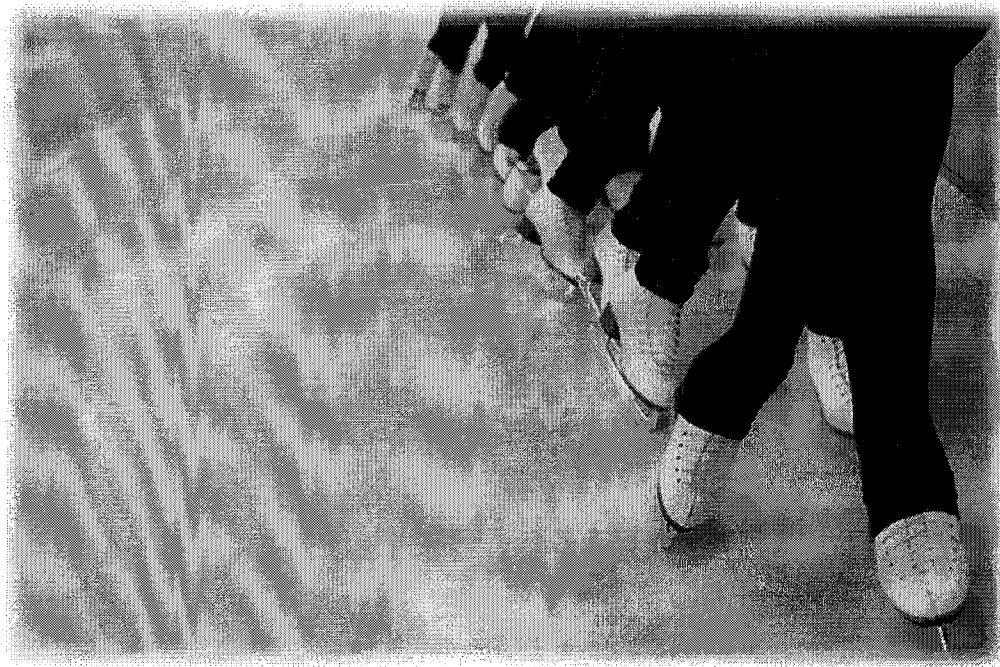




## **AGM 2020**



Year End: June 30, 2020

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**Skate Saskatoon  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
September 16, 2019 @ 7:30 pm – ACT Hall**

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

- a. Call to order Crystal Kowalchuk – 7:35 p.m.
- b. Reading of the Notice of Meeting – **Crystal Kowalchuk**
- c. Quorum (20 minimum) – achieved with 20 voting members and 4 non-voting (Blaise, Janice, Teresa and Nicole).

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

- a. **Motion: Collin Kowalchuk**
- b. **Second: Renata Blair**
- **Carried**

**3. Adoption of the Minutes from the September 17, 2018 AGM**

- a. **Motion: Collin Kowalchuk**
- b. **Second: Michelle Wilfing**
- **Carried**

**4. Actions taken by the Board 2018-2019/Secretary's Report**

- a. **Motion: June Lu**
- b. **Second: Renata Blair**

**5. Financial Report:**

- a. June 30, 2019 audited financial statements
  - Loss of \$15,800 – approximately \$11,400 loss for the main operations and \$4,400 loss for the hall. Both arms of the operation outperformed budget.
  - Main program revenue was higher than the previous year
  - Adult skating program introduced and was very successful
  - Rent cost for main operations continues to increase
  - Hall is getting busier and should be close to break even this fiscal year. Competitive Edge will run off ice in the hall in winter. Three synchro teams will use the hall again for off ice
  - Projecting another loss on the main operations
  - **Collin Kowalchuk motions to accept the financial statements:**
  - **Seconded: Michelle Wilfing**
  - **Carried**
    - Questions from the floor:
      - None
- b. Signing officers for 2019/2020
  - **Carmen Allen motions to continue with Blaise Kirchgesner, Crystal Kowalchuk, Rob Peace and Teresa Schmutz as the signing officers for the Club.**
  - **Second: Renata Blair**
  - **Carried**

- c. Appointment of 2019/2020 auditor
  - **Michelle Wilfing motions to appoint Virtus Group as the auditor for 2019/2020 fiscal year.**
  - **Second: Collin Kowalchuk**
  - **Carried**

**6. Other Reports from the Board & Employees:**

- a. Executive Report
- b. Club Coach Representative Report
- c. CanSkate Report
- d. Advanced PreStar/Star 1 & 2 Report
- e. Synchronized Skating Report
- f. Stroking Report
- g. Adult Skate Report
- h. Club Development Report
  - **June Lu motions to approve reports a-h**
  - **Second Sandy Nicholat**
  - **Carried**
- i. Skater Assistance Report
- j. Fundraising Reports
  - Ice Show Report
  - Other Fundraising
- k. Seminar Report
- l. Test Day Report
- m. Nicole Sereda Award for Volunteer Excellence
- n. Region 9 Report
- o. Nomination Report
  - **June Lu motions to approve reports i-o**
  - **Second Carmen Allen**
  - **Carried**

