

SILVER BLADES AGM MEETING

Minutes of May 29, 2019

7:27 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.

Member's present: Colleen O'Brien, Andrea Horcsok, Kate Beresford, Mariette Merey, Alison Wilkie, Christina Semler, Suzanne Jacques, Jenn Myers JoAnn MacMillan, Emre Sarlak, Catherine Marcolin, Sharron Talmage, Richelle Colbear, Karin Miskovsky, Leslie Greene, Devinder Singh, Pam Baleva, Ross Bitove & Jeff Boyes (Humber Valley Hockey club), Leah Culotta, arrived late, Barbara Witt called in her update.

Regrets: Pat Devereaux

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decisions	Action Items
1. Welcome	Approval of May 23, 2018 AGM meeting minutes	Michelle Christie motions to accept minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenn Myers seconds All in favour 	
2. Season in Review	As presented by Suzanne Jacques	See attached Reports	
3. Board Reports		See attached Reports	
4. Financial Report	2017 – 18 Report as presented by Barb Witt	See attached Report – Report discussed by Suzanne Jacques on behalf of Barbara Witt	
5. Exiting 2018/19 Board of Director Members	Christina Semler Kate Beresford	Suzanne Jacques to present to Christina Semler and Kate Beresford	
6. Dissolve 2018/19 Board of Directors		Kate Beresford motions to dissolve current Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richelle Colbear seconds All in favour 	
5. Nomination and Election of 2019/20 Board of Directors	See attached list on last page of AGM Report	Kate Beresford motions to accept nominations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karin Miskovsk seconds 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in Favour 	
6. Appointment of Auditor		<p>Suzanne Jacques motions to appoint Barb Witt as Auditor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Christie seconds All in favour 	
6. Election of Nominating Committee	<p>Two Members at Large and one Board member:</p> <p>Richelle Colbear Karin Miskovsky Colleen O'Brien</p>	<p>Jenn Myers motions to accept nominating committee (2 Board Members must approve)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suzanne Jacques Michelle Christie 	
7. Coaches Rep	Pam Beleva was elected by the coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in favour 	
8. Motion to Adjourn		<p>Kate Beresfords motions to adjourn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All in favour 	

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Silver Blades Skating Club

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes from May 23, 2018
- Season in Review
- Board of Director Reports
 - Vice President & Facilities Chair Report
 - Membership Chair Report
 - Test Chair Report
 - STARSkate Chair Report
 - Member at Large - Synchro Chair Report
 - Member at Large - Special Events Chair Report
 - Competition Chair Report
 - Ice Show Chair Report
 - Treasurer/Finance Report
- Exiting 2018 / 2019 Board Members
 - Christina Semler
 - Kate Beresford
- Nomination and Election of 2019 / 2020 Board of Directors
- Appointment of Auditor
- Election of the Nominating Committee
- Adjournment

<p style="text-align: center;">SILVER BLADES SKATING CLUB Board of Directors 2018 / 2019 Season</p>

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**MEMBER AT LARGE
(SPECIAL EVENTS)** CHRISTINA SEMLER

COMPETITION CHAIR JENN MYERS

COACHES REPRESENTATIVE DEVINDER SINGH

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Season in Review 2018/2019

The 2018/2019 Season was another successful season for the Silver Blades Skating Club. The membership grew slightly and many of our programs were at, or close to, capacity. Our ice allocation from the city was similar to prior years.

In addition to running many of our traditional successful events such as club competition, open house and Canskate Olympics, the Club also ran a special seminar with Elvis Stojko and Gladys Orozco. The seminar was held on a Sunday and skaters were divided in 3 groups based on skating levels. The seminar was at full capacity and great feedback was received from skaters who participated in the event.

Changes that were made versus the prior years included:

- Minor adjustment to the points system for award to reflect the Star 1-5 tests as well as removal of synchro participation from the individual awards;
- Given the increased interest in synchro skating, the Club had 3 teams this season; and
- Newly establish synchro awards for the Teammate of the year.

Looking ahead to the upcoming season, the club may face the following challenges and/or opportunities:

- Adaptation to the change in Star 6 to Gold test structure;
- Consider re-introduction of off-ice classes (possibly focused on jumps and/or stretching classes);
- Change to the way we run the season with the elimination of a separate spring season; and
- Given that we have an ice show planned for 2020, we will also change the typical schedule for the ice show from mid-April to mid-May.

