



Silver Blades Skating Club

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022

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SILVER BLADES SKATING CLUB
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Season in Review 2021/2022

President, Jo Ann MacMillan & Vice President Emily Morrocco

Despite the continuation of the Covid-19 pandemic, we were fortunate to operate for most of the 2021-2022 season and thrilled to put on the first ice show since 2018 and our first banquet since 2019. This felt almost like a regular season, and there was much excitement and positive energy in the rinks all year.

Due to the uncertainty surrounding the status of the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Toronto did not issue permits for Central and Centennial Arenas until late August 2021. Our ice allocation was slightly more than previous seasons, with approximately 27 hours allocated per week at Central Arena and 90 minutes per week at Centennial Arena for synchro programming.

Thanks to the dedication of a group of board members who blitzed over a summer weekend to enable registration, we were able to commence a pre-season which ran for 5 weeks from September to Thanksgiving. We then transitioned into a regular season which ran from Thanksgiving through to March Break to accord with the permits. We obtained new permits to run a spring season from mid March to the weekend of May 12 -14 2022, when we capped off the year with the very successful "Welcome to the Jungle" ice show.

The pre-season and fall had a number of Covid-19 related bumps and complications as various levels of government introduced vaccine mandates and active health screening requirements. Our outstanding Covid oversight committee supervised this ever-changing landscape, coordinated volunteers and wrote and revised policies as needed. We thank the Covid Oversight Committee for keeping us up and running.

By December 2021, Covid numbers were up again in Ontario and we were shutdown by provincial order until the end of January 2022. The skating season resumed the first week of February 2022 and continued without further pandemic related interruption.

Our CanSkate programs were full for the year. In the fall and winter season, we restricted enrollment to 40 skaters on account of Covid-19 concerns and restrictions. This increased to 50 skaters for the spring season. In the spring, to ensure that CanSkate was filled, we promoted our program through the Humber Valley Hockey Association with great success. Young hockey players in full gear (minus the sticks) registered for remaining spaces in our CanSkate program and received CanSkate instruction in their own individual groups. This worked well and we received positive feedback from Humber Valley parents. This should be remembered as a future strategy if ever we find ourselves struggling to fill CanSkate.

Our StarSkate programs were structured according to three levels—Preliminary (Star1-2), Intermediate (Star 3-5) and Senior (Star 5+). This worked fairly well, although some coaches have requested a return of a fourth Junior level (Star 2-3). Our sessions were mostly filled (25 skater max for Prelim and Intermediate, 20 skater max for Senior and Open) with especially solid numbers at the Preliminary level. At the beginning of the regular season, we encouraged certain identified "bridge" skaters, who were close to graduating CanSkate, to enroll in Prelim in a group with helmets (basically CanSkate 5), where they received appropriate instruction together. These skaters quickly advanced to the Star 1 level. This was a successful strategy that worked to a) create space in CanSkate and b) keep higher level CanSkaters motivated and excelling in figure skating.

A recurring issue/concern expressed by parents of Preliminary level skaters related to the need for and cost of private coaching. There is definitely a sub-set of parents who prefer both the cost and format of small group lessons. Going forward, consideration should be given to having a preliminary group lesson option or session which skaters can access until they require a star 2 solo. An option like this could 1) accord with Skate Canada

recommendations 2) reduce costs for skaters 3) give skaters a chance to be coached by various coaches before selecting their private coach.

Our synchro program ran two teams this season, Elementary and Juvenile. We didn't have enough skaters to field a Beginner team, however, we had four skaters at this level who were able to skate alongside our Elementary team as "skaters in training". The Juvenile team qualified for the provincial championships. There is great demand for the synchro program across all age groups, and this is an area where we should look to continue to grow. We look forward next year to having four synchro teams – Beginner, Elementary, Juvenile and Intermediate. We will continue to try and ensure that all synchronized skaters have opportunities to advance up the levels. We anticipate hiring an additional synchro coach to assist Ken Langlois and Amber Scott with these various teams.

A dance program of sorts has developed at Silver Blades. This year we had four competitive dance teams, and captured medals at Provincials in various categories. These are exciting times for ice dance at Silver Blades, and we will continue to look into hiring an additional dance coach for next year.