**7. New Business**

- a. Board Member and Committee Member Secondment

Discussed the need for additional board and committee members. The most recent board meeting which discussed committee appointments was held in November 2018. People are welcome to join committees without a board appointment. The list of committees will be displayed subsequent to the relevant board meeting in fall 2019

## **8. Board Governance – Nomination Report**

**Myrna Gibson motions: To approve the board executive: President: Robert Peace, Vice-President Crystal Kowalchuk  
Seconded Renata Blair  
Carried**

**Renata Blair motions to approve the board members at large: Carmen Allen, Michelle Wilfing, Collin Kowalchuk, and Lori Lisitza  
Second June Lu  
Carried**

**Michelle Wilfing motions to approve Sandy Nicholat as the Board's Coach representative,  
Second Renata Blair  
Carried**

## **9. Closing Remarks**

Skate Canada Saskatchewan Fee - \$30.00 per skater based on Skate Canada registrations. Skate Saskatoon is not applying a markup. The amount payable to Skate Canada Saskatchewan for the 2019/2020 year is estimated at \$30,000. In the 2018/2019 year the amount received by Skate Canada Saskatchewan from Skate Saskatoon was approximately \$15,000. The question has been asked as to what the additional services are for the additional monies

Makes the pricing of CanSkate less competitive compared to alternatives, which is a concern. If CanSkate registrations are less Skate Canada Saskatchewan will be advised

## **10. Renata Blair motions for adjournment**

**Second: Michelle Wilfing**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 P.M.**



## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

### **August 27, 2019**

**MOTION:** Any alternate skater for the adult synchro team be full members of a different Skate Saskatoon synchro team as is consistent with the other synchro programs

**MOTION:** To use Al Anderson and Lululemon as the club's clothing suppliers for 2019-20

### **November 4, 2019**

**MOTION:** To approve the Main Operations budget as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (capital expenditures budget of \$3,000; projected loss of \$28,667)

**MOTION:** To approve the A.C.T. Hall budget as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (capital expenditures budget of \$5,000; projected loss of \$1,900)

**MOTION:** To approve the recommended pricing increase of 10% for the A.C.T hall effective immediately with no changes to discount percentages or how the pricing policy is applied

**MOTION:** To continue with hall operations for the 2020 calendar year

### **January 6, 2020**

**MOTION:** To set the spring pricing, inclusive of the ice rental pricing, with the Skate Canada Sask. Fee application to be determined later.

**MOTION:** To accept the Elvis Seminar fees as noted



## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

**MOTION:** For a proposal to be developed by May 1, 2020, to address the synchro structure within the umbrella of Skate Saskatoon

**MOTION:** To accept refund policy updated December 30, 2019

**MOTION:** To accept skater transfer policy updated December 30, 2019

**MOTION:** To accept complaint management policy updated December 30, 2019

**MOTION:** To accept the Terms of Reference for the Nicole Sereda award and the minor changes discussed at this meeting which address increased flexibility regarding the funds/bursary amount provided in a year

### **March 15, 2020**

**MOTION:** To designate a Synchro ice time Tuesday 8:45-9:30 pm and to approve the spring schedule. The synchro option would move to STAR1 – Gold BYOC if there are less than 16 skaters registered

**MOTION:** To cancel the Ice Show for 2020, and provide refunds for all costume ticket purchases and spectator tickets without an admin fee

**MOTION:** To suspend the use of the sign-in book for the remainder of the 2019-20 Skate Saskatoon Winter Season

**MOTION:** To postpone all Canskate/Advanced Canskate STAR 1-2 Family skates indefinitely



## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

**MOTION:** To proceed with the assessment day on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020, but that withdrawals be permitted with full refunds up until March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon

**MOTION:** To refund all hall deposits upon request for any bookings between March 1st and April 30th, 2020

### **April 6, 2020**

**MOTION:** To cancel the 2020 seminar and provide full refunds without an administration fee

**MOTION:** To fully refund all spring program registrations without an administration fee

**MOTION:** To approve the finance committee recommendations for summer pricing

### **June 17, 2020**

**MOTION:** To nominate Michelle Wilfing as Secretary

**MOTION:** To accept the summer 2020 schedule as presented by Blaise Kirchgesner

**MOTION:** To hire two Summer Program Coordinators for 6 hour shifts each

**MOTION:** To accept the Criminal Record Check Policy as circulated





## **ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

**MOTION:** To issue credit on member accounts for all outstanding fall and winter ice tickets, including all fifteen-minute lesson ice tickets

