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2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Monday November 24, 2025 @7:30 pm

ACT Hall

Year end June 30, 2025

(July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

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2025 AGM Booklet

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2025 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 25, 2024, AGM

4. Actions taken by the Board 2024-2025/Secretary's Report

5. Financial Report:

- i. June 30, 2025, audited financial statements
- ii. Appointment of 2025/2026 auditor

6. Other Reports:

- i. Executive Report
- ii. Director of Skating Report
- iii. Program Report
- iv. Region 9/Section Report
 - a. Nicole Sereda, Skate Canada Saskatchewan Board Member and Region 9 coordinator, will give a presentation

7. Old Business:

8. New Business:

9. Election of 2025-2026 Officers and Board of Directors

- i. The nominees will give a brief introduction about themselves
- ii. Vote

10. Approval of the Signing Officers for 2025/2026

11. Closing Remarks

12. Adjournment



Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2024 @ 7:30 pm

ACT Hall

Board Members Present: Desirae Graham, Andrea Foster, Sara McLeod (NV) (President), Teresa Schmautz (NV) (Executive Director), Melissa Stolte, Carla Bildfell, Nicole Sereda (NV) (Ex-Officio - Region 9 coordinator and Skate Saskatchewan board member), Michelle Wilfing, Robert Peace (NV) (Ex-Officio - Past President), Natasha Taylor (NV) (Director of Skating)

Board Members Absent: Cheryl de Villiers, Crystal Kowalchuk, Cassandra Morari

Members Present: Jill Gall, Ashley Rae Joyes, Krista Matheson, Tarra Hall, Natalia Kurkin, Ludmila Manista, Fang Cai, Bobbielee Watrin, Amanda Guldiman, Adam Guldiman (NV), Sam Sun, Rachel Bueckert (NV), Abigail Peace, Andrea Barber, Damien Bueckert, Maya Vu, Qin Xu, Liberty Andres

1. Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Welcome

- i. Call to order at 7:34 pm
- ii. Reading of the Notice of Meeting
- iii. Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as circulated.

- 1st: Carla Bildfell
- 2nd: Michelle Wilfing
- Carried

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

Motion to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2023, AGM.

- 1st: Andrea Foster
- 2nd: Melissa Stolte
- Carried

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

Motion to accept the actions taken by the Board 2023-2024/Secretary's Report

- 1st: Andrea Foster
- 2nd: Amanda Guldiman
- Carried

5. Safe Sport Guide Update – Nicole Sereda presentation

- The updated Safe Sport Policy Manual was presented by Nicole Sereda



- It was confirmed that the Rule of Two is a rule now, not only a recommendation

6. Financial Report:

i. June 30, 2024, Financial Statements

Additional clarification by Teresa Schmautz, Executive Director, as follows:

- The net income for Fiscal 2024 was approximately \$66k (Fiscal 2023 \$8k).
- Fiscal 2024 included Skate Saskatchewan funding for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 of approximately \$36k. The fiscal 2022-2023 funding was not confirmed until after fiscal 2023 year-end completion.
- The program registration numbers from page 12 of the AGM report reflect growth of approximately 9.5%.
- Group packages commenced in July 2023, the start of fiscal 2024, and were in place for the full fiscal year. This resulted in a significant increase in coached program revenue, which resulted in an increase in program instruction and assistance.
- The Director of Skating role was in place for the last quarter of Fiscal 2023 and the full fiscal year of Fiscal 2024.
- There is a loss of approximately \$21k being budgeted for Fiscal 2025. The profit and loss budgets are prepared by the season. At the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2025 (summer and fall) the club was ahead of budget by approximately \$8k.
- The fiscal 2025 capital asset budget includes assets such as additional program equipment, coach room improvements and an updated video camera system.
- The club has strong working capital and long-term investments which should sustain continued growth and transitioning as needed to achieve the strategic plan goals.
- Each board member has a fiduciary duty to remain objective and make decisions in the best interests of the organization. The board members are tasked to take the short- and long-term goals of the organization into consideration with all decision making.

A question was asked about the increase in Skate Canada memberships. There is a corresponding increase in the revenue and expense since the full amount of the Skate Canada memberships collected is paid to Skate Canada. The increase was largely the result of an increase in the membership fee from \$43.65 (22-23) to \$58.65 (23-24). The net difference between the revenue and expense is the club fees, board member memberships and any official memberships covered by the club.