Although the provincial shutdown in January 2022 interrupted the competition season and resulted in various competition cancellations, Skate Ontario did host a number of competitions, including the Provincial Championships. Silver Blades was excited to send 17 skaters (excluding the synchro team) to the Provincial Championships and to earn a number of medals. Silver Blades was well represented at competitions all year and there is high demand for competitive skating options at the club, both in the StarSkate stream and the competitive stream. Silver Blades was also very proud to send two dance teams to Skate Canada Challenge in Regina.

The Ice Show committee led by Karin Miskovsky and Ice Show Directors Leah Culotta and Kalina Dorruch produced and presented a fabulous ice show in May 2022 on the shortest timeline in Silver Blades history. We had a little over 150 skaters participating, and Canadian Champion Madeline Schizas as our guest skater. All three shows were well attended, and the afternoon show on May 14 was livestreamed for the first time ever to hundred of viewers watching from all over the world.

On May 25 2022, we hosted our end of season Banquet for the first time since 2019. The event was free for all skaters preliminary level and higher, and was held at the Renaissance Banquet Hall in Mississauga. It was a great success and it was so nice to once again be able to recognize our graduates as well as the winners of our skater awards.

Two of our coaches are retiring next year—Leah Culotta and Rosemary Clarke. We will miss them both dearly and look forward to still seeing them around the club and hopefully substitute coaching. We truly want to thank all our amazing coaches for their hard work, patience, flexibility, cooperation and support in this challenging but very successful season. We know it was difficult to keep up with the changes and our skaters are so lucky that you always put the kids first. Special thanks to Devinder Singh who assisted with administrative support work while our long time administrative assistant Heidi Bertignoll was on leave.

We also wish to thank our hard working fellow board members and all of our other volunteers and members for supporting us throughout this season and for their ongoing commitment to Silver Blades Skating Club.

Membership Chair Report 2021/22

Mariette Merey

Overview of the 2021/22 season

- After 5 seasons with Silver Blades, our office administrator was on leave this past season due to illness. Several board members managed registration and the 2 main Silver Blades mailboxes (info@ and registration@) initially, and Devinder Singh took over the position for the remainder of the season.
- At the start of the season there were some pandemic restrictions that limited the number of skaters per session, but these restrictions were eventually relaxed and we were able to resume normal on ice capacity.
- Due to high demand for Canskate, we did not re-introduce PreCanSkate. Instead, the full ice was allocated to CanSkate levels 1-5.

Registration Counts (excluding Synchro)

- All programs were filled to capacity and most CanSkate sessions had waitlists. Registration counts bounced back significantly from the previous season as a result of increased capacity in CanSkate, no longer reduced due to pandemic restrictions.

Membership Breakdown by Category

Level	2021-22	Fall 2020	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	Dec-11
PreCanSkate	18	11	74	125	120	111	61	96	76	105	96
CanSkate	376	198	293	300	290	283	271	270	277	312	248
Preliminary	34	44	62	52	50	43	37	39	41	54	34
Junior	17	20	25	24	27	28	19	26	17	15	15
Intermediate	12	19	25	21	20	31	20	25	11	14	14
Senior	21	25	29	43	35	15	15	15	8	14	21
Adult	7	2	5	6	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
CanPower	n/a	n/a	22	23	26	22	36	26	26	16	16
Total # of skaters	485	319	495	508	486						
Total # of families	361	226	378	400	384	~395	346	375	336	373	345

Test Chair Report 2021/22

Laura Goode

Silver Blades held 4 successful star 5+ test days this season, with a total of 130 tests attempted and 95 tests passed (73% pass rate overall).

Silver Blades test days were held on:

- October 14th, 2021
- December 16th, 2021
- March 17th, 2022
- April 14th, 2022

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

October 14th, 2021	December 16th, 2021	March 17th, 2022	April 14th 2022
23/32 tests passed 72% pass rate	24/31 tests passed 77% pass rate	17/25 tests passed 68% pass rate	31/42 tests passed 74% pass rate

I am very grateful to our team of parent volunteers who contributed their time and energy to ensure our test days ran smoothly. Particular thanks go to Heather McCourt for taking on the role of music coordinator, to Mary and Rob Kure for preparing the test sheets for each of the test days and to Connie Gemma for volunteering at every test day in various roles. I am also very grateful to the 5 evaluators who attended our test days this season for generously donating their time and expertise.