**SEE SEPARATE DOCUMENT RE ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIA EMAIL**



## **EMAIL ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

- 1. MOTION: To accept the logo as distributed by email August 8, 2019**
- 2. MOTION: To accept the below installment configuration for the 2019/2020 winter season:**
  - (a) Skate Canada membership fee - due upon registration**
  - (b) Skate Canada Saskatchewan fee - due upon registration**
  - (c) Skate Saskatoon membership - due upon registration**
  - (d) Ice Fees (Options and Synchro Team fees) - \$50.00 upon registration, remainder in 4 monthly installments on the 15th of each month, September, October, November, and December 2019**
  - (e) Stroking fees, including Synchro Stroking - \$10.00 upon registration, remainder in 4 monthly installments on the 15th of each month, September, October, November, and December 2019**
  - (f) Canskate and Advanced PreSTAR group lesson fees – due upon registration**
- 3. MOTION: To proceed with CBC Battle of the Blades**
- 4. MOTION: To accept the 2019-2020 Winter Schedule proposal 2 emailed August 19, 2019 with amendments subsequently to Option 63 and 64 - changed to 45 minutes and 60 minutes respectively**
- 5. MOTION: To accept Synchro 2019-2020 recommended pricing V2**
- 6. MOTION: To raise the judges' mileage rate to 52 cents per kilometre**
- 7. MOTION: To provide Competitive Edge the additional hall Skate Saskatoon discount of 10% (the other discount is repeat renter discount) for Winter 2019-2020**
- 8. MOTION: To purchase the Numark CDN77USB Pro Dual USB and MP3 CD Player and Yamaha TS500 AM/FM tuner as per Barndog Productions' Estimate 50770**
- 9. MOTION: For the Mini Blades Event (Oct 19, 2019) details to be as follows:**
  - (a) Ticket price of \$5 online or at the door**



## **EMAIL ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020**

- (b) Food donation welcome**
- (c) Volunteers don't require a ticket**

- 10. MOTION: To set \$125 as the double-teaming and alternate fee for Adult and Juvenile (or below) Synchro and \$200 as the double-teaming and alternate fee for Pre-Novice and Open Synchro**
- 11. MOTION: To purchase 6 blankets from the Al Anderson's order as club promo items so that the blanket order can proceed based on a minimum requirement of 12 pieces sold**
- 12. MOTION: For Blaise Kirchgessner to act as the coach representative with full voting rights until the end of the 2019/2020 Skate Saskatoon season (interpreted as the 2020 AGM)**
- 13. MOTION: To proceed with booking Relish Photography for the club's photo sessions in the 2019-2020 season based on the photography proposal saved in Dropbox November 11, 2019**
- 14. MOTION: To approve the ACT Hall rental request from the Boys & Girls Club for eight or nine weeks in the summer of 2020, Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, based on their offered rate of \$105 per day pre-tax**
- 15. MOTION: To offer a shared rental space in the ACT Hall to Competitive Edge for \$5 per hour for summer 2020**
- 16. MOTION: To move the balance of the savings account into the chequing account and close the savings account**
- 17. MOTION: To redeem the variable rate GICs original amounts of \$32,086 and \$50,000 - and move \$32,086 plus any interest paid on the two vehicles into the chequing account and invest \$50,000 into the new BMO variable rate GIC product. The rate of this vehicle is prime - 1.85%**



## Executive Report 2019/2020

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2019/2020 was a year of ups and downs. Regular programs were running well. River Skate 2020 February 1st and 2nd, 2020 had been a successful competition. There was an assessment day scheduled for March 21st, 2020, which had been a goal for several months given changes in evaluator certification requirements. Planning for the March 29th, 2020 Ice Show, Drop the Mic, was well underway. It was the second year the show was to take place at Merlis Belsher Place. The registration response to the April 4th and 5th, 2020 seminar with Elvis Stojko (3-time World Champion, 2-time Olympic Silver Medalist and 7-time Canadian Champion) and his wife Gladys Orozco had been met with overwhelming enthusiasm.

The Hall rental activity was continuing to gain good traction. Single skaters off-ice was provided for winter 2019/2020 in the hall with arrangements directly between the facilitator and skater(s) again. Three of the synchro teams also held off-ice in the hall during winter 2019/2020.

As a result of Covid-19 Skate Saskatoon was closed abruptly March 16th, 2020. The upcoming Assessment Day, Drop the Mic and Spring School 2020 were cancelled. The Elvis Stojko seminar was deferred. The club remained closed until the week of June 29th, at which time there was a soft reopening ahead of Summer School, which commenced July 6th, in order to ensure everything was running smoothly with the Covid-19 protocol. To date we are very pleased that this has remained the case.

During summer 2020 the club had a hall rental arrangement with the Boys & Girls Club where they held a summer day camp for nine weeks. The management of Boys & Girls Club were extremely satisfied with the facility and the rental arrangement ran very smoothly. We are optimistic that this arrangement can continue in future summers. Under normal circumstances this could run in tandem with off-ice.

The club has spent significant time and effort in order to achieve the primary goal of keeping the facility safe. Careful consideration has been given to the fluid requirements imposed by Skate Canada and several levels of government in order to implement, execute and modify the ongoing protocol needed to ensure compliance. The club's key goals during the Covid-19 era are minimization of risk while continuing to viably run valuable skating programs and provide skating opportunities, altered as necessary to meet regulation requirements.