The Board is also committed to the safety of its skaters and will be reviewing on-ice safety protocols during the off season. Over the next year, we also plan to review the club constitution and develop additional policies, especially to address the issues of harassment, bullying and discrimination.

The Silver Blades Skating Club is a volunteer-run club many volunteers are needed throughout the season for the club and special events to run smoothly. We thank all of those who have helped in one way or another throughout the year. We continue to encourage you to reach out to us to see how you can get involved!

Suzanne Jacques
President
2018-2019 season

Vice President & Facilities Chair Report

2018 / 2019

In my role as Vice President, my areas of responsibility were coach communication including contracting and scheduling, supporting the club operations, facilities and a role on the Executive Committee. I also assisted the President with organizing the end of season banquet this year.

COACHES

Silver Blades has a highly qualified, enthusiastic and very dedicated group of coaches and it is a pleasure to work with all of them. Some things to note from the 2018/19 season:

- Roster included 20 Regular Coaches and 12 Substitutes
- Growing roster of Canskate Coaches many of whom are current and former Silver Blades skaters; Added 5 new Canskate Coaches (2 that coached regularly and 3 as Substitutes)
- Added 1 Senior Dance/Skills coach mid-season to meet the additional demands of our members
- Moved 1 Starskate Coach from our Substitute list to coach regularly on the Preliminary session in the Spring season and will continue coaching regularly next season
- We will be hiring new coach for the Beginner Synchro Team
- We will reevaluate our needs over the summer and continue to look for another Dance coach and possibly a Starskate Coach

FACILITIES

Silver Blades continues to work in partnership with the City of Toronto to ensure the ice allocation and scheduling meets the needs of our membership. Our ice allocation for 2019/20 has been confirmed and the city accommodated some adjustments in the scheduling to help us align our club calendar with Skate Ontario's Competition structure. Our ice time will be the same as the current season and we were able to secure additional ice time as follows:

- Wednesday – earlier start from 3 pm – 5:45 pm
- Friday – earlier start from 2:45 – 6:15 pm
- Requested additional morning – either Monday or Wednesday and will confirm in early summer

Some other things to note regarding facilities:

- Ice costs will be increasing by 4.07% for the 2019/20 season
- No major capital improvements are being planned at Central Arena but we will continue to try to work with the city on making improvements to the rink
- City helped us get in contact with the operator of the snack bar who allows us access on an occasional basis and will try to continue that as long as they don't change vendors
- Harness was inspected in August 2018 and is required every 3 years

BANQUET

The banquet was held on Monday May 6th, 2019 at Islington Golf Club for the second year in a row. Attendance was up slightly from last year with 156 guests (71 skaters and 85 coaches/board members/parents). We were fortunate to have a very dedicated committee including Sharon Talmage, Leslie Greene, Sandra Yoshikuni and Anna Magno. The format was similar to last year's banquet and some highlights are as follows:

- A brochure containing Test Achievements and Competition Results across the season was given to all attendees.

- Skaters who achieved Gold Levels were recognized for their extraordinary accomplishment with plaques, pins, badges and certificates.
- All skaters that achieved a complete test were recognized by calling them to the front in groups based on the highest level that they achieved in the previous test season and presented with either flowers (Star 1 -5) or badges (Sr. Bronze & up).
- Competition medalists were recognized on a banner displayed in the banquet hall.
- The Preliminary, Junior, Intermediate and Senior Awards, Senior and Intermediate Level Peer Awards and the award for Program Assistant of the year were presented.
- Nominees of the Skate Canada award were recognized and in 2018/19, one of our skaters was chosen by Skate Ontario and she was invited to the front and presented with a gift on behalf of the club in recognition of this outstanding achievement.
- Graduating skaters were honoured by their coaches and presented with gifts on behalf of the club.
- A slideshow of the season's highlights ran during dinner service.
- Once again, Pfaff Motors donated the popular photo booth and following the awards skaters hit the dance floor with music requested by the skaters in advance and arranged by one of our Senior skaters.

Financial Summary	Cost
Total Income	\$ 1,600
Total Expenses	\$ 12,154
Profit / (Loss)	\$ (10,554)

I would like to thank my fellow board members, coaches and all the parent volunteers for all of their time, effort and support throughout the season. We could not run Silver Blades Skating Club and make it such a great place for the skaters without all your contributions!