Volunteer recruitment was a challenging and time-consuming process for each test day. A volunteer coordinator and posted volunteer notices at the rink and in our newsletter would be helpful next season. A hospitality coordinator to organize a warm meal for our evaluators, coaches and volunteers would also be appreciated.

Our sound equipment at Silver Blades is aging, particularly our CD players. We may consider switching entirely to running test days from the club iPad, with all solo music submitted digitally.

Given uncertainty around pandemic closures, the competition schedule and ice show, our test days were scheduled ad hoc through the season. This led to all test days being scheduled on the same weeknight (Thursdays), disproportionately affecting skaters who practice on that night. Hoping for a more typical season in 2022-2023, I suggest that all test days be scheduled at the beginning of the season to avoid this concern, to allow coaches to better plan their test preparation, families to plan their attendance and to allow earlier evaluator recruitment.

At the star 1-5 level, a total of 389 successful tests were completed. Payments were verified, our club test records were updated and results were submitted to Skate Canada in a total of 5 batches through the season.

Processing and reconciling star 1-5 tests can be a time-consuming process. Coaches submitting test results throughout the season after each test and ensuring that test results are submitted with proof of payment helps the volunteer tasked with this role. This also better allows us to maintain an accurate and up to date record of results in our test binder and with Skate Canada.

Thank you to our coaches for their dedication to helping our skaters reach their goals. Test days can be a stressful time for skaters, coaches, volunteers and parents, and I recognize everyone's commitment to creating the best possible environment to allow our skaters to succeed and thrive.

This was my first full season in the role of test chair. I am grateful to Andrea Horcsok for her mentorship and for the patience of our coaches as I learned the nuances of our ever-changing test system.

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

STARSkate Chair Report 2021/22

Kammie Armstrong

Despite an interrupted skating season, we had a fabulous year with excellent participation in the Silver Blades Program Assistant team this year. This group navigated season interruptions and ever-changing COVID protocols while maintaining strong attendance and outstanding performance. Although there have been some challenges, I have enjoyed taking on and learning this position with the invaluable support and experience of Alison Wilkie. I look forward to continuing as the STARSkate Chair for the 2022/2023 season, exploring opportunities to improve process during that time.

2021/ 2022 Summary & Considerations for Next Season

- We had a total of 38 skaters on our PA team for the Pre- and Regular seasons. Of those, 15 were new for the 2021/ 2022 season. We had an additional 5 new skaters join the PA team for the Spring skating season
- We were able to obtain a PA for the Elementary Synchro team skating out of Centennial. This PA has agreed to return to support the team again next skating season.
- As with last session, our orientation/ training was delivered via Zoom in September 2021 to all PA's that were signed up to support the Pre and Regular seasons. Despite a large number of new PA's, this approach worked well and if necessary, we can consider virtual training again next season. Based on feedback from our session convenors, they were able to provide basic on ice training during the first skating sessions without issue.
- 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. We provided a modified "Starbucks Surprise", bringing in Starbucks Snowmen cookies for each PA session scheduled. We will look to re-institute the "Starbucks Surprise" initiative next skating season as this is a very popular "reward".
- The PA of the Year award is given annually to a PA that has exceeded expectations and done an outstanding job during the season, based on coach votes, parent feedback and attendance at scheduled sessions, This year, the PA of the Year award was presented to Abby Mooder, with 19 coach points awarded and a perfect attendance record.
- We have not yet stated recruitment for PAs for next season but anticipate a high return rate particularly for the 20 new PA's that were added to the team over the season. We did have challenges filling the Prelim session PA slots and may continue to struggle next year given some of our returning senior skaters may no longer be available to PA. PA recruitment for the 2022/23 season will begin once the regular season skating schedule is out.

- Monthly PA reporting continues to be a very manual and time-consuming process. Reporting is submitted in different formats and at times repeated follow ups to obtain the reports adding to the challenge. Standardizing the process and timing for submission is necessary to make the process more efficient.
- Tracking, tabulation and notification of PA hours/ gift certificates awarded is also a very manual and time consuming process. Opportunities to standardize the timing and expectations as well as to improve the process will be explored during the next season.
- We submitted 2 separate orders for Silver Blades club jackets. One in October for our PA's and synchro teams and another following the Apparel sale in November. Although the first order was placed and delivered through the Figure Skating Boutique with minimal issues, the second order placed was cancelled by the vendor after a significant delay. We were able to find an alternate source to purchase the club jackets and a separate source to complete the embroidery. There were multiple delays and challenges with the second jacket order. The second order was also more expensive for the club as both the base price for the jacket and the embroidery expense were higher than when we were able to order directly through the Figure Skating Boutique. We will need to consider alternate sources for the next season or we may need to adjust the jacket price to reflect the new costs to the club.