Motion to accept the June 30, 2024, audited financial statements.

- 1st: Bobbielee Watrin
- 2nd: Michelle Wilfing
- Carried

ii. Appointment of 2024/2025 auditor

Motion to appoint Virtus Group as the auditor for the 2024/2025 fiscal year.

- 1st: Carla Bildfell
- 2nd: Amanda Guldiman
- Carried



7. Other Reports:

i. Executive Report

- Key focus was summary of progress pertaining to the areas identified in the Strategic Plan developed in 2021, noted below:
 1. Coaching Team
 2. Curriculum and Programming
 3. Learn to Skate Programming
 4. Sense of Community
 5. Physical and Human Resources
 6. Governance

ii. Director of Skating Report

iii. Program Report

iv. Region 9/Section Report

Discussion items:

- *It was asked that consideration be given to a harness day with a coach (all skaters on harness book for a specific day) and to spinner classes separate from the packages.*
- *Status of coach recruiting was raised. President, Sara McLeod, assured the attendees coach recruitment is ongoing.*

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

- 1st: Abigail Peace
- 2nd: Krista Matheson
- Carried

8. Old Business:

- None

9. New Business:

- Natasha Taylor, Director of Skating, let the attendees know there would be a seminar at the end of January with Kaetlyn Osmond and Alexandra Young Palin as the guest coaches.
- Competitions were discussed. Winter Classic 2027 will be hosted by Skate Saskatoon. The question was asked about the viability of private competitions. Sanctions would be required.

10. Election of 2024-2025 Officers and Board of Directors

The nominees gave a brief introduction about themselves.

Motion to accept the nomination report as presented.

- 1st: Amanda Guldiman
- 2nd: Krista Matheson
- Carried



11. Approval of the Signing Officers for 2024/2025

Motion to elect the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Executive Director as signing officers for 2024-25.

- 1st: Michelle Wilfing
- 2nd: Carla Bildfell
- Carried

12. Closing Remarks

Michelle Wilfing was thanked by the Chairperson, President Sara McLeod, for continuing as member at large for the 2023-2024 year. Her contribution was significant again and she will be missed very much.

Sara said the Executive and Board are excited to continue to work together to execute the strategic plan goals. Support from the membership is welcomed.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm.

- 1st: Abigail Peace
- 2nd: Andrea Foster
- Carried



Actions of the Board of Directors 2024-2025

July 17, 2024

MOTION: To approve the fiscal 2025 P & L budget that presents a loss of \$21,362.

MOTION: To approve a fiscal 2025 capital asset budget of \$46,500. This is an increase of \$3,000 from the fiscal 2025 capital asset budget distributed, in order to allow for the purchase of a harness.

August 13, 2024

MOTION: To pay the full \$2,200 in single skater assistance

MOTION: To approve the winter term 1 schedule as distributed with Advanced PreStar changed to Junior Prep and Junior Prep being offered in packages, which include 2 on ice classes and 1 off ice class. On Ice classes will also be available by individual registration.

MOTION: To discontinue arm's length hall rentals but honor the hall rentals that are already on the books.

MOTION: To approve the Winter Term 1 brochure August 28, 2024, inclusive of pricing as detailed in the brochure.

September 24, 2024

MOTION: To elect Sara McLeod as president effective immediately.

October 21, 2024

MOTION: To continue the use of the hall for 2025.

MOTION: To approve the June 30, 2024, Draft Audited Financial Statements and Audit Completion Report, as distributed to the board by email October 17, 2024.

MOTION: For a Kudos Board and a \$200 gift card for The Keg for Dale.

MOTION: Add drop in registration for the adult program and the flexibility classes for \$5.00 more than the per session price for the season.

November 12, 2024

MOTION: To approve winter term 2 on ice schedule as circulated.

MOTION: To approve winter term 2 off ice schedule as circulated.

MOTION: To approve winter term 2 pricing as circulated, with the exception of Junior Excel pricing, which should be adjusted to \$560.

MOTION: To allow Chantel's request for coach bookable ice 4 times in November and 2 times per month in December to May at \$12 per session per skater. The coach bookable ice has to be from 10:15 am to 12:30 pm.

MOTION: To purchase a two-year non cashable GIC in the amount of \$75k, which is comparable to the amount that recently matured in GICs. This would result in GIC maturations Nov 2025, Nov 2026 and Nov 2027.