Colleen O'Brien
Vice President
2018/2019 season

Membership Chair Report 2018 / 2019

Overview of the 2018/19 season

- Our Office Administrator, Heidi Bertignoll, completed her third year with Silver Blades. She managed the 2 main Silver Blades mailboxes (info@ and registration@) and supported all registration activities.
- This year we transitioned all registrations online and modified the brochure to align with this
- The registration package mailed to families in the summer was reduced to the welcome letter (with level for which to register in the upcoming season), brochure and annual calendar.

Registration Counts

- 79% of all possible session spots were filled (Spring at 69% and Fall/Winter at 88%). By comparison:
 - In 2017-18, 79% of all possible session spots were filled (Spring at 73%; Fall/Winter at 84%)
 - In Spring 2017 about 55% of all spots were filled
- Waitlisted skaters were for CanSkate and PreCanSkate programs

Season	Max Program Spots	# Program Registrations	# Waitlisted Skaters
Fall/Winter 2018-19	842	741	85
Spring 2019	873	605	1

Membership Counts

There was a marked increase in the number of skaters registered this year, but a reduction in the number of families over the previous year. Of our 400 families, 117 have 2 or more skaters.

Registrant counts increased across many levels, most notably in **PreCanSkate, CanSkate, Preliminary and Senior**, and total membership is at its highest in over 7 years

2018/19 Membership Breakdown

Level	2018/2019	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014	2012/2013	2011/2012
PreCanSkate	125	120	111	61	96	76	105	96
CanSkate	300	290	283	271	270	277	312	248
Preliminary	52	50	43	37	39	41	54	34
Junior	24	27	28	19	26	17	15	15
Intermediate	21	20	31	20	25	11	14	14
Senior	43	35	15	15	15	8	14	21
Adult	6	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
CanPower	23	26	22	36	26	26	16	16
Total # of skaters	594	573	533	459	497	456	530	444
Total # of families	400	441	~395	346	375	336	373	345

Spring Registrant Counts Year over Year

Level	Spring 2019	Spring 2018	Spring 2017
PreCanSkate	33	57	34
CanSkate	126	114	84
Preliminary	50	41	38
Junior	19	22	21
Intermediate	18	18	18
Senior	35	31	31
Adult	2	4	--
CanPower	0	0	0
Total # of Skaters	293	287	226
Total # of Families	232	238	199

Mariette Merey
Membership Chair
2018/19

Test Chair Report 2018 / 2019

Silver Blades had a very productive 2018/19 testing season. There were more than 350 coach-assessed tests at the Star 1-5 levels, which is double the amount from last season. At the Senior Bronze level and up, 270 tests were completed during our 4 tests days.

As Test Chair, I've had the privilege of working with a great team of coaches, volunteers and skaters. Much appreciation goes out to parents and family members who devoted their time and energy to the many test day roles. In particular, I'd like to recognize Tanis Tuomi, who took care of all online submissions of Star 1-5 tests, Natasha Allen-Gatrell, who collected and tracked all test day fee payments, Jen Hillier for her exceptional work as Hospitality Coordinator for the last 3 years and Michelle Christie, who has done an outstanding job as Music Coordinator for 6 years running. This season Rohit Parekh and Veronika Katsiuk also stepped up to the microphone during test days and we look forward to hearing more from them next season. Thank you to Mary and Rob Kure for doing the test sheet preparation 3 test days in a row and finally, a special thanks to our coaches for their collaboration and expertise in pulling off our test days and assessing our STAR 1-5 skaters.

Below is a summary of the test day results for this season:

November 18, 2018	January 24, 2019	April 13, 2019	May 16, 2019	Total Results
26/37 tests passed	42/53 tests passed	75/97 tests passed	46/83 tests passed	189/270 passed
70% pass rate	79% pass rate	77% pass rate	55% pass rate	70% pass rate

Now that the STAR 1-5 Program has been up and running for 2 seasons, Skate Canada is launching the **Star 6 to Gold Program** this fall. It will replace the current Senior Bronze to Gold Starskate Program. The equivalency chart below provides an overview of the new STAR levels.