We look forward to local assessment days again. The format will be tailored accordingly.

The 2021 Ice Show will not run in its conventional format. In the absence of an Ice Show and competitions the club is looking at the possibility of a performance event that could take place within our facility while remaining compliant with all current provincial Covid-19 guidelines. The Section will be providing related information to assist.

Skate Saskatoon's board had many months of special board meetings to address regulations, required protocol, program modifications, schedule logistics and other special circumstance topics as a result of Covid-19. Regular



## Executive Report 2019/2020

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business items had to be deferred. More recently regular business items are able to be given attention again, which is encouraging.

The club continues to operate with a small board, which has resulted in high demand for board members, especially given current circumstances. We would ask members to give consideration to participating in this capacity or on a committee of interest. Although this is a challenging time to get involved the board and executive have excellent communication, which is rewarding.

A strategic planning session is on the action plan for the club. Involvement in this type of process allows an opportunity to provide input in relation to the club's short- and long-term goals.

The dedication of our coaches, program coordinators and operations team at Skate Saskatoon is greatly appreciated. The current situation underscores the significant benefits of strong team work.

On behalf of the executive of Skate Saskatoon our sincere thanks for your support of the club. We look forward to continuing to work together to move out of the Covid-19 era successfully.



## CANSKATE REPORT (2019-20) submitted by Blaise Kirchgesner & Neil Tymoruski (co-ordinators)

This was the 4th year that we co-ordinated the CanSkate program. There were no programming changes implemented by the Skate Canada National Office.

### FALL 2019 (September)

The CanSkate sessions in Fall were offered on Mondays and Wednesdays (5:45 – 6:30 PM). This is a wonderful “short-term” way of having people experiment with the program, and then sign up for the winter season, which is much longer. Each September we try to recruit as many Program Assistants as possible, and hold a brief training session at the end of September. We then encourage them to sign up for the Winter sessions.

2018 Fall Summary - 82 % filled:

Monday 35skaters/50 spots

Wednesday 47 skaters/50 spots

2019 Fall Summary -79% filled:

Monday 45skaters/50 spots

Wednesday 34 skaters/50 spots

### WINTER 2019-20 (October – March)

The Winter 2019-20 registration process was again divided into two terms (Oct – Dec and Jan – March). We believe that this split registration process enhances the numbers as it does not seem so financially intimidating. The winter program (again) consisted of 8 sessions per week – each session skated 11 times before Christmas and 11 times after Christmas. The 11<sup>th</sup> session was “family skate” and progress report hand out day. The “testing” days were held on sessions 7, 8, and 9. For term 1 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> session, all parents were invited to attend a “parent information meeting” which included a handout. The same process occurred during term 2. The handout was also emailed to every participant and posted throughout the rink. Despite the information, we continue to see an alarming amount of plastic skates, poorly tied skates, and inappropriate protective gear. All of the Club Coaches were involved with coach CanSkate, and we had to hire several replacement coaches. There continues to be a struggle with finding Program Assistants, no matter what incentive is presented. If the CanSkaters are capable, we provide them with an information letter/invitation to move up to Advanced PreSTAR/STAR 1 & 2. This invitation is generally given between sessions 1-4 for term 1 and term 2. We find that this invitation has worked well for moving skaters from CanSkate to Advanced. The Advanced Co-ordinator and the Office is made aware of who receives the invitation so that the proper registration can be done.

We were already in the planning stages when the rink was shut down March 16 due to covid. The sessions remaining were the family skates and the ice show. The skater had the opportunity to receive their report cards during 4 pick-up sessions in the summer.

For comparison, the Winter 2017-18 and 2018-2019 numbers (skaters/spots) are listed below.

	<u>TERM 1 2017</u>	<u>TERM 2 2018</u>	<u>TERM 1 2018</u>	<u>Term 2 2019</u>	<u>Term 1 2019</u>	<u>Term 2 2020</u>
	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Oct – Dec	Jan - Mar
Mon A	58/60	54/55	59/60	58/60	58	60
Tue B	50/58	55/55	51/60	59/60	55	59
Wed C	58/60	55/55	52/55	61/61	52	59
Thur D	51/56	56/55	49/55	59/60	31	58
Sat E	44/55	55/58	43/45	59/60	36	60



Sat F	35/56	62/62	46/46	58/60	38	60
Sun G	49/55	54/55	30/40	59/60	36	57
Sun H	36/40	55/55	28/35	60/60	29	59

<i>*2016-2017*</i>	<i>*TERM 1 = 311 skaters*</i>	<i>*TERM 2 = 420 skaters*.....TOTAL = 731</i>
<i>*2017-2018*</i>	<i>*TERM 1 = 372 skaters*</i>	<i>*TERM 2 = 446 skaters*.....TOTAL = 818</i>
<i>*2018-2019*</i>	<i>*TERM 1 = 358 skaters*</i>	<i>*TERM 2 = 473 skaters*.....TOTAL = 831</i>
<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>TERM 1 = 335 skaters</b>	<b>TERM 2 = 472 skaters.....TOTAL = 807 skaters</b>

#### SPRING SCHOOL 2020 (April – May 2020) – ARENA CLOSED – NO SESSIONS

Here are the totals from the previous two spring sessions:

	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	<u>TOTAL</u>
SPRING 2018	58	57	53	57	225
SPRING 2019	60	44	44 (+4)	59	211

#### SUMMER SCHOOL 2020 (July – August, 2020 – 8 weeks) – RESTRICTED DUE TO COVID

In Summer, we were able to offer the ADVANCED PRESTAR/STAR 1 & 2 group lessons for weeks 5, 6, 7, and 8. The registrations were 8, 11, 11, and 12 skaters.