Synchro Chair 2021/22

Isabelle Veilleux



Ice Unite's vision is to create a friendly, encouraging and bonding environment to build synchro skating skills and develop friendships that extend beyond the ice.

The 2021/2022 season allowed our two Silver Blades synchro teams to get back on the ice and it was a great year.

Team Details:

The season ran from September to March. Both teams did not skate in January due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Elementary Team details:

- Team consisted of 12 skaters. We had 8 full-time skaters and 4 skaters in training (SIT), with skaters ranging from ages 8-12
- Practices: Mondays from 5:00pm to 6:15pm at Centennial Arena, with 30 minutes off-ice after the session
- Coach: Amber Scott
- Manager: Suzanne Furyk
- Fees were set at \$1,500/skater and \$850/skater in training

Juvenile Team details:

- Team consisted of 16 skaters, with skaters ranging from ages 9-14
- Practices: Held at Central Arena on Mondays 5-6pm and Saturdays from 12:50pm-2:15pm with a 30 minute off-ice session prior to the practice.
- Coach: Ken Langlois
- Manager: Laura Goode
- Fees were set at \$1,850/skater
- A credit of \$100 will be given for the missed practices of the month of January

Fundraising

Both teams participated in various fundraising initiatives. A holiday ornament sale was organized during the month of December and a bake sale was held at the ice show. All money raised went back to both team budgets.

Competition Season & Other Events

- The Elementary team attended 1 competition.
- The Juvenile team attended 1 gala and 2 competitions, including the Provincial Championship.
- For both teams, the January competition was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

- Our year end party was hosted in June. During the event, “Teammate of the Year” awards were given to skaters of each team. The awards were chosen 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 reliability, being supportive, respectful and accountable.

Budget

A summary of the revenues/expenses included below.

Combined Teams

Expenses

Ice Time	\$20,716.00
Coaching	\$9,280.00
Music/Choreography	\$2,106.00
Competition fees	\$1,151.00
Apparel, accessories, etc	\$8,078.00
Misc.	\$1,014.41
End of year party	\$1,500.00
Uplifter and credit card fees	\$1,546.00
Credits for Juvenile Team	\$1,600.00
	\$46,991.41

Revenues

Collected from skaters	\$45,400.00
Fundraising	\$2,018.00
Surplus from previous year	\$3,102.00
	\$50,520.00

TOTAL REVENUE

Surplus	\$3,528.59
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Next Season - 2022/2023

Our program is growing and next year is looking very promising.

- We hosted tryouts in April and had more than 55 skaters attending.
- We hosted another tryouts session in May and had 17 skaters attending.
- The excellent turnout will allow us to grow our program and to have 4 teams next year: two Star 4 teams (Synchro Canada has changed the categories and Star 4 will be our former Elementary level), one Juvenile and one Intermediate team.

Special Events Chair – Ice Show Chair 2021/22

Karin Miskovsky

The bi-annual Ice Show was held this season. The board moved ahead with the show that was originally approved and scheduled to run in 2020, which was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. Planning for the ice show started in February 2022, 5 months later than usual, due to the uncertainty of the lifting of restrictions. The show was held on May 13 & 14, which was the first time we had the show at the end of the season. There was concern about the glass fogging up due to the warm temperatures. RainX anti-fog was used on both sides of the glass and made a significant difference, even on a day with 25 degrees outside temperature.

The Ice Show committee, board and many volunteers were an invaluable part of the show's success.

The committee members:

- Ice Show Co-Directors: Leah Culotta & Kalina Doruch
- Ice Show Chair: Karin R Miskovsky
- Ice Show Executive: Jo Ann MacMillan, Emily Marrocco, Suzanne Jacques
- Communications: Catherine Marcolin
- Costumes: Nicole Battista, Sarah Knight, Sharon Talmage
- Program Design: Isabelle Veilleux
- Props & Lobby Décor: Megan Currie VanderBurgh, John DiLibero, Noah Haineault, Hanny Huang, Rose Liu, Allan Mooder, Feng Feng Yang,
- Treasury: Suzanne Jacques
- Volunteer Management & Logistics: Joanna Armatys & Colleen O'Brien

Leah Culotta and Kalina Doruch were the show directors. With their artistic vision and direction, the 2022 Ice Show was highly successful and very well received overall.