Skaters will continue to try tests with external evaluators during regularly scheduled test days. However, coaches will have the option to complete training and assess from STAR 6 up to Gold level in the discipline of Skills only. Online training will be made available to evaluators and coaches over the course of the summer and our club will be set to implement the new program in September.

Congratulations to all our skaters, parents and coaches for a successful season!

Andrea Horcsok
Test Chair
2018/19

Appendix 1: New 2019/2020 STAR 6 to Gold Equivalency Chart for Skate Canada Testing



STAR 6 – Gold Equivalency by Discipline

FREESKATE		
Freeskate Equivalency (current status)	STAR 6 - Gold	Next step
Senior Bronze Elements	STAR 6 Elements	STAR 7 Elements
Senior Bronze Program	STAR 6 Program	STAR 7 Program
Junior Silver Elements	STAR 8 Elements	STAR 9 Elements
Junior Silver Program	STAR 8 Program	STAR 9 Program
Senior Silver Elements	STAR 9 Elements	STAR 10 Elements
Senior Silver Program	STAR 10 Program	Gold Program
Gold Elements	NA	NA
Gold Program	Gold Program	NA
*To achieve the Gold Freeskate Assessment, the skater must have completed STAR 10 Freeskate Elements in addition to the Gold Program.		

SKILLS		
Skating Skills Equivalency (current status)	STAR 6 - Gold	Next step
Senior Bronze	STAR 6 Skills	STAR 7 Skills
Junior Silver	STAR 8 Skills	STAR 9 Skills
Senior Silver	STAR 10 Skills	Gold Skills
Gold	Gold Skills	NA

ARTISTIC		
Interpretive Equivalency (current status)	STAR 5 - Gold	Next Step
Introductory Interpretive	STAR 5 Artistic	STAR 7 Artistic
Bronze Interpretive	STAR 7 Artistic	STAR 9 Artistic
Silver Interpretive	STAR 9 Artistic	Gold Artistic
Gold Interpretive	Gold Artistic	NA

DANCE		
Dance Equivalency (Full level completed) (current status)	STAR 6 - Gold	Next Step
Senior Bronze	STAR 6A - Ten-Fox	STAR 7 Dances
	STAR 6B - European Waltz	
	STAR 6C - Fourteenstep	
Junior Silver	STAR 7A - Foxtrot	STAR 8 Dances
	STAR 7B - Tango	
	STAR 7C - American Waltz	
	STAR 8B - Rocker Foxtrot	
Senior Silver	STAR 8A - Kilian	STAR 10 Dances
	STAR 8C - Starlight Waltz	
	STAR 9A - Paso Doble	
	STAR 9B - Blues	
	STAR 9C - Silver Samba	
Gold	STAR 10 A - Cha Cha Congelado	NA
	STAR 10B - Westminster Waltz	
	STAR 10C - Quickstep	
	Gold A - Viennese Waltz	
	Gold B - Argentine Tango	
	Gold C - Gold Rhythm Dance	
*Skaters who have not completed a full dance level will proceed through the remaining dances from where they are currently. Example: Skater has complete full Junior Silver plus Kilian; this skater would move to remaining STAR 8 and STAR 9 dances.		

STARSkate Chair Report 2018 / 2019

It has been a pleasure as the 2018/19 StarSkate Chair to work with the Silver Blades Program Assistant team. It has been a great year, and I look forward to continuing in this role with the Board for the 2019/2020 season. Below are some highlights from the 2018/19 season and some issues for consideration as we look ahead to the 2019/20 season.