The number of skaters registered for CanSkate and Advanced PreSTAR in previous years were:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018 CS/Adv PreSTAR</u>	
Week 1	N/A	23	6
Week 2	50	18	11
Week 3	41	15	8
Week 4	31	15	7
Week 5	29	19	4
Week 6	27	26	5
Week 7	33	33	9
Week 8	48	32	8
Week 9	48	41	6
	<b>AVE = 38</b>	<b>AVE = 24/AVE = 7</b>	

Power skating group lessons ran weeks 7 and 8. The class was full with registration of 18 skaters.



## ADVANCED PRESTAR 1&2 REPORT

2019-2020 SEASON

SUBMITTED BY PADGET RIEDIGER

The Winter Season of the Advanced PreStar 1&2 was another successful one in my opinion. I feel as a whole we saw a wonderful increase in skating ability throughout the season with another big increase in the number of skaters for Term 2.

The Advanced PreStar 1&2 Program is filled with skaters working on Stage 4-6 badges within the age range of 5-15 and new this year the addition of skaters working on Star 1 & 2. In comparison to the Canskate Program; the Program has been slightly modified to include more aspects of figure skating to introduce the skaters to what figure skating is really about and not just a learn to skate program. Again we saw a decline in the total enrollment skating more than one day which is so important for a quicker progress within the program. The more they skate the quicker they progress. This is down for a second year in a row. I'm not sure what the problem or solution to this situation is.

We have a class on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays. The main coaches for this program are Padget Riediger, Sandra Nicholat, Dale Hazel, and Rosemary Armstrong and Blaise Kirchgerner. Neil Tymoruski assisted when needed.

I have a specific lesson plan which I make up every week for all groups and levels. I make sure I discuss with the other coaches what they feel is needed for every group that they work with to make sure I can focus on the needs and weaknesses of the skaters while giving them a rounded education of figure skating while at the same time making them better all around skaters.

The program consists of a regular structured stroking and warm up for about 13 minutes done to music with many different tasks being covered within this time frame. Once completed we do attendance and then break up into smaller groups by badge levels with ages being a factor within the badge levels. They begin with work on edge development which will consist of turns and edge exercises which I have specifically laid out for each group.

We will then go into more of a Freeskate portion of the lesson in which we cover Spiral, Drags, Spins and Jumps according to each badge level. We will also cover basics in dance steps to give them a start on the basic terminology of a few beginner steps and how they are done. The lesson plans are very specific as to what is to be done each day.





Once this is done we have approximately 5 minutes of group instruction time remaining in which we review the elements that were instructed the previous week with the skaters.

We do official testing for badges in December and again in March in which Progress Reports Cards and badges are handed out to each skater.

This Year with Covid cancelling all programs as of March 15<sup>th</sup> we were unable to host the family skate week in which we hand out all of the progress report cards. There were a couple of days set aside in the summer and fall in which this was offered for parents to come and collect the sheets. Others will be handed out in the Term 1 of the winter season of Advanced PreStar in 2020.

This year again was broken up in to Term 1 (Oct-Dec) and Term 2 (Jan-March) . The registration for Term 1 was 77 up slightly from 73 skaters last year with 14 skaters skating more than 1 time per week (up from 11 last year) . Monday was at 19 skaters, Wednesday 22, Thursday 25 and Saturday was at 27 skaters. A total of 22 skaters passed Stage 4, 3 Skaters passed Stage 5 and 8 Skaters passed Stage 6 at the end of Term 1.

Term 2 was down to a total of 87 skaters registered compared to 105 last year. 12 skaters attended more than 1 time per week (slightly down from 14 last year). Monday was at 15 skaters, Wednesday 30, Thursday 27 and Saturday was at 30 skaters. A total of 16 Skaters passed Stage 4, 19 Skaters passed Stage 5 and 4 Skaters passed Stage 6. We did not do any testing for the Star 1&2 skaters as they would be tested in their private lessons with their own coach. For Term 1 we had 22 Skaters in the Star 1&2 Group. Term 2 we had 20 skaters in the Star 1&2 Group.

