skate Canada Challenge
Abigail Peace (Junior Women) - Skate Canada Challenge
Sydney De Villers (Pre Novice-Women)- Skate Canada Challenge
Silver Edges Synchro Team (Open) - Canada Cup

Skate Saskatoon takes pride in celebrating our STAR, Podium Pathway, Adult and Synchro competitors. We are proud of you and are excited to see what the next season brings!

iii. ASSESSMENTS

- Five assessment days were held for STAR 6-Gold levels during Fiscal 2024 (July 1 2023 – June 30 2024). Two were held in summer 2023, two in winter 2023-2024 and one in spring 2024. There was a total of approximately 120 assessments pertaining to assessment days with a pass rate of approximately 70%.
- There were approximately 310 coach administered assessments submitted during this period (100% pass rate).
- There continues to be a very limited amount of fully qualified evaluators in the entire province.
- Local evaluator Kathy Piller has been available to do most of Skate Saskatoon's recent assessment days.
- All passed assessment results are available in the member accounts in Uplifter (the registration system) for Skate Saskatoon home club skaters under the participant profile achievements tab.

iv. RIVERSKATE 2024 (Regions 7,8,9 regionals invitational competition)

- **submitted by Nicole Sereda, RiverSkate 2024 Chairperson**
 - This was Assess to Standard which included on STAR 1-4 Free skate; STAR 2- Gold elements; STAR 2/3 Pattern Dance; Creative Improv Levels 1 & 2; and Artistic STAR 5, 7, & 9. This include 237 single event registrations



(of which 7 were boys), 5 synchro teams, 4 Adult competitors, 1 Special Olympics competitor and 8 Team Elements teams. 40 skaters from Skate Saskatoon registered.

- Registrations were all done online through Uplifter thanks to Teresa!
- Our Tech Rep was Kate Korchinski from Saskatoon. Our Chief Data Specialist was Jody Pipko from Regina. Data specialists were Karen German & Ila Andrews. Shelley Cridland was also there 'in training' to be a Data Specialist. Our officials were: Jacob Waskowic, Kathy Pillar, Victoria Pedwell, Erica Focht, Angie Lowe, Stefan Lotz, Ryann Handley, & Alanna Liu.
- In the hall we had the skater sign-in table, medal/ribbon presentations, roses sale, vendors, and a raffle table along with tables and chairs set up for visitors to use instead of constantly being in our small, crowded lobby. Some of our Skate Saskatoon Beginner Synchro team ran a FANTASTIC concession out of the hall kitchen which included: taco in a bag, muffins, Gatorade, water, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, granola bars, etc. Russ Prosko was on sight to sharpen skates for a few hours. We also hosted the best vendor we've ever had, thanks to a suggestion from Michelle Wilfing – we invited volunteers from MC College to do hair. 3 girls arrived and had a blast doing hair Saturday 9:30am – 4pm. They were busy most of the time but were happy to run down & watch a few skaters on the ice just to see what the competition was all about. We had some very happy moms and dads who were relieved to not have to do hair.
- Raffle table was very successful with 20 prizes to be won. Volunteers who ran the raffle, rose sale & sign-in table were: Kelly Potts, Lindsay Tomtene, Emerson Hinz, Sara McLeod, Renata Mag-atas Blair, Michelle Wilfing, Julia Lepka, Desirae Graham, Danielle Gibson, Elizabeth Allen, Liberty Andres, Teresa Schmutz, & Nicole Sereda
- Desirae Graham did a masterful job of presenting medals and ribbons all weekend along with help from Michelle Wilfing, Teagyn Wilfing and Azizza Kowalchuk.
- Most free skate & artistic music were sent to our competition Gmail address in MP3 format in advance. It took many, many hours to hunt down the rest of the music, rename each file & load onto a USB in the proper event/skater order. Section volunteer Blair Seifert did a fantastic job as announcer & music player all weekend.
- On Friday, February 9 we had many parent volunteers arrive to set up chairs from upstairs around the ice surface; set up tables and chairs upstairs for our guests; set up the sign-in station & raffle table. Tarra Hall & Krista Matheson did all the decorations. The Bildfell family volunteered to do take-down and clean up on Sunday, February 11.
- Sara McLeod was the on-site medical personnel but there were no incidents that required help.
- Carys McLeod, Rowan Davie & Jade Stolte volunteered to be Ice Patchers all weekend.
- Ice Captains were: Alex Sun, Sydney de Villiers, Krista Matheson, Fiona McLeod, Azizza Kowalchuk, Elizabeth Allen, Danielle Gibson.
- Runners were: Lindsay Tomtene, Fiona McLeod, Sara McLeod, Danielle Gibson, Elizabeth Allen, Azizza Kowalchuk, Neil Le, and Addison Hall.
- Liberty Kowalchuk did a wonderful job of feeding all the officials.
- I was at the rink all weekend to oversee, but was very lucky to have Teagyn Wilfing volunteer to be my 'legs' as mobility has been a bit of an issue with a broken leg.



v. **Hollywood on Ice – March 17 2024 – Aberdeen Rec Complex**

Ice Show Committee:

- As presented on the program - Cassandra Morari (Chair), Nicole Sereda (Wizard of Ice Shows), Sara McLeod (Costumes), Carla Bildfell (Decorations).
- There were other board members who assisted with the show planning and execution, which was very much appreciated.