2018/19 Highlights

- We had 42 skaters on our PA team this season each of whom provided support to our coaches on every PreCanSkate, CanSkate, CanPower and Preliminary session that the club offers.
- It was a dedicated and enthusiastic group. We received lots of positive feedback about the team from CanSkate parents and coaches. We are extremely grateful for the time and enthusiasm this year's group of PAs devoted to the program. The PA team is a key reason why Silver Blades is a great place to learn how to skate.
- As in years past, for each hour of PA support provided, each PA either earned a \$6 Uplifter gift certificate redeemable for registration, test, and other Silver Blades fees; or a volunteer certificate applicable to the Ontario high school community volunteer requirement. The \$6 Uplifter gift certificate was an increase from the \$5 gift certificate provided in recent years. The increase was appreciated by PAs and recognizes the value the PAs bring to the club.
- We also rewarded PAs this year with "Starbucks Surprise." This was a popular reward introduced last year which we continued on the basis of overwhelming feedback in favour of the reward. Over the course of the year, I made a surprise appearance once during the year at the end of each CanSkate/ CanPower/ Preliminary session to deliver the PAs volunteering at that session their favourite treats from Starbucks. We were able to include some great pictures of the PAs enjoying their snacks in the monthly newsletters and on the Club Spirit bulletin board.
- We submitted 3 separate orders for Silver Blades jackets with the Figure Skating Boutique this season. A total of 66 jackets were ordered, 45 were paid online by members who purchased a jacket and 21 were paid by the club for full time PAs who did not otherwise have a personalized club jacket that fit. We expect to be able to use the credit on file with the Figure Skating Boutique from monthly skate sharpening days to offset a portion of the cost of the jackets the club purchased for PAs. Online purchasing for jackets was generally easy for members and facilitated the order process.
- Mid-season, coaches completed a paper evaluation form for each individual PA. We leveraged Skate Canada's standard template Program Assistant Evaluation Form. This was an opportunity for the coaches to provide some feedback to the PAs at the mid-season point specifically highlighting strengths and suggestions for growth. The Skate Canada form was easy for coaches to complete and providing feedback in a more formal and standard way was helpful for PAs.

- At the year-end banquet earlier this month we once again awarded our PA of the Year award. As with last year, we derived a score for each PA based on coach votes, parent votes, and attendance. For the first time ever, this resulted in a tie for PA of the Year. Our joint winners for PA of the Year for 2018/19 were Amoryn Voso and Audrey Gryguc. The banquet was a nice opportunity to recognize Amoryn and Audrey for their excellent work throughout the year and also highlight other PAs (Abby, Daric, Katie C, Maya, Sienna, Vivianna) who stood out this year because of their attendance, and coach and parent feedback about their work.
- To celebrate another great PA season at Silver Blades, we enjoyed ping pong, food, and fun at The Crooked Cue on Monday May 13th. It was a casual evening and many of the kids said they enjoyed the night. The event highlighted what a great group of kids we had in the PA team this year and in particular it was obvious how well all the kids got along and supported one another.

2019/20 Considerations

- We have just begun recruiting PAs for next season. We expect some of this past year's group will not PA again next year due to typical attrition. We have already had some new members express interest in joining the PA team for next year. I'm confident we'll put together another group of committed volunteers to support the club's programs.
- Despite having a healthy number of PAs in 2018/19 it was often challenging to find substitutes when PAs were unavailable for a shift. It would be great to have a bigger group for 2019/20 so there are more subs available particularly on competition weekends.
- Several coaches have suggested we need more opportunities to recognize individual PAs for their good work. There are many PAs who deserve recognition and nominating one PA of the Year doesn't provide sufficient opportunity to highlight the good work of many members of the team. We should consider other recognition opportunities in addition to current rewards and recognition.
- Monthly PA reporting continues to be a very manual and time-consuming process. I'd like to consider opportunities to make the process more efficient. During Spring session, we piloted using an iPad and attendance app for PAs to sign in for their shift rather than having conveners' record attendance. Over the summer I'll consider ways to streamline reporting.
- The jacket ordering process would be more efficient if we set fixed order dates. Three jacket orders (the first in October; second before Christmas; and a third early in the new year), works well and satisfies demand. We should leverage club volunteers to help with jacket sales, orders, and deliveries for next season.

Alison Wilkie
STARSkate Chair
2018/19 season

Member at Large - Synchro Chair Report 2018/2019



The 2018/2019 season was an exciting season for our Silver Blades synchro teams. The year began with the introduction of an additional synchro team to make three Ice Unite youth teams, Beginner, Elementary and Juvenile. During the season our Elementary team had the opportunity to compete at the Pre-Juvenile level. Ice Unite represents our Silver Blades Youth teams as well as the Pine Point Adult synchro teams under one unified vision for synchro; to create a friendly, encouraging, and bonding environment to build synchro skating skills and develop friendships that extend beyond the ice.