MOTION: To cover the registration costs of the 2024 open team going to Canada Cup. This should be handled as credits on member account to remain valid for 2 years.

MOTION: To charge \$12 per session between Term 1 and Term 2. Schedule to be determined.

MOTION: To approve the purchase of 24-25 Skate Canada Memberships for the Potential Members at Large.

December 18, 2024

MOTION: To continue to display the photos for Corinne Mulhall, Damien Bueckert and Myra Le.



MOTION: To approve asking Damien to supervise the holiday ice at the applicable contractor rate.

MOTION: To discontinue the October 2019 Ice Show Feature Skater Solo Procedure and to replace it with the January 2025 Skate Saskatoon Ice Show Guideline circulated January 14, 2025. This January 2025 Skate Saskatoon Ice Show Guideline will not be considered a board policy and will be managed by the Director of Skating.

February 10, 2025

MOTION: To accept the spring brochure as distributed by email February 9, 2025

MOTION: To accept the spring pricing as distributed by email February 9, 2025.

MOTION: To purchase a new handheld harness.

MOTION: To approve the Synchro Skater Assistance Policy as circulated February 9, 2025.

March 10, 2025

MOTION: To approve a budget of \$1,000 for the spring barbecue.

April 14, 2025

MOTION: To approve a budget of \$1,000 for the spring barbecue.

MOTION: To accept the summer brochure as distributed by email April 12, 2025.

MOTION: To accept the summer pricing as distributed by email April 12, 2025.

MOTION: To dedicate 2 coach bookable sessions as dedicated coach development ice free of charge with minimum of 2 coaches on the ice at a time.

May 12, 2025

MOTION: For Fiona McLeod and Rowan Davie to receive \$500 each for the Nicole Sereda award.

MOTION: To amend the April 14, 2025, motion (see above in blue) to allow 2 or more coaches to be on the ice for any available coach bookable sessions at no charge.

MOTION: To purchase a Skate Saskatoon High Performance Camp t-shirt, cost of \$25 each, everything included, for each of the 10 Club Coaches and 3 Contract Coaches, as listed on the coach page of the website - total cost of \$325

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 past year has been an exciting one for Skate Saskatoon. We continue to see growth and development among our athletes and our team as we continue to reach the goals in our strategic plan.

Natasha Taylor joined the club as Director of Skating, and we have secured more Club Coaches for the coaching team. They are working closely together to create coaching teams for skaters of all levels to reach each skater's goals. Many of our club coaches have participated in professional development and coaching courses throughout the year to stay current and continue developing their coaching skills, ensuring our members receive the best and most up-to-date instruction. We also secured contracts with more coaches for our Learn to Skate programs, ensuring we have the resources to meet ongoing demand and deliver quality programming.

We continue to optimize our programming for athletes to ensure we are delivering elite, competitive training. Investments were made in equipment for both on and off-ice training, and adjustments were made to programming packages to accommodate skaters at every level and maximize training opportunities. The Synchro program had five teams during this reporting period, and the Open team represented our club at Nationals.

The club continues to see strong participation in our Learn to Skate programming. The Rising Stars program targets young athletes from the CanSkate program who want to pursue excellence in figure skating, providing a bridge between Learn to Skate and competitive figure skating. Junior Prep remains strong with positive registration numbers. We also offer Adult and Teen Learn to Skate programs as well as CanSkate.

We have seen a much-welcomed increase in volunteerism from our membership. Through their efforts and committee work, we've hosted more team building and fun events for our skaters, such as the Winter Wonder Skate, Star 1–3 Ice Blossom Showcase, Membership Appreciation BBQ, and summer potluck. These events were very well received, and we look forward to many more in the future.

We also had a very successful Ice Show, Into the Dream World, in March 2025. We saw outstanding participation from skaters, volunteers, coaches, and spectators. This event continues to be a highlight of the year and an important fundraiser for the club. We greatly appreciate everyone's participation as we rebuild this event following the challenges of COVID-19.

All our members, volunteers, and staff are key to meeting the goals laid out in the strategic plan. We have achieved so much, but we continue to stay focused on growth and development going forward. Skate Saskatoon is confident that together, we will continue to reach our goals.

This year, we are saying goodbye to several board and executive members.

Carla Bidfell is stepping down as a Member at Large. She has been on the board since 2022 and has served as an integral committee member of the Ice Show.