Kalina secured recent Olympian **Madeline Schizas** as the **guest skater** this year. She performed twice at each show. She interacted with all skaters, did selfies with many, as well as, signing autographs. This show did not have a PA number, but the coaches' number was included this year as well as a "Dad's" number, which was a hit.

Registration was managed online. Due to the 2020 show having been cancelled, those skaters that would have been “graduates” were invited to skate at this Ice show. We had 164 skaters registered in the show, with the following breakdown:

- CanSkate – 60
- Preliminary – 48
- Intermediate – 35
- Senior – 21
 - 16 step outs
- Graduates (2020-21) – 4; (2022-23) - 11

Props & Lobby Décor: Props committee did a great job of creating many “jungle” trees. The main tree was an archway into the ice. Due to the late start, we left this to last as the Props committee was already busy. This subcommittee managed to decorate the lobby and did a great job transforming it into a “jungle”.

Communications: Information was communicated to the membership through emails. As well as an Ice Show “How-To guide” (beautifully designed by Isabelle Veilleux) was published electronically on the website. The information was also posted on the bulletin board at the arena. Saturday afternoon show was streamed on a private YouTube channel. (See streaming and video below).

Streaming and video: “Virtuale” provided the services this year. The streaming worked very well. Quality was excellent and the streaming was viewed by 58 with 700 views afterwards on the YouTube channel. Their camera angle was not wide enough to capture the whole rink. They have provided solutions for next time should they be hired again. They were very professional and would recommend them.

Volunteer Management: We used Uplifter to track the sign-ups for Logistics and Volunteer Management team. Emails were also sent to each of the groups of volunteers with instruction sheets to inform them of their duties. One suggested change is to add 2-3 spots as “ushers” to come with flashlights and assist those that need assistance, particularly to the rear where the bleachers are located.

Costumes: Costumes were rented from York Performance Costumes. As in previous years, all the skaters had the opportunity to try on their costume to ensure it fit. Costume leads had a great colour coded tag system in place to manage all the costumes. One suggestion for the future is to minimize the accessories, it is hard to keep track

of them. As in the past, we sold tights, gloves and guards. Products were provided on consignment by the Figure Skating Boutique (see fund raising below).

Photography: Our volunteer photographer, William VanderBurgh, did a fantastic job capturing group shots and shots of our skaters through the rehearsal and shows. Group shots were taken during the dress rehearsal in the lobby. It ran very smoothly, with three runners and a photographer assistant. Props were provided for candid selfies were taken throughout the shows. All of the photos were uploaded to Dropbox.

Programs: 400 programs were ordered. The, TPH on Evans Av., provide a 10% NPO discount. The total cost was \$1,074.27. Given the number of tickets sold, it was the right number of programs. The ads sold more than covered the printing costs (see Fundraising below).

Ticket Sales and Management: Ticket prices were raised slightly, to \$25 (\$30 at the door) per adult and \$17 (\$20 at the door) per child (ages 3-14) and children under 3 were not charged admission.:

- Friday night – Adult: 133; Child: 51. Total: 184
- Saturday matinee – Adult: 156; Child 62. Total:218
- Saturday evening – Adult: 206; Child 34. Total: 240

No physical tickets were printed this year. Once ordered, the purchaser had the option of paper printing or “printing” to their phone. We used the “scan” option provided by Uplifter to validate at the entrance. The system worked well. We sold 17 tickets to “walk-ins” over the three shows.

Food Sales: JoAnn MacMillan and Catherine Marcolin did a fine-looking display at the Concession stand. A variety of food was sold at each of the shows, including: granola bars, Welches gummies, Hot Oven Bakery cookies (see fundraising below), cookies, home baked goods (Synchro) Kernels popcorn & chips. Kernels (100 salt, 25 Ketchup, 50 cheese, 25 Dill pickle.) Chips were brought out after Kernels was sold out. Popcorn was popular. Drinks included, juice, water, coffee (cups sold: Friday - 40, Saturday matinee – 80, Saturday evening – 60) and hot chocolate. Everything was \$2 except the fancier cookies & Kernels which were \$3. Estimated profit of \$1,500 of which \$500 was attributed to Synchro for their baked goods.