Team Details

- The season ran from September to March.
- **Beginner Team details:**
 - Team consisted of 14 skaters (13 skaters Preliminary level, 1 skater Junior level)
 - Skaters ranging from ages 6-11
 - Practices: Mondays from 4:30pm to 5:45pm at Centennial Arena, 4 additional practices were held on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm at Pine Point Arena.
 - Managers: Laura Goode & Catherine Marcolin
- **Elementary/ Pre-Juvenile detail:**
 - Team consisted of 16 skaters (ranging from Junior & Preliminary levels)
 - Skaters ranging from ages 6-12
 - Practices: Monday's from 5:45 to 7:00pm at Centennial Arena, 6 additional practices were held on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm at Pine Point Arena.
 - After 1st competition, this team skated at the Pre-Juvenile level where they were able to skate 2 times at each competition.
 - Managers: Kim Fenn & Karen MacLennan
- **Juvenile Team details:**
 - Team consisted of 17 skaters (ranging from Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels)
 - 15 Full-time skaters. 1 Skater -in-Training
 - Skaters ranging from ages 11-14
 - Manager: Richelle Colbear
 - Practices:
 - Saturdays from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. They had 30 minutes of off-ice practice in the lobby followed by 80 minutes on ice at Central Arena
 - Mondays from 4:50pm to 6:00pm at Central Arena

Competition Season & Other Events

Beginner

- Beginner team showcased their routine at the Gold Ice Show in Brampton in November and at the Silver Blades Open House in December. Both were great practice runs for the team especially new families to Synchronized skating.
- The Beginner team participated in 2 competitions; Synchrofest (Oakville) and Synchroskate (Kanata). The team achieved an overall Bronze finish Synchrofest and a personal best at Synchroskate with an overall Silver finish. This was quite an accomplishment for this team as most of the skaters were new to synchro. The skaters excelled at learning the basics of synchronized skating and team work and pushed their abilities.

Elementary/Pre-Juvenile

- The Elementary/Pre-Juvenile team were also able to showcase their routine at the Gold Ice Show in Brampton and the Silver Blades Open House.
- The Elementary/Pre-Juvenile team had a busy season competing in 4 competitions; Bill Phillips (Stratford), Synchrofest (Oakville), Regionals (Aylmer) and Synchroskate (Kanata). After their first competition this team set a goal to compete at the Pre-Juvenile level. They worked extremely hard and achieved this goal.
- The highlight of the year was the bus trip to Kanata. At that competition they finished off the season with a season's best score of 18.91 in their second skate.

Juvenile

- Incredible year for this team with Provincial Championship qualifications. Their team goal was achieved!
- The Juvenile team participate in 4 competitions; Bill Phillips (Stratford), Synchrofest (Oakville), Regionals (Aylmer), and Provincial Championships (Mississauga).
- The highlights of the year was a season's best score of 32.21 at Bill Phillips and qualifying for Provincials where they competed against the very best synchro programs in the province, including top synchro programs from Gold Ice, Meraki, Team Unity, Synchronicity, Sparking Ice, Oakville Edge and Nexxice.

Both teams

- New this year, the Ice Unite synchro program presented "Teammate of the Year" awards to skaters from each team at the end of year banquet. The awards were chosen and presented by our synchro coaches. Awards were given to skaters who acted as an Ice Unite and Silver Blades goodwill ambassador by exhibiting qualities such as reliable, supportive, respectful and accountable.

Budget

- The mandate is for the synchro teams to break even and the Silver Blades synchro program was able to deliver on this mandate. A summary of the revenues/expenses is included below.

Expenses (Combined Teams):	Actual Costs 2018
Ice Time	\$ 26,770
Coaching	\$ 16,725
Music/Choreography	\$ 1,800
Competition fees	\$ 4,140
Apparel	\$ 15,215
Misc. & Year end Party	\$ 2,833
Team Bus	\$ 1,693
Sub-total	\$ 69,176

Revenue/Income	
Collected from skaters (11 x \$1300/each and 3 x \$775.50/each and \$308 tryouts)	\$ 65,887
Fundraising	\$ 3,124
Additional \$ collected from skaters	\$ 788
Surplus from 2017/2018 season	\$ 3,455
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 73,254
Surplus	\$ 4,078

Loan for Stadium Coats

- A loan was provided by the Silver Blades SC Board of Directors to the Ice Unite youth synchro teams for the purchase of Ice Unite team stadium coats during the 2017-2018 season.
- This loan was ½ of the cost paid for the stadium coats. Not including coats personally purchased by some skaters as well as coats purchased for coaches.
- The first repayment of the loan was made in September 2018. Two loan payments remain, to be made in September 2019 and September 2020 (if not sooner).