Andrea Foster is stepping down as a Member at Large. She has served since 2020 and has been an active member of the Synchro, Ice Show, and Merchandising committees. She spent some time as an executive member and was involved in the development of our strategic plan.

Crystal Kowalchuk is stepping down after 9 years with Skate Saskatoon. Crystal has been a keyboard and executive member for many years, serving on almost every committee and as Vice President for most of her tenure, acting as President twice. She has been very involved in Synchro and has helped build the program into what it is today. She also



assisted in the development of the Strategic plan. She will continue to support Synchro and marketing through committee work.

Rob Peace is stepping down as a Member at Large. Rob has been on the board since 2017 and served as President from 2019 to 2023. Rob led the club through the pandemic and worked tirelessly with the executive and the City to ensure our doors stayed open and athletes could continue to skate as much as possible. He also led the development of our strategic plan and the evolution of our skating programming. He has been a key member of the finance committee for most of his tenure.

Teresa Schmautz, our Executive Director, will be retiring from her position in early spring. It's hard to summarize the impact she has had on our club; from fixing registrations and helping families navigate program options, to keeping the books balanced and managing countless behind the scenes tasks that keep our club running smoothly. Most importantly, she has been a friendly and welcoming presence. She will be dearly missed by members, skaters, and staff and we wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life.

Director of Skating Report

Overview

The 2024–2025 season was a rewarding and productive year across all programs. Our skaters demonstrated exceptional growth in both skill development and confidence, while our coaching team strengthened collaboration, communication, and consistency in program delivery. Continued improvements in scheduling, clearer communication, and a strong focus on athlete experience contributed to the positive momentum and success of the season.

GOAL 1: Offer the highest quality learn-to-skate program which provides a strong foundation for all ice sports

CanSkate Program

The CanSkate coordinators successfully adopted the updated Skate Canada program model, ensuring alignment with national standards and quality delivery. Coaches participated in a CanSkate technical workshop, gaining new tools for effective instruction. A coach evaluation with Heather McMahon provided valuable feedback to strengthen the program. Parent communication improved through regular newsletters and updates, helping families understand program goals and outcomes. Next season's focus includes refining consistency, coaching quality, and participant engagement while maintaining transparency with families.

Rising Stars Program

Continued growth in the Rising Stars program provided a strong bridge between CanSkate and higher levels of figure skating. Increased retention demonstrates the success of early skill development foundations.

GOAL 2: Offer a high-level training environment following Skate Canada's LTADM and best practices for all competitive and recreational skaters

Coaching and Skater Development

Enhanced collaboration among coaches improved significantly through three formal meetings, individual check-ins, and a new live scheduling system.

Coaches engaged in numerous learning opportunities, including:



- Skate Canada Mentorship Program (November 2025)
 - Skate Saskatchewan Camp and out-of-province seminars
 - Kaitlyn Osmond Seminar (January 2025), which provided inspiration and technical insight
- Harness training was introduced in September 2025 with a guest coach providing specialized jump instruction. The sessions were well received, and a follow-up series is planned for Spring 2026.
- Skater simulations were increased throughout the season, enhancing performance readiness, confidence, and consistency for all levels.
- Off-ice training continued to improve strength, coordination, and artistry. We welcomed a new dance instructor.

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

Scheduling and Operations

Coach scheduling improvements resulted in more consistent program coverage and a balanced distribution of hours, ensuring more quality and stability. Progress was made toward optimizing ice usage and balancing program needs, though this remains a priority for the coming year.

Coach Feedback and Evaluation

A new feedback and performance review process was introduced. Coaches appreciated the opportunity for input and professional growth, reinforcing accountability and continued development.

Communication

Parent communication improved through regular newsletters, emails, and individual coach organized parent meetings. This strengthened engagement and understanding of program goals.

GOAL 4: Improve the competitive success of our skaters and be recognized as Saskatchewan's leading training facility

High-Performance and Competitive Development

This season saw excellent progress in our competitive programs, with skaters achieving strong results across multiple competitions. These successes reflect the effectiveness of our structured training approach and the growing depth of talent within our club.

Increased skater simulations, along with numerous off-ice and stroking sessions, contributed to improved competition readiness, consistency, and confidence. Following Skate Canada's LTADM framework continues to ensure that skaters progress through development pathways that are both structured and age appropriate. Looking ahead, competition results are expected to continue building in the coming years as our athletes gain experience and technical strength. Plans for 2026 include expanding specialized training opportunities and inviting guest coaches to further enhance technical development and overall performance quality.