Coaches:

- Trish Bobert (Lead Coach), Gennady Kaskov (Supernovas) and Damien Bueckert (CanSkate and Advanced).

Skaters:

- There were estimated to be approximately 200 skaters that participated in the show this year.
- There were estimated to be approximately 176 skaters that participated in the show last year.
- There was very good participation at the Supernovas, Intermediate and Senior levels.
- Participation at the Elite level was weak.
- CanSkate and Advanced were allowed to participate without a prior commitment. Google registration was introduced to try to get an indication ahead of time, but was not required.
- From the estimated Advanced numbers participation decreased by approximately 34%. Even though there was one less Winter Term 2 Advanced class, this year compared to last year, the total number of participants increased a small amount comparatively.
- From the estimated CanSkate numbers participation increased by approximately 36%. The estimated number of 60 is still low, when considered in conjunction with over 350 participants in Term 2 CanSkate.

Tickets:

- Ticket prices were \$18 (\$20 at the door) and \$8 (\$10 at the door) child/student. Children 6 and under and participating skaters were free.
- 2023 ticket prices were \$20 (\$25 at the door) and \$15 child/student online or at the door. Children 6 and under and participating skaters were free.
- There was a total of 495 tickets processed through Uplifter, including complimentary tickets, and 115 tickets sold at the door. This is an increase of 32 tickets from 2023

Wristbands:

- Wristbands were used again, which provides some control, and probably to a greater degree the perception of control.
- The system was the same. People were able to pick up their wristbands on dress rehearsal day, with proof of purchase shown on their phone. This lessens congestion the day of the event.

Costumes:

- Weissman was not used exclusively for costumes. The decision was made to use Amazon as much as possible. This was done to keep costs down for families.



- There were issues with some of the Amazon costume purchases, mainly with sizing, which resulted in sending back, reordering, or changing to other alternatives such as Saskatoon Walmart or Weissman as needed.
- The total outlay for costumes exceeded the costume tickets total by \$127 – i.e. there was a \$127 net cost for costumes.
- Last year when Weissman was used exclusively the total outlay for costumes exceeded the costume tickets by \$105.
- With Weissman, exchange and brokerage fees have to be estimated when establishing the costume ticket amounts.

Programs:

- Cassandra's organization donated the printing of the programs.
- There were 200 printed.
- Donations were requested.
- The total amount donated was \$214.
- A count of the remaining programs wasn't completed prior to providing the complimentary copies but there were several remaining.

Flowers:

- There were 200 roses purchased. There were 14 remaining. There was a margin of \$311.
- In 2023 there were 135 Gerber daisies with a margin of \$376. They had sold out so the offering was increased.
- It was decided to change the flower since Gerbers can be fragile.
- The same price was charged for the roses, which cost approximately 90 cents more per flower.
- Quinn and Kim's Flowers were the supplier used in both 2024 and 2023

Coach tickets:

- Coaches, including associate coaches, were provided with 2 complimentary tickets to attend the show and were given programs subsequently.
- Dale Hazell attended the show.
- Most of the coaches who were provided with 2 complimentary tickets in 2023 attended the show. Location may have been a factor in the reduced attendance.

Volunteer Credits:

- There were 26 member accounts that received credit for ticket(s) as a result of volunteering.
- There were 14 member accounts that received credit for ticket(s) as a result of volunteering in 2023.
- The volunteer credits were \$512 this year as compared to \$440 last year. Even though there were twelve more member accounts credited this year, the dollar difference is not significant due to reduced ticket prices and a higher number of members last year who had more than one family member volunteer.
- The committee felt there were inequities in the volunteer contribution this year. Some people only contributed a short period of time resulting in additional challenges with the curtain set up and decorating.



Show Margin:

- The 2024 margin was \$1.2k.
- The 2023 margin was \$1.5k.

vi. 2024 SEMINAR

- Tracy Wilson and Brian Orser conducted a seminar at ACT on June 14 and 15 2024.
- Tracy and Brian are Olympic, World Medalists and Coaches.
- The seminar accommodated Advanced PreSTAR- Competitive skaters as well as coaches. There were over 60 attendees.
- A question-and-answer session was held on June 15, which was a great opportunity to have Tracy and Brian share some additional knowledge.
- Skate Saskatoon was honored to have them, they conduct seminars domestically and internationally.
- Tracy and Brian said they had a wonderful time with our skaters.
- There was a small negative margin of \$850 approximately.