Next Season – 2019/2020

- In March and April 2018, 4 tryouts sessions were held with approximately 40 skaters in attendance.
- The interest was not as great as we had hoped, the Silver Blades SC would like to have 2 teams for the coming 2019/2020 season.
- The ambition for the next season is to have a Beginner, and Elementary team which will accommodate the greatest number of skaters based on the interest. Next year will be a building year for our synchro program.
- The Elementary team offer letters were issued during the first two weeks of May. The hope is that the offer letters for the Beginner team will be sent during the first week of June, allowing for planning for coaching.

- For the upcoming season, synchro practice time is planned as follows:
 - Elementary – 2 regular practices per week for the full season, Mondays 5pm-6pm and Saturdays 12:30pm to 2:30pm both at Central Arena
 - Beginner – 1 regular practice per week for the full season, Monday's 5pm-6:30 at Centennial Arena.
- Ken has agreed to coach the Elementary team. Maggie has decided not to continue coaching our Beginner team. The Silver Blades SC is currently looking for a Beginner synchro coach.
- The Elementary team will compete in 3-4 competitions during the 2019-2020 seasons. Competitions for the Beginner team will be decided once coaching has been assigned.
- Laura Goode and Kim Fenn will manage the Elementary Team next season. Team Managers for the Beginner team will be decided once the team is assigned.

Jo Ann MacMillan
Synchro Chair
2018/2019 season

Member at Large - Special Events Chair Report 2018/2019

As Special Events Chair for the 2018-2019 season, I was responsible for; (1) the Skate & Dress Sale, (2) Open House, (3) CanSkate Olympics and (4) monthly Skate Sharpening.

- (1) The annual **Skate & Dress Sale** was held on Saturday September 15th, 2019. Based on recommendations from last year, we held the sale earlier in September, restricted the sale to gently used clothing and dresses collected from members and kept the sale small, hosting no out-of-club vendors. This year we sold \$2,317 in consignment items (down \$1,000 from last year), generating a profit for Silver Blades of \$515. Unsold consignment clothing and accessories were donated to charity.

	EXPENSES	PROFITS	OVERALL
New Clothing Racks	\$275		
Tags & Pins	\$10		
		\$515	
PROFIT TO SILVER BLADES			\$230

- (2) The biannual **Open House** was held December 2nd to showcase the talent and skills of our Silver Blades skaters in a non-competitive club environment. This year's Open was well-attended and all skaters who signed up were able to skate. Featured performances included: (i) 21 soloists and 3 pairs (ii) a Boys Skate led by Coach Devinder Singh, (iii) 2 Preliminary numbers choreographed by Coaches Pam Baleva, Roksana Masliak, Kalina Doruch and Leah Culotta, and (iv) Ice Unite Beginner, Elementary and Synchro Teams. We also hosted a Family Skate with Santa Claus. This year, our Synchro teams ran a successful fundraising campaign with the Food and Beverage Concession, raising \$810 for Ice Unite. I organized to have Müvwear, a custom clothing brand, sell and print sweatshirts and T-shirts in the lobby, providing Silver Blades with a 15% cut of their profits.

	EXPENSES	PROFITS	OVERALL
Decorations for Lobby	\$470		
Santa Costume Rental	\$225		
Gift Cards	\$60		
Müvwear		\$330	
COST TO SILVER BLADES			\$425

- (3) The biannual ***CanSkate Olympics*** are hosted in April during non-Ice Show years and provide a fun event for our young skaters in their final week of the Fall/Winter session. This season, Coach Sonya Von Kaufmann purchased some new equipment and enhanced the activities for our participating Pre-CanSkate and CanSkate groups (approximately 350 skaters). The children enjoyed challenging each other in a variety of fun skating activities and were presented with ribbons and special treats as rewards for their participation.

	EXPENSES	PROFITS	OVERALL
New Equipment Costs	\$320		
Food/Beverages for Participants	\$220		
COST TO SILVER BLADES			\$540

- (4) To help accommodate the needs of our members, this year we offered monthly skate sharpening at the club, provided by the Figure Skating Boutique. Jason Dietrich came to the club on 7 occasions to sharpen skates for our members. At no cost to Silver Blades, Jason provides us with a 15% cut of his total sharpening profits. Across the 7 dates, the profit to Silver Blades was \$700.