With having the Star 1&2 skaters in the Advanced PreStar program I feel it was very beneficial for them to have some group structure. They were able to take part in a great comprehensive warm up stroking and then broke off to their own level of grouping. They concentrated on Skills and Dance as their freeskate would be taken care of from their personal private lesson coach. They were a huge asset to us when it came to the ice show as we had strong leaders for our groups and great mentors to the weaker skaters.

Overall I feel the winter session was a great success. Sadly we were unable to have the ice show due to Covid, but from skaters indications we would have had a good attendance of skaters participating in the show.

For the Spring Session we were unable to host the Advanced PreStar due to cancellation of all skating due to Covid.

We did run a small 1 session Fall session in 2019 held on Tuesdays. There were 18 skaters in total. No testing was done as there were only 4 classes.



**Suggestions:**

I know there are still skaters that were encouraged to jump out of the Advanced PreStar program and move strictly into private lessons. Again I feel it is important that all skaters should move up through the program and this way keep the numbers alive within the program. The great instruction in so many areas within the program is essential to a well-rounded learning experience that will only benefit the skaters in the long run. With having the Star 1&2 skaters stay within the program the skaters finishing the Stage 6 had a place to stay and reap the benefits from a great program. Encouraging them to pull out of the program too early not only hurts the program but also the skaters. We can also have more coaches on the ice working as this is for most of us our main source of employment and therefore every hour counts.

Padget Riediger

Advanced PreStar 1&2 Coordinator



### **REPORT FOR ADULT SKATE (2019-20) by Blaise Kirchgesner**

The idea of having a designated adult skating session had been tried before, but having it at a regular date and time starting in November 2018 was met with good success. Every year there were inquiries about adult skating, and we had encouraged them to try CanSkate. Unfortunately, due to the busyness of the session, this is challenging and fearful for the adults.

For the 2019-2020 Winter season the program continued to be set up based on purchase of a ten-session ticket to provide flexibility in which Saturdays the registrant can skate. Once the ticket is fully used another ticket can be purchased. The role of the paid coach supervisor was to provide “guided – instructional – supervision.” It was not his/her job to provide direct individual or group instruction, but to provide tips or small amounts of help where needed.

In the 2019-2020 year there were 15 registrations.  
There was a wide range in age and ability.



## STAR and Competitive Report 2019-2020 Season

### **STAR:**

The STAR program had a successful River Skate competition at ACT (see Riverskate report). The numbers in the STAR program are trending downwards, with the majority of skaters at the STAR 3 or lower level.

### **Competitive:**

The number of competitive skaters at Skate Saskatoon continues to decrease, of particular concern is the Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile levels which had only 8 participants from Skate Saskatoon at Sectionals.

### **Sectional Competitors and Results:**

Category	# from Skate Saskatoon	Medal Results
Pre-Juvenile Women U11	0	
Pre-Juvenile Men U11	1	Silver
Pre-Juvenile Women U13	3	Silver
Pre-Juvenile Men U13	0	
Juvenile Women U12	1	Gold
Juvenile Men U12	0	
Juvenile Women U14	2	Bronze
Juvenile Men U14	1	Gold
Pre-Novice Women	1	
Pre-Novice Men	0	
Novice Women	4	Silver – challenge qualifier
Novice Men	1 (training location)	Gold
Junior Women	1 (doesn't train in S'toon)	Gold
Junior Men	0	
Senior Women	1	
Senior Men	0	
Pre-Novice Dance	1	Gold – Challenge qulifier
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	



Team Sask Skaters, including ones with Skate Saskatoon as a Training Location:

Team	2019-2020	2020-2021	Change
Junior Development	2	0	-2
Development	2	2	0
Competitive	3	2	-1
High Performance	3	2	-1
Elite	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-4</b>



## **Synchro report for 2019-2020 season**

Our season started out very well.

We had 6 teams again this year, which consisted of the following levels:

Beginner 2 with 11 skaters

Pre-Juvenile with 9 skaters

Juvenile with 12 skaters (10 full skaters 2 double team skaters from Pre-Juvenile)

Pre-Novice with 10 skaters

Adult 2 with 13 skaters

Open with 18 skaters (14 full time and 4 double team skaters from Pre-Novice)

It was great to see so many full teams and that our programs are continuing to grow.

We started our season off by having our usual open houses in the first two weeks of September. This then lead into our choreo weekend with the St.Cyr sisters from Calgary. This nicely set us up for our programs for the year.

Competitions and results that we attended included the following:

Calgary Rose Bowl - Dec 13, 2019 three teams attended.

Pre-Novice finished 2nd

Adult 2 finished 3rd

Open finished 3rd

Prairie Regionals in Killarney Manitoba Feb 2020 four teams attended.

Pre-Juvenile finished 1st

Juvenile finished 3rd

Pre-Novice 1st

Open finished 2nd

The Beginner 2 team skated at River Skate 2020 hosted by Skate Saskatoon.

We had all six teams planning to attend the Regina Living Skies Competition on March 13-14th weekend. This competition was cancelled at the last minute due to the start of COVID-19 within the province.