Fundraising: 7 ads were sold, (1 1/3-page B&W, 1 full B&W, 5 full colour), prices were increased by 50% from previous shows (\$275 for colour full, \$225 for B&W full, \$125 for B&W 1/3), for a total of \$1,725. While overall less ads were purchased, it is a good price point. We sold more full size than in previous shows. Carnations and

50/50 tickets sales took place during intermission. Hot Oven Bakery donated 300 sugar cookies packaged in 3s. Cookies were sold for \$3 a pkg. In exchange, we placed a flyer ad inside the program. Figure Skating Boutique provided tights & guards on consignment for sale. Club was able to keep 25% of the profits i.e., \$150. In exchange we placed an ad in the program.

- Ad sales - \$275 for full colour, \$225 for B&W full, \$125 for 1/3 page B&W. (Net of program printing) Profit: \$650.
- Carnations sales – 200 were purchased at cost, \$1.25, from Vanderfleet, sold for \$3 each. 190 were sold. Total profit: \$187.
- 50/50 profit: Friday \$45.00; Saturday matinee \$60; Saturday evening \$50. Total profit: \$155

Dressing Rooms: The dressing rooms ran well. A suggestion would be to bring in colouring books to the Canskate room, to help keep the skaters occupied. Also, on the day we stream, we could have an ipad/phone streaming in the changeroom for them to watch.

Thank you to our Directors, Leah & Kalina, for their wonderful vision and endless hours of planning and directing the show. It would not have been such a great success without them.

Thank you to the board for their support and all the volunteers – over 100 required to run this show and every minute of your time is appreciated!

Year End Banquet 2021/22

Alison Wilkie

We were very pleased to be able to host the banquet for the 2021/22 season after not being able to host a banquet in the 2 preceding years due to pandemic restriction.

The banquet was held at Renaissance by the Creek banquet hall on May 25 from 6:30-9:30 pm. In recent years, the banquet had been held at a local golf club (Weston or Islington). This was the first time we held it at this location, although one board member mentioned that a number of years ago the banquet had been held at Renaissance by the Creek. We had approximately 140 skaters, coaches, board members, and parents in attendance. The event was free for all skaters, coaches and board members and parent attendees paid \$50 per person to attend. A summary of all costs is included below.

Things that worked well:

- The room and facilities were spacious and well suited to an event of this type and size.
- The photo booth was a big hit with the skaters. We had considered omitting the photo booth but given the popularity it was great that we went ahead with it. Numerous skaters commented on how they look forward to the keepsake photos they take every year at the photo booth. We were fortunate, thanks to the Talmage family, to get a \$400 donation towards the cost of the photo booth.
- Rather than pay for bartender service, we separately purchased white and red wine and offered it to adults in attendance. This was a great way to manage costs and many adult attendees appreciated the flexibility of having a bottle of wine at their table.

Opportunities for improvement for the next banquet:

- The hall required a separate fee to use their sound system so rather than incur that cost we elected to provide audio-visual equipment ourselves. While some things such as the projector for the slideshow and videos worked well, the microphone and speaker for dancing was not loud enough and presented some challenges. If possible we should consider spending the money to use the hall's sound system if we host the banquet at the same location in the future.
- Many arrangements for the banquet were made on short notice in part given uncertainties regarding if or when it would be possible to host the banquet and also because we did not have sufficient volunteers to help with co-ordination. Everything came together thanks to all the Board members pitching in to help – a big thank you to the whole board! For future banquets it will be helpful to have a volunteer committee dedicated to making arrangements for the banquet who can plan the event sufficiently in advance.

Silver Blades Skating Club
2021- 2022 Season
 Banquet cost

Summary	Cost
Total Income	\$ 1,650
Total Expenses	\$ 12,008
Profit / (Loss)	\$ (10,358)

Budget	
Revenue	
Parent Fee	\$ 1,250
Miscellaneous	400
Total	\$ 1,650

Expenses	
Brochure	\$ 254
Flowers	513
Trophies	1,220
Food/Wine/Room	8,613
Photo booth	846
Flowers	404
Gifts	158
Miscellaneous	
Total	\$ 12,008

Financial Report 2021/22
Barb Witt

To be added in the coming days.

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