



VCSSC Annual General Meeting - Agenda and Notes
April 12, 2021

6:00-7:30 WebEx Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Executive Members:

Terry Lazaruk, Jessica Seely, Trinda Elwert, Calvin Desmarais, Christina Bulmer, Sean Beaumann

Members:

Sara Lazaruk, Jeremy Seely, Leal Beaumann, Chris Solberg, Kat Solberg, Shay Bulmer, Mike Reed, Alexis Seely, Alison Desmarais

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Club Financials
3. Grants
4. Registration & Annual Dues
5. Executive positions
6. Coaching
7. Covid 19 & the club
8. Key dates - items to address before next season start-up (tentative)
9. Questions

1: Welcome- Terry

2. Financial Report

	2020	2021
Revenue	\$36,364	\$24,440.07
Expenses	\$43,840.26	\$16,643.38
Balances	Operating Account: \$20,705.56 Gaming Account: \$10.00	Operating Account: \$25,406.85 Gaming Account: \$8.92

We saw a massive decrease in overall expenses for the last year: registration was half of what it was last season. Despite this we are \$5000 ahead of where we were last year, due to reduced expenses. Primarily, this is due to changes in the process of registration: the new system (IceReg) funnels payments

directly to the three recipients: clubs, BCSSA, and SSC. BCSSA/ SSC fees are no longer handled at the club level (~\$10,000/yr).

Practices started later in the year last year than normal, with reduced Master skating sessions (~\$2,200 in ice fees)

No equipment depreciation is shown here (~\$9,500 – to be added at year end -)

Also this season there were no meet expenses, or coaching expenses (~\$3,700)

3: Grants

Loss of SSC and BCCSSC fees through our account has had a big impact on our grant eligibility.

Ordinarily our bank balance can only be 50% of expenditures in order to qualify. This requirement has been waived for this year only- we will be eligible to apply to the grant next year, thanks to this. The following year, however, we will have some decisions to make. We can either spend money to reduce the balance, or operate without the grant until the account balance drops.

4 -Registration and Annual Dues

There were minor upgrades and improvements applied to the online system which will continue to be used next year.

SSC has made changes to names of specific categories, and cost:

- Competitive (now Provincial Athlete: \$42 up to \$45)
- Recreational (now Club Athlete: \$21 down to \$8)
- Associate/Coach (now only called Coach: \$6.50 up to \$7)
- Associate/Official (now only Official: \$6.50 up to \$7)
- Associate/Volunteer (now Volunteer: \$6.50 down to \$0. Great news for meets!)

Numbers: last year we had 50 skaters, plus associate members; this year only 27 skaters. There were a variety of reasons for this - in part we did not offer an Active Start category, which had a big impact on families. We are hoping that some of these families will return to the club next fall. Terry is planning a presentation at schools before the end of the school year in hopes of getting the Active Start program started up again.

5. Executive Positions – need volunteers to replace at a minimum of two:

President: Terry Lazaruk (year 2)

(-Terry is willing to stay on for another year)

Vice President: Calvin Desmarais - End of term. (Thank you Calvin!)

- No nomination for a new VP was made during the meeting.

Secretary: Vacant

-A nomination was made earlier for Ann Douglas, but she is not present to confirm. Terry will contact Ann after the meeting.

Treasurer: Christina Bulmer (year 1 of term)

-Christina is able to finish the season and submit the grant application but is looking for a replacement.

Registrar: Trinda Elwert (year 3). Trinda is able to continue.

Directors:

Dianne Raymond (year 1 - can continue)

Jessica Seely (long time- can continue)

Sean Beaumann (also Equipment Manager -year 2) Sean can continue another year in both capacities.

(Vacant positions will be appointed at an upcoming executive meeting.)

6. Coaching

Coaches this season were Terry, Calvin, Kat, Jeremy, Dianne, Ann, & Jessica: discussion will be necessary over the summer as things develop.

7. Covid and the Club

The past season was challenging. We are hopeful for a more interactive season next year. Assuming provincial restrictions allow, the first half of next season is intended to be set up for regional meets (Vhoof, FSJ, PG) Starting in early January - LT and ST Provincials are intended to take place. However, kids under 18 are not vaccinated; this plan is based on the herd immunity hoped for by mid-January, reducing risk to kids skating in the competitions. Plans could change.

8. Key dates

...and items to address before season start up (all tentative)

- Ice users meeting (TBD)
- Skate fitting/rentals – Early Sept
- Tentative start date – end of Sept (Sept 20 or 27)

9. Discussion

Trinda asked about our registration - leaving till August...? open earlier?

Terry feels we should wait for the vaccination progress - it is in the best interests of the club to let people reach a comfort level regarding the club operation before they are asked to make a commitment.

Sean asked about summer programs. Nothing is currently scheduled for summer dryland and training - more opportunity is possible at this point with groups of 10 allowed to gather outside currently- but as we have seen things can change. The hope is to have a plan for dryland in place, to begin when school ends

if possible (July - August). Ft. St. John club would like to offer something along the lines of summer camp- what is possible will hinge on how quickly the vaccinations roll out and how this impacts restrictions.

The officials' platform and timing booth is still going forward with some setbacks - we were not supposed to pay for plans, but this changed - we were fortunately able to get some donations to pay for the plans which are complete. There is one outstanding invoice from Scouten that Terry is negotiating. Once we have the building permit in place, construction can begin. The booth will be in place (if all goes well) next season when competition opens up.

Update on mats: 26 mats were repaired and returned to storage. Shadow Leathers gave us a great discount on labour (they had 3 people working 6 days but billed us much less than that time.) The "heavy" mats were actually saturated- the "leaners" had a double layer of foam which had shifted. The pieces have been straightened and adjusted to lean toward the boards rather than falling inward toward the track. We expected to need to replace 4 of the mats but all mats were salvageable - great outcome. The final bill was just over \$3000, which was very close to the amount remaining to spend from last year's grant.

Our quote on replacement came in at just over \$600/per mat. This cost is so high due to a lot of shipping. Shadow Leathers may be able to match, or come in slightly under this cost, to fabricate mats for us in the future. Terry also put a call out to the rest of the province to see if others are looking for mats (combining shipping can bring cost down). Prince George is in the market for mats but is talking to Mitch at Shadow Leathers as well..

We have put the Shadow Leathers' logo on two mats (at cost of \$50) to thank him for supporting us and helping us so much over the years with repairs at low cost.

Quebec remains the only Canadian source for new mats - they are themselves a secondary supplier sourcing from the US.

Terry said the lifespan of a mat was discussed on a President's call: it is apparently intended that the lifespan of a mat is 15 years. However if mats are maintained and repaired regularly and foam integrity is being checked it is reasonable to use them longer, and replace as required when disintegration begins. Our mats are stored indoors which is optimum..

Meeting adjourned.