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

Events and Community Engagement

The 2025 Annual Carnival was a great success, showcasing skater progress and community pride. Feedback from families and spectators was overwhelmingly positive. Two Fun Performance Days provided skaters with supportive, low-pressure performance experiences, helping build confidence and enjoyment. The Kaitlyn



Osmond Seminar inspired and educated skaters while enhancing community engagement. Future seminars will be scheduled at different times of the year to improve participation.

Club Culture

A stronger sense of belonging developed through increased communication, inclusive events, and shared successes. The club continues to promote a Team Saskatoon identity, emphasizing teamwork, positivity, and pride across all skating levels.

Summary and Future Priorities

The 2024–2025 season marked significant progress in quality programming, coaching collaboration, and athlete development. The collective efforts of our coaching team, athletes, and families strengthened the foundation for continued success.

Priorities for 2025–2026

- Deepen team coaching integration across programs
- Continue refining ice scheduling and overall efficiency and safety
- Continue to develop clear, consistent communication with families and coaches
- Support sustainable growth while preserving a positive, development-focused environment

Sincere thanks to all coaches, skaters, parents, and board members for their dedication, teamwork, and commitment to excellence.



Program Report

i. PROGRAM REGISTRATION NUMBERS

July 2024- June 2025 Number of Skaters	July 2023- June 2024 Number of Skaters	July 2022- June 2023 Number of Skaters	July 2021- June 2022 Number of Skaters	Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to Skate includes CanSkate, Junior Prep (previously titled Advance PreSTAR), 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.
155	121	139	76	Learn to Skate--Summer
218	263	180	117	Learn to Skate--Fall
456	461	408	278	Learn to Skate--Winter Term 1
494	494	520	435	Learn to Skate--Winter Term 2
411	385	389	335	Learn to Skate--Spring
139	103	88	101	STARSkate/Competitive - Summer
151	135	107	125	STARSkate/Competitive - Fall
186	221	189	179	STARSkate/Competitive-Winter (includes both terms for 24-25 and 23-24)
193	243	196	190	STARSkate--Spring
9	11	6	11	Synchro--Beginners & Pre-Juvenile
12	10	9	9	Synchro--Juvenile
12	10	9	10	Synchro--Pre-Novice
12	14	10	9	Synchro--Open/Adult I
9	11	10	9	Synchro--Adult II
0	0	6	0	Synchro--Adult III
2457	2482	2266	1884	Total



ii. COMPETITIONS

Over the past year, Skate Saskatoon athletes and synchro teams showcased their talent at a wide range of competitions. Our skaters achieved many personal bests and brought home an impressive collection of medals. They represented the club at events such as Sask Skate, Skate Saskatchewan Sectionals and STAR Invitational, Challenge, Canadian Nationals, Canada Cup, Winter Classic, Prairie Regionals, along with several invitational competitions throughout BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

We extend special recognition to the skaters and teams who earned skater assistance for qualifying for national-level events:

- **Damien Bueckert** – Canadian National Championship
- **Azizza Kowalchuk** – Skate Canada Trophy
- **Rebecca Schindel** – Challenge and Canadian National Championship
- **Silver Edges Synchro Team (Open)** – Canada Cup

Skate Saskatoon celebrates the dedication and accomplishments of all our STAR, Podium Pathway, Adult, and Synchro athletes. We're incredibly proud of your hard work and can't wait to see what the upcoming season holds!

iii. ASSESSMENTS

- Four assessment days were held for STAR 6-Gold levels during Fiscal 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Two were held in summer 2024 and two in winter 2024-2025.
- The spring assessment day was hosted by the Section at ACT since it was also a skills assessor clinic. Skate Saskatoon removed skills assessments from assessment days a few years ago.
- In the four assessment days there were approximately 115 assessments conducted, for Skate Saskatoon and skaters from other clubs, with a pass rate of approximately 78%.
- There were approximately 300 coach administered assessments submitted during this period (100% pass rate).
- 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. 2025 SEMINAR

- Kaetlyn Osmond and Alexandra Young Palin conducted a seminar at ACT on January 25 and 26 2025.
- The seminar accommodated skaters working on STAR 1 and up. There were 25 skaters that attended.
- There was excellent attendance from Saskatoon club coaches and contract coaches.
- A question-and-answer session was held on January 26.