All of our teams placed very well at each of the competitions and the growing strength and quality of our club as a whole in regard to synchro is definitely being noticed at the judging level through their comments during feedback sessions. Our Pre-Novice team was able to hold onto their first-place title for the second year in a row, being the Sask/Manitoba champions.



Due to the cancellation of the Ice Show we were unable to perform like the rest of the other Skate Saskatoon Members. This was disappointing as it is always a great way to finish off our season on a high note!

As a coach I was invited and attended the National Synchro Championships in Calgary in their first coach Mentor program hosted by Skate Alberta. It was an amazing experience and opportunity to see and hear everything firsthand from both the coaching and judging technical side of things.

Three of our team being the Pre-Novice, Open, and Adult 2 teams continued to rent the upstairs hall again this year to do our off-ice dry land training sessions. This has been a great help having opportunity to use this space so we can do both on ice and off-ice in the same building.

We had planned to have synchro skills sessions in spring season but due to the closure of the rink we were unable to have these sessions. We are optimistic that these might be in our future.



## **REPORT FROM BLAISE KIRCHGESNER – Stroking Sessions (Sunday) for the 2019-2020 Season**

**REGISTRATION: Sunday 2:15 – 3:00 PM; 15 skaters registered; average 11.2 skaters per session; 24 sessions in the season.**

**This is my 11<sup>th</sup> year teaching the stroking sessions. Each year, the number of registrations has varied. The stroking session is 45 minutes in length. The sessions incorporate turns, edges, speed, jumps, spins, figures, field moves, rhythm, timing, group skating, synchro., stations, endurance, and stretching. We also utilized pylons, hockey sticks, hoola hoops, benches, and podiums.**

**The numbers were fairly consistent throughout the season, but do not include a number of skaters that signed-on. The skaters in this stroking group generally ranged from Advanced CanSkate to PreSTAR 1-2 (Junior/Senior Bronze). The placement of the Session is wonderful because the skaters have an open option before and after the stroking session. Although there is a wonderful social aspect to this program, the underlying goal is to improve the overall skating quality.**





### **REPORT FOR CLUB DEVELOPMENT TIME 2019-20 (by Blaise Kirchgesner)**

Club development time was designated from 7:15 – 8:45 PM on Saturday nights during the winter season (October – March). The ice time was designated by myself, trying to fulfill the requests of club members/groups. The week or two before competitions, the ice would be designated for program simulations. The program simulations were always well attended and are a valuable tool in preparing for competitions. As well, the synchro teams would also use the ice the week before their competitions. There were several sessions designated as BYOC/ OPEN.

#### **October:**

Battle Blades  
BYOC  
Battle Blades  
Simulations Sectionals

#### **November:**

Simulations Sectionals  
Bring Friend (Adv)  
Simulations Challenge  
M-W CanSkaters Family  
Th-Sat CanSkaters Family

#### **December:**

Synchro  
Winter Wonderskate  
BYOC

#### **January:**

BYOC  
BYOC  
Simulations  
Synchro

#### **February:**

Canskate Family  
Canskate Family  
Simulation  
BYOC

#### **March:**

Synchro  
BYOC



## Region 5 & 9 River Skate 2020 Competition Report

What a great weekend!

We had several of our skaters and their parents volunteer to be Ice Captains, Runners, Announcers, Music Players and work the Registration/Raffle Table. Our Hospitality committee, Liberty and Collin Kowalchuk, oversaw feeding all officials. Collin also took care of distributing their gift cards before they departed on Sunday. Our Club Manager, Blaise Kirchesner, worked with Chair Nicole Sereda to create the tech package plus he spent the better part of Saturday playing music, announcing and overseeing the competition. Our Executive Director Teresa Schmautz took care of all the money, printing of the programs, gift card purchases, and worked the registration table. She also ensured all officials who came from a distance received their reimbursement cheques before they departed.

We had 14 donated prizes from Nutrien, SaskTel, Kaizen Massage, Tommy Guns, Subway, the U of S, Calendar Club, Bike Universe, Sask Shop and Heinrichs Jewellery. NSC Minerals donated \$150 which we used to purchase more raffle table items from Skate Canada. 10 tickets were sold for \$10.

Kate Korchinski created memento paper skates with each skater's name on them and she taped to the change-room hallway walls. Sarah Grieve and Kate Korchinski did all the hall decorations, podium set-up, medal and ribbon presentations.

We put our data specialists, Karen German & Stacey Schindel, into the main office again this year. This worked quite well as they also had immediate access to the photocopier plus they were able to lock the door at night to keep everything secure.

Catherine Ready was our Pre-Event Tech Rep. She did a great job of arranging the weekend schedule; however, we did run ahead most of the time making us realize that we probably could have made this into a one-day competition if we had started earlier, ended later and condensed some of the events. Laura Scherr, our Event Tech Rep, did a fabulous job overseeing River Skate.

We were very relieved that no major incidents or accidents occurred during the weekend event, (especially once the wain main broke outside the arena on Monday and ACT had to be shut down).