Recommendations for the 2019/2020 season:

- (1) Attendance and items collected for the ***Annual Skate and Dress Sale*** have been declining in the past few years. Some recommendations to increase donations, sales and attendance are:
 - (a) earlier advertising and item collection through previous spring/summer season
 - (b) donate remaining consignment items to a local charity (e.g., Skate to Great or Right to Play) and advertise this charitable component in advance so members recognize their donations will make a difference
 - (c) bring back Figure Skating Boutique and other outside concessions to increase interest and sales
 - (d) recruit highschool aged skaters as volunteers for tagging and labelling items so they can complete their required hours early in the season while also expediting the process of tagging
- (2) The ***Open House*** was a big success this year. I suggest continuing to host outside vendors such as Müvwear to generate interest and sales in the lobby and using of the Concession stand as a fundraising campaign for Ice Unite.
- (3) This year was the first time we offered regular monthly skate sharpening events. Given the benefit to members, I recommend that we continue to offer this monthly service.
- (4) Our skaters enjoyed this year's new and improved ***Canskate Olympics***. Some parents and skaters were disappointed about ribbons being given only to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. In future, we may consider limiting the ribbons to the 1st place team or considering another alternative.

Christina Semler
Special Events Chair
2018/2019 season

Competition Chair Report

2018 / 2019

Club Competition

Participation:

- 116 skaters in 279 events
- Up from 95 in 271 events last year
- New: no elements events after Star 2, limits on the number of events that skaters could enter
- Note: very few skaters entered the maximum number of events
- Mostly positive feedback – one suggestion not to limit events, even if that means 2 days of competition
- For next year – consider trying to have the event run later – timing was very tight

Volunteers:

- Committee: Emily Marrocco, Isabelle Veillieux, Lisa Piche
- Board members and coaches also helping
- Richelle Colbear and Cheryl Haineault – as extra experienced Gate Keepers
- Claire Armatys, Katie Christie and Elise Parekh as runners (required by Data Specialist)
- For next year – need a dedicated volunteer coordinator on the committee, need to recruit volunteers earlier in the year

Officials:

- 11 Judges, 2 Technical Specialists, 2 Data Specialists
- Issues:
 - o Difficulty getting data specialists and technical specialists due to Skate Ontario policies
 - o Conflict with Adult competition
- Positives:
 - o Built relationships with new judges, new data specialists for future years
- Feedback:
 - o More qualified judges, video replay should be considered

Also new this year:

- Snack bar run by synchro program
- New backdrop for the podium (Thanks Isabelle!)
- New Trophies
- Sean McKinnon photos

Timing of Event:

- Positive feedback about the club competition at the end of the season

Other feedback:

- Timing of events
 - o Starting with younger skaters – Star 1/Canskate was seen as a great thing, and likely required
 - o Some of the coaches would rather have the fun events together at the end of the day, and the freeskate events earlier in the day

- Coaches would also like to have the schedule in advance of publication, and earlier
- Participant medals
- Need a better way to get parents into the stands, and away from the judges

Other Recommendations for next year:

- More ice time should be considered as well as a new podium
- Consider what to do with senior, more competitive skaters – more fun events?
- Consider whether our membership likes medals being awarded for Star 1-3 dance events, showcase, fun events.

Financials:

	18/19	17/18
Credits	\$8,490	7634
Expenses		
Medals/Ribbons	1470.7	
Loot bags	632.5	
Photographer	1175	
gifts for judges	501	
mix n match	123	
Printing	196.5	
decorations	50	
judge exp.	505	
loot table	451	
Trophies	299.9	
Backdrop	441.27	
	5845.87	
	\$2,644	1838

Changes to Skate Ontario Competition Season:

- Transition year and growing pains with registration
- More competitions, spread further across Ontario planned for next year
- Learn more at Skate Ontario event in mid-June – communicate important information through the newsletter www.skateontario.ca

Other Competition News:

- Despite competition limits, most successful season ever
- Many athletes, including synchro team at Provincials
- Three provincial medalists this season representing Silver Blades Skating Club
- Anticipate trend continuing as our membership advance

Jenn Myers

Competition Chair

2018/2019 season

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