- The costs exceeded the revenue by approximately \$4k but there was related MAP Grant funding received of approximately \$1.7k since there was coach training involved.

v. ICE SHOW

Into the Dream World held at Merlis Belsher Place on March 30, 2025, was a success!!

Ice Show Committee:

- As presented on the program - Cassandra Morari (Chair), Chantel Laventure (co-Chair), Nicole Sereda, Jill Gall, Amanda Guldiman, Carla Colwell
- There were other board members who assisted with the show planning and execution, which was very much appreciated.

Coaches:

- Natasha Taylor, Jocelyn LeBlanc, Damien Bueckert, Kiara Slabik, Trish Bobert
- Survey for coaches regarding their experience with the ice show

Skaters:

- This year \$0 dollar Ice Show registration through Uplifter was set up. Skaters at all levels that planned to participate in the Ice Show were to register through this avenue. Exception: Synchro skaters who were participating with their team but not as a singles skater did not have to register. There were 189 skaters that registered.
- Note that for future years have synchro register OR reminder to add them early to email list as they missed most of the emails early on by not being on the email list from registration and just being missed altogether.
- There were estimated to be approximately 200 skaters that participated in the show last year, including Synchro skaters.
- The CanSkate participation increase resulted in a need for three groups. Last year there were only two groups.
- Online registration worked very well. This format will be continued in the future.

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. There was no change from 2024 ticket pricing.
- There were 455 Adult and 88 Child/Student paid online tickets, compared to 393 and 76 respectively in 2024.
- There were 126 Adult and 30 Child/Student tickets sold at the door, compared to 97 and 15 respectively in 2024.

Wristbands:

- Did not do wristbands, this was good and would not do them again in the future. Saved a step on rehearsal day and the admissions table with pre-paid and cash paid tickets worked well.

Costumes:

- Costume prices ranged from \$15 -\$55.



- Ensure ice show parent package communicates estimated costume cost (i.e. Ability to opt out of a number if multiple costumes cost too much).
- Weissman was used for many, as well as Amazon, and other local stores.
- Suggestion is to use Weissman for future costumes or a similar place but not trying to put them together from a variety of venues.
- Possibly host a measurements night (or two) at rink to gather accurate sizes and then each group potentially meets that evening to select a costume and designate a parent for that group as a contact.
- Suggestion to designate a parent leader for each group to organize costume selection and coordinate orders.
- Coordinate, if possible, with Desirae to order via her Weissman discount.
- The total outlay for costumes exceeded the costume tickets total by \$93.
- In 2024 the total outlay for costumes exceeded the costume tickets total by \$127.

Programs:

- Cassandra's organization donated the printing of the programs.
- There were 130 printed.
- Donations were requested.
- The total amount donated was \$456.
- Programs ran out, more could have been printed.
- In 2024 the program donations were \$214.

Flowers:

- There were 300 Carnations purchased. There were 0 remaining. There was a margin of \$186.
- Purchased for \$1/stem plus tax and sold for 1 for \$3 or 3 for \$5, BUT this was an error, and it was supposed to be 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.
- Make sure to change sign for next year to ensure correct pricing.
- Purchase from Quinn & Kim's flowers, continue to do this.
- Changing to carnations was great, they lasted longer and held up well.
- In 2024 there were 200 roses purchased and margin was \$311.

Raffle Table:

- Sarah organized a raffle table new to the 2025 ice show.
- Suggestions:
 - Fewer items might be better in the future
 - Items should be purchased or donated by businesses
 - ALL items should be wrapped in cellophane
- There was a margin of \$1,044.



Decorations:

- Original budget was \$610; an increase was requested and \$350 was granted from the executive based on the estimation of there being additional room in other categories – i.e. it was considered a reallocation rather than an increase in the total budget for Ice Show costs.
- Came in at \$842 which was under budget (after increase).
- Tape alone is nearly \$100 for putting the blue curtain up around boards.
- The curtain rental was \$394.59, which is the significant portion of the budget. Consider investing in purchasing this curtain and/or look for one to purchase to save on this in the future.
- Sort through back storage room potentially at rink to see what is in there that can be used in future years.
- Carla will explore purchasing options of the curtain from Handy OR from another source. This will be discussed in conjunction with the fiscal 2026 budget process.