Region 9 and Section Report 2024

Skate Saskatchewan Board Members as of the June 1 AGM in Regina are:

- President - Allyson Senecal of Rosetown (term ends 2025 AGM)
- Vice President & Athlete Development Director - Rayleen Eberl of Moose Jaw (term ends 2025 AGM)
- Treasurer – Marcy Labbie of Regina (term ends 2025 AGM)
- Coaching Representative - Heather Martin of Saskatoon (term ends 2026 AGM)
- Regions Director – Nicole Sereda of Saskatoon (term ends 2026 AGM)
- Officials Director – Candice Dion of Regina (term ends 2026 AGM)
- Competitions Director - Hayley Gerlach of Regina (term ends 2025 AGM)
- Skating Programs Director – Jody Pipko of Regina (term ends 2026 AGM)
- Membership & Club Development Director - Earl Swalm of Moose Jaw (term ends 2025 AGM)
- Awards Director - Judy Harris of Regina (term ends 2025 AGM)
- Director - Laurel Dutton-Wilkins of Regina (term ends 2025 AGM)

Congratulations to the following Skate Saskatoon skaters: Team Saskatchewan Elite Team members Sydney de Villiers, Abigail Peace, and Damien Bueckert; High Performance Team members Rebecca Schindel, Azizza Kowalchuk, and Sofiya Dryga; Competitive Team members Lauren Bildfell, Danika Matheson, Ollie Smith, Madelyn Symon, Addison Hall, and Myra Le.

Congratulations also to Cheryl de Villiers of Skate Saskatoon who is the newest member of the section Athlete Development Committee.

Our annual Spring Region 9 Meeting was held on Sunday, April 14 in the ACT Hall in conjunction with Region 8 (clubs from Clavet, Dalmeny, Delisle, Langham, Martensville, Outlook, Warman/Osler) with Skate Saskatoon Executive Director Teresa Schmautz and coach Trish Bobert in attendance. Our Fall Region 9 Meeting was held on Sunday, October 27. Attending from Skate Saskatoon were President Sara McLeod, Damien Bueckert and Trish Bobert. Thank you to the attendees as a representative of each club must attend either a spring or fall meeting in order to keep their club 'in good standing'.

The section urges all persons affiliated with figure skating to get familiar with the new Safe Sport Policy Manual which can be found on their website at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com.

Section Seminars

1. ADULT and SYNCHRO Seminar with Elizabeth Manley in *Odessa* November 2-3, 2024
2. Rising Stars in *Swift Current* on November 23, 2024
3. Rising Stars in *Arcola* on November 24, 2024
4. Rising Stars in *Tisdale* on November 30, 2024
5. Rising Stars in *North Battleford* on December 1, 2024
6. STARSkate/BLACK BOOTS in *Saskatoon* 8am – 4pm on January 4, 2025



Section Competitions
(many of which are being livestreamed on Daily Motion)

1. November 8-10 SECTIONALS for Pre-Novice - Senior + Pre-Juvenile–Senior Dance/Pairs in *Humboldt*
2. November 28-December 1 Skate Canada Challenge in *Winnipeg*
3. December 13-15 Skate SK **Pre-Juvenile-Juvenile Sectionals + STARSkate Invitational** in *Rosetown*
4. January 11-12, 2025 Regions 7/8/9 Regional Competition in *Dalmeny* (STAR 1-Gold)
5. January 14-19 Canadian National Figure Skating Championships in *Laval, Quebec*
6. January 18-19 Regions 2/3/4/5 Regional Competition in *Moose Jaw* (STAR 1-4)
7. January 25-26 Region 10 & 13 Regional Competition in *St. Walburg* (STAR 1-4)
8. February 1-2 SYNCHRO Prairie Regionals at Cooperators in *Regina*
9. February 6-9 Skate Canada Trophy at Terwilligar Centre in *Edmonton*
10. February 8-9 Region 11 & 12 Regional Competition in *Prince Albert* (STAR 1-4)
11. February 15-16 Region 1 & 6 Regional Competition in *Whitewood* (STAR 1 – Gold)
12. February 28-March 2 Skate Canada Cup at *Waterloo, ON* Rec Complex
13. February 28-March 2 Winter Classic (formerly known as the Jean Norman) at Cooperators in *Regina* (STAR 2 – Gold)
14. March 25-30 Worlds Figure Skating Championships at TD Garden in *Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

The next Skate SK Annual General Meeting will be held in Saskatoon at the Delta Marriott Hotel on Sunday, June 8, 2025 as a hybrid of virtual and in-person. The Awards Dinner will occur on Saturday, June 7.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Sereda
Region 9 Coordinator



2024- 2025 Executive and Board Nomination Report

Board Executive

Sara McLeod – President

Melissa Stolte – Vice-President

Desirae Graham - Secretary

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Carla Bildfell

Cheryl de Villiers

Andrea Foster

Jill Gall

Crystal Kowalchuk

Natalia Kurkin

Krista Matheson

Cassandra Morari

Abigail Peace

Robert Peace

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