

# Canmore Skating Club – Administrative Highlights 2023-24 Season

## President

1. Strategic Plan
  - a. The plan was developed for 2022-24. Have done a good job of meeting many of the short-term goals – increase coaching base, grow skater base, offer CanSkate 2 days per week, building on lower Star levels.
  - b. An update of the plan will be required for the next few years. Many of the strategic priorities will remain the same concerning recruiting coaches and skaters to meet our demands and ensure the club achieves its mission and vision. The majority of the strategic plan has been attained in the area of People, Programming, Growth & Finance.
  - c. Areas yet to be addressed include meeting with the coaches annually to assess their goals, learning opportunities and overall areas of improvement and what is working well.
2. Addition of many new faces to coaching team. Leslie Dueck as Skating Director and Caitlin MacLeod, Maya Gonzalez, Geerthana Somas, Marta Pietrasik and Thomas Williams.
3. Extending length of jump harness in Thelma Crowe. Engineer's report received at a cost of \$900. Cost of fabrication and installation underway. Mark looking to finding a contractor for the project. Projecting another \$2,000.
4. Grants received:
  - a. True Sport Foundation - \$2,500 to assist skaters with Dance Partner mileage costs.
  - b. Skate Canada AB/NW/NT Inclusive and Adaptive Skating Grant - \$2,320.15
  - c. Rotary Club of Canmore - \$3,000 for Ice Show

## Fundraising

1. Casino August 23 & 24 at Ace Casino in Calgary made \$61,925. Huge thank you to Val Laferriere for coordinating this during a very difficult time of year to get volunteers. Many families did double and triple shifts. Next casino 2027Q1.
2. Invited to participate in Banff Skating Club fundraising events - Banff Marathon, Melissa's Road Race and Banff Christmas Market. Expected to net about \$3,500.
3. Wreaths and Swags sales - \$1,700
4. Rafflebox 50/50 (Ice Show) - \$1,800
  - a. Could run a couple of weeks before winter gala and draw at Three Sisters FunSkate. Nice to have automated processes even though cost is 10% of pot.

## Programming / Membership:

1. Membership grew from 97 to 125 active skaters.
2. Return of Monday and Thursday CanSkate sessions. Excellent response with an average of 34 skaters per class.
3. Pre-STAR group program was not offered during Fall and Winter due to the lack of skaters at the CanSkate Stage 4-6 level and the readiness of Star 1 skaters to move to private and semi-private lesson format.

4. Star and Podium Pathway (formerly Competitive) programs exceeded their targets for registration by at least 15%.
5. Spring session in progress and meeting registration expectations. CanSkate and CanSkate 4-6 & Star 1-3 programs are below targets but are being offered. All programs are being subsidized to some extent.
6. Summer ice is six weeks in Canmore. Warm-up week into 2024-25 season will hopefully be hosted by the Banff Skating Club.
7. 2024-25 tentative ice allocation is much the same as this year with some additional time available on Sunday evening, Wednesday morning and Saturday morning for new programs. Rate increase is expected but do not know how much it will be. Ice Users meeting June 12.

## Social / Team Building

(for Star and Podium Pathway skaters; CanSkate generally not included)

- New jacket design with colour logo. New supplier Paradise. Thank you to Laura and Dominique for coordinating.
- Awards and Season Wrap party at CanGOLF, May 15. Ideas for next year welcome - send to club email.
- Social Media – Big thank you to Dominique for continuing to do postings.

## Skating Events

- Performance Day – November 13. Gave skaters an opportunity to put their programs in front of an audience early in the competition season.
- Gala “Winter Whirl” – December 14. Sound problems meant a quick move to Thelma Crowe from Alex Kaleta.
- Holiday Camp with guest coaches Anne Schelter, Kaetlyn Osmond and ballet instructor Monika Langer, December 27-29 was extremely successful. All sessions were full. Anne attracted a lot of skaters from out-of-town. (Essentially 50/50 Canmore vs non-Canmore.) Thank you to Jan for connecting with and hosting Anne.
- “Gliding Through the Sounds of Time”. Big thank you to Carol and committee (it takes a village!) for bringing back the biennial Ice Show after a 6-year hiatus. Wonderful memories! Thank you to major sponsor Encore. Barbie / Taylor Swift music in two years LOL.
- FunSkate 2025 – tentative date March 29.

## Coaches Report:

- Athletic achievements
  - Val Laferriere – Alberta Merit Award, StarSkate and Adult Championships
  - Hazel Schmaltz – Zone 2, Juvenile Alberta Winter Games
  - Paige Domenico – Novice 6<sup>th</sup> place at AB/NT/NU Sectionals
  - Maya Gonzalez – Novice 9<sup>th</sup> place at AB/NT/NU Sectionals
- Section Awards nominees
  - Spirit and Passion of Skating Award (Adult Skater) – Carol Manson McLeod (won)
  - Star Athlete – Maya Aura

- Program Assistant – Madison Faupel
- Adaptive Skater – Adele Skinner
- CanSkate – Arjun Naidu
- Marilyn Chidlow – Claudia Vaillancourt

#### Assessments Chair Report: (Julia)

- Have been invited to Okotoks High Assessments Day on June 14 (4 skaters)
- Good number of Coach-assessed assessments (35 to date).