Coach tickets:

- All Skate Saskatoon coaches, club coaches and contract coaches, were invited to attend. Any coaches that confirmed they would be in attendance were put on a list so the volunteers working the door were aware. There were a few coaches that attended.

Volunteer Credits:

- The volunteer credits were \$ 242 this year as compared to \$512 last year.
- The above is not necessarily indicative of decreased volunteers but confusion in how the volunteer credits work.
- See below under recommendations for future years.

Show Margin:

- The show margin, taking into consideration all related items, was \$3,129. The budgeted margin was \$1,411.
- In 2024 the margin was \$1,137.

Recommendations and items for the upcoming year(s)

Communication:

- Canskate may always need an email.
- Consider having one person manage emails once groups are selected and costumes go out.
- Prepare all emails ahead of time and proof to avoid multiple emails.
- Suggestion to have the Schedule/programming committee draft a practice week schedule when winter Term 2 package goes out allowing parents and coaches to know well ahead the time commitment.

Future Bookings:

- Tentative bookings have been arranged with Merlis Belsher in late March for 2026 – 2029. They have provided a letter confirming these dates.

Policy:

- The policy was updated to a guideline provided to the Director of Skating by/from the board.



- Intention of the guideline was to be followed for all performances and solos. Selecting a skater for single time on the ice should be passed by the ice show committee or board.
- Option for adding in a non-guidelines skater could be to have an application & draw.

Committee:

- Currently Cassandra is planning on being the lead again next year, with other committee members vocalizing interest in continuing, which is great news!
- Costume role needs a new person for 2026.
- Photos NEEDS to be a committee role
 - Organizing photographer prior to show and day of Rehearsal
- Decorations
- Volunteers
- Communication/Ice Show site management
- Suggestion that the club programming committee could make the ice show rehearsal week WITH the Term 2 package.
- Make an expectation document for the Director of Skating to ensure committee and the Director of Skating are both clear on responsibilities.

Choreography:

- Nice to have different and new choreography however more practice time may have been needed for some groups.
- Choreography was split between group performances AND solos, potentially in the future using the existing solo of the skater would reduce the split of the budget between performances.

Volunteer Credits:

- There is confusion amongst volunteers regarding who purchases a ticket ahead and receives a credit and who doesn't need to purchase a ticket. When it was originally set up the plan was that committee members wouldn't purchase a ticket, all other volunteers would purchase a ticket and receive a credit after confirmation that they had volunteered as planned. To lessen confusion this should be revisited with the criteria well laid out ahead of tickets going live. The name of the skater should also be listed with the volunteer in case the member account is not under the volunteer's name.
- Suggest Ice Show 2026 revises this and lays out a clear plan to manage the volunteer credits.



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REGION 9/SECTION REPORT 2025

Skate Saskatchewan Board Members as of the June 7 AGM in Saskatoon are:

President & Human Resources Director - **Allyson Senecal** of Rosetown (term ends 2027 AGM)

Vice President– **Candice Dion** of Regina (term ends 2026 AGM)

Athlete Development Director - **Rayleen Eberl** of Moose Jaw (term ends 2027 AGM)

Finance & Business Development – **Marcy Labbie** of Regina (term ends 2027 AGM)

Coach Development - **Heather Martin** of Saskatoon (term ends 2026 AGM)

Regions Chairperson – **Nicole Sereda** of Saskatoon (term ends 2026 AGM)

Skating Programs Director – **Jody Pipko** of Regina (term ends 2026 AGM)

Membership & Club Development – **Rhonda McAlpine-Haubrich** of Dubuc (term ends 2027 AGM)

Awards Director - **Judy Harris** of Regina (term ends 2027 AGM)

Nominations Director - **Laurel Dutton-Wilkins** of Regina (term ends 2027 AGM)

Director – **Ashley Kuntz** (term ends 2027 AGM)

Brett Hines chairs the Officials' Coordinating Committee.

Hayley Gerlach and Earl Swalm completed their terms with the board.

Congratulations to the following Skate Saskatoon skaters: Team Saskatchewan Elite Team members Damien Bueckert, Rebecca Schindel, Azizza Kowalchuk; Competitive Team members Nikol Kurkin, Emma Zhu, Lauren Bildfell, Danika Matheson, Madelyn Symon, Addison Hall, Rebecca Xu, Myra Le and Alex Sun

At Challenge in Calgary November 27-30, Rebecca Schindel of Skate Saskatoon will compete in the Senior Women Event, Eric Swalm of Skate Regina will compete in the Junior Men Event, after meeting the required Technical Element Qualifying Minimum Scores.