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Sereda  
River Skate 2020 Chairperson



**2019/20 Competitive Season Skaters Assistance**

<b>JILLIAN AND SHANE BENKO RE CHALLENGE EDMONTON, ALBERTA</b>	<b>\$570</b>
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<b>REBECCA SCHINDEL RE CHALLENGE EDMONTON, ALBERTA</b>	<b>\$450</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,020</b>
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## **Skate Saskatoon Assessment Day Committee**

### **Annual Report**

### **July 2019-June 2020**

- \* Committee members: Teresa Schmautz, Lori Lisitza, Jodie Lacelle, Blaise Kirchgesner, Nicole Sereda, Carmen Allen
- \* In late 2019, Senior Bronze to Gold tests were phased out and STAR 6 to Gold assessments were introduced by Skate Canada. The term “test” was changed to “assessment.”
- \* The Skate Saskatoon Test Day Committee was renamed “Skate Saskatoon Assessment Day Committee” in Fall 2019.
- \* In October 2019, Skate Canada – Saskatchewan specified that future requests for assessment days must be submitted by Regional Coordinators rather than by individual clubs. Nicole Sereda, Region 9 Coordinator, will request assessment dates on behalf of Skate Saskatoon.
  
- \* In fiscal year 2019-2020, Skate Saskatoon coaches assessed 142 STAR 1-5 tests (42.3% decrease from previous year).
- \* One test day was held for Senior Bronze and higher levels (August 2019).
- \* An assessment day was not granted in December 2019 due to a Skate Canada delay in rolling out the new STAR 6-Gold assessments and training assessors.
- \* Skate Saskatoon’s March 2020 assessment day was cancelled because of rink closure due to the COVID-19 lockdown.
- \* In October 2019, certificates of achievement were presented to 27 skaters who completed an entire level in STAR 1-5 in 2018-2019. Certificates were awarded to 14 skaters for passing test levels in at least one discipline at the Senior Bronze level or higher during the past year.



### STAR 1-5 Assessment Summary

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Total
# Tests	16	21	0	12	17	28	4	21	23	0	0	0	142

### Senior Bronze to Gold Test Day Summary

	Date(s)	Times (p.m.)	# Tests	# Pass	# Retry	Evaluator(s)
1	Thursday, August 22, 2019	5:05-8:35	23	20	3	Kathy Piller Jayson Peace

## Region 9 Report 2019/2020

Please continue to consult [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) for updated info regarding skating in Saskatchewan. This has links to all upcoming events including competitions, meetings, assessment days, etc. throughout the province as well as info on Sask Sport/Safe Sport. There is also access to Awards nominations for all skaters, coaches and volunteers. Nominate as many people as you'd like. Awards may be given out at annual ice shows/carnivals.

The section has now included a new \$30 'Fundraising Adjustment Fee' to all Skate Canada registered skaters. Each club is to keep track of their number of skaters. The \$30/skating member is to be invoiced out in early January to cover the bulk of our skaters and then again quarterly to cover anyone who was missed or hadn't registered yet. This year, the second invoice will not be issued to any club. *Excerpt of April 6 letter from Section Chairperson Carla Laevens: With changes to the Skaters' Lottery, to balance the budget and to secure funding for skating programs, a motion was passed at the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting to continue the Fundraising Adjustment Fee of \$30.00 per registrant (Skate Canada registered member) with the exception of Club Executive Members (maximum five(5)), Officials and Section Board Members.* Clubs must classify their board correctly; this isn't for those who randomly volunteer.

There will be an informational Ice Conference(formerly known as the Club Development Seminar) in October 2020. Every club should send representatives to take part.

It is important to consider bidding for and hosting the annual Road Show in your community. This is a really great chance to see our local and provincial stars exhibit their talents while keeping our sport highly visible in our province.

The Skate Canada Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting was held online on Zoom on May 2. This new format came with a few hiccups but overall ran very smoothly with over 150 'attendees'.

Telephone Club Survey – This was done by J. Fritter. Basically, we need better communication with and through our Regional Coordinators. However, it's always okay to contact the section office with questions and concerns. It was suggested that we develop a communication methodology to ensure the correct information is received by all clubs. Canada Skate Ice Summit for May 29-30 in Moncton has been cancelled. Skate Canada will hold their AGM online on May 30, 2020. Information was included in the latest version of 'Inside Edge'.

The Anne Collingridge FSC is not likely to be able to have an upcoming skating season as their arena, Merlis Belsher Place, has been set up as the COVID-19 overflow field hospital should the need arise.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Sereda



## **Skate Saskatoon 2020- 2021 Executive and Board Nomination Report**

### **Board Executive**

**Robert Peace – President**

**Crystal Kowalchuk-Trapp – Vice-President**

**Michelle Wilfing - Secretary**

### **Board Members at Large**

**Carmen Allen - Member at Large**

**Barbara Bordalejo - Member at Large**

**Cheryl de Villiers - Member at Large**

**Andrea Foster - Member at Large**

### **Coaching Representative**

**Blaise Kirchgesner**