Miyu Yenoki & Tristan Taylor of Skate Regina are injured but did meet their TEC minimum score in the Senior Pairs Event and are qualified to compete in nationals in Gatineau, Quebec in January 2026.

The following SK Team skaters met the required TEC minimum scores and will be heading to Skate Canada Trophy in Dartmouth, NS February 5-8, 2026: competing in Pre-Novice are Abigail Haas, Myra Le, Brecon Swalm; Pre-Novice Dance are Simeon Bakanec and Olivia Jones; Novice are Sydney Schultz, Aya Burrell, Jersey Bilokreli, Simeon Bakanec; Novice Pair are Abigail Haas and Stefan Lotz.

Our annual Spring Region 9 Meeting was held at 1pm Sunday, April 13, 2025 via Zoom in conjunction with Region 8 (clubs from Clavet, Dalmeny, Delisle, Langham, Martensville, Outlook, Warman/Osler). Thank you to Skate Saskatoon President Sara McLeod for attending. Our Fall Region 9 Meeting was held on Sunday, September 28 online via Zoom. Thank you to Skate Saskatoon Vice President Melissa Stolte and all the attendees for attending, as a representative of each club must attend either a spring or fall meeting in order to keep their club 'in good standing'.



SECTION WINTER SEMINARS

Rising Stars (CanSkate Stage 3-6, STAR 1-3 under age 13)

1. *Indian Head* on November 22, 2025
2. *Wynyard* on November 23, 2025
3. *Unity* on November 29, 2025
4. *Assiniboia* on November 30, 2025

STARSkate/BLACK BOOTS (STAR 3-10, Gold, Pre-Juv-Novice)

Balgonie 8am – 4pm on January 10, 2026. Coaches are encouraged to attend with their skaters.

WINTER COMPETITIONS

(many of which are being livestreamed on Daily Motion)

1. October 4-5 Sask Skate in *Regina*
2. November 7-9 SECTIONALS for Pre-Novice - Senior + Pre-Juvenile–Senior Dance/Pairs in *Martensville*
3. November 27-30 Skate Canada Challenge in *Calgary*
4. December 5-7 Pre-Juv-Juvenile Sectionals + STARSkate Invitational + SWG Runoffs in *Yorkton*
5. January 5-11 Canadian National Figure Skating Championships in *Gatineau, Quebec*
6. January 17-18 Regions 7/8/9 Regional Competition in *Wynyard* (STAR 1-4)
7. January 24-25 Region 10 & 13 Regional Competition in *Kindersley* (STAR 1-Gold)
8. February 5-8 Skate Canada Trophy at RBC Centre in *Dartmouth, NS*
9. February 7-8 Regions 2/3/4/5 Regional Competition in *Pense* (STAR 1-Gold)
10. February 14-15 Region 11 & 12 Regional Competition in *Nipawin* (STAR 1-4)
11. February 14-15 Region 1 & 6 Regional Competition in *Moosomin* (STAR 1 – 4)
12. February 18-21 SK Winter Games in *Meadow Lake*
13. February 27-March 1 Winter Classic (aka the Jean Norman) in *Swift Current* (STAR 2 – Gold)
14. March 6-8 Skate Canada Cup (synchro) at the Rec Complex in *Waterloo, ON*
15. March 21-22 Living Skies Synchro Skating Competition at the *Doug Wickenheiser Arena* in *Regina*
16. March 24-29 Worlds Figure Skating Championships at the O2 Arena in *Prague, Czech Republic*

The next Skate Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting and Awards Gala will be held in Regina at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Saturday, June 6, 2026 as a hybrid of virtual and in-person.

For details regarding all figure skating in Saskatchewan, please remember to check the section website at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com.



Many, many thanks to all the Skate Saskatoon volunteers who helped make the ISU event 'Skate Canada International' a huge success October 31 – November 2 here in Saskatoon at SaskTel Centre. Many exciting figure skating moments and memories were made to last a lifetime.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Sereda
Region 9 Coordinator



2025- 2026 Executive and Board Nomination Report

Board Executive

Sara McLeod – President

Melissa Stolte – Vice-President

Desirae Graham - Secretary

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