



Newmarket Skating Club Chairman's Report for 2021 AGM

This past year's Board consisted of

- Robert Redford - Vice President
- Alison Parmeggiani – Past President
- Carolyn Terziewski – Treasurer
- Kylie Doerner – Secretary
- Paula Evanoff – Skate Canada Test Chairperson
- April Cugalj – Director
- Tracy Moses – Director
- Tony Okorn – Director
- David Quittner – Director
- Catharine Willman – Coaches' Representative

The 2021/2022 skating season started off with some normality. We were able to return in September with CanSkate, Bronze, Talent Id and StarSkate sessions. To ensure the safety of our skaters, coaches and staff, we worked diligently to ensure that all of our processes were updated and followed to reflect the COVID-19 protocols set out by the Provincial Government, Town of Newmarket and Skate Ontario. During the periods when the Town rinks were open we ran multiple sessions, 6/7 days a week.

Throughout the fall we were able to hold a number of programs and events, including our annual dress and clothing sale, the Value Village clothing and household items drive, MacGregors meats fundraisers and the annual poinsettia fundraiser. As the season progressed, we participated in the Newmarket Santa Claus parade, and I again extend my thanks to our dedicated volunteers who prepared the float and were in attendance. We again had a wonderful float!

As the year came to a close, we were very proud for an opportunity to showcase our skaters. The Holiday Ice Show allowed our skaters to put together programs with their friends, show off their talents and have fun. We also had the opportunity to hold our annual banquet this past weekend. Banquet is meant to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our skaters.

On the programming side, we continued to evolve our CanSkate Program. We had theme days for the CanSkaters and held a remarkably successful CanSkate fun competition, Ice Blitz, in April, where CanSkaters were able to showcase what they had learned throughout the season, take pictures on the podium and go home with a medal. Our Talent ID program continues to strive to the point that we will be able to further extend the program next season. The program is where a select number of CanSkaters have an opportunity to work as a group and develop strong fundamentals and skills preparing them to move to the next step in a more competitive stream within NSC.

During this season, our StarSkaters were able to compete in Skate Ontario competitions when they were held. NSC was represented at the Brampton Flower City, Keswick K.I.S., Milton Winter Skate, Milton Frost and the Orilla Fun Competition. We had nine skaters move on to Skate Ontario Provincial Championships and four

skaters that medalled and were invited to join the Development Provincial Team. We were able to hold two test days on Dec 9 and April 8 with one more to follow later in June. We were also able to hold three simulation days for our skaters to practise their programs in preparation for competition.

We have been very busy trying to return to what the Club was doing pre-COVID, but also to start moving forward and develop a plan that will help all skaters achieve their goals.

We updated our Rowan's Law protocols based on the changes that came into effect January 1, 2022. We also sent out a survey to both our CanSkate and StarSkate members and received about 50 responses. Many had some different ideas for areas of improvement and many substantiated what we are planning to do for next season.

As a non-profit organization the importance of volunteers continues and will be needed for the upcoming season. We are very appreciative of all of the volunteers who continually step up and support the club events, helping as Tunnel Monitors, helping with supervision, the Dress Sale and for the volunteer board members who spend countless hours behind the scenes making sure that we have a safe and successful club. Over the years we have seen the number of volunteers drop, I ask that you please remember that without volunteers, a club such as Newmarket Skating Club, would not be able to offer the events such as competitions and our infamous ice show, that have made NSC a great place to skate.

A big thank you also to our Program Director Heather Jannaway. Her passion, enthusiasm and dedication to the skaters, parents and coaches along with supporting the board members is foundational to the club's success. She has had to evolve how we do things, keep on top of Skate Ontario's and the Town of Newmarket protocols, and adapt our programming.

A big thank you to our coaches and their consultants who have had to adapt to the changing rules/protocols, keep everyone's safety top of mind, and deliver the programs so our skaters can continue to learn and grow. We appreciate their support and value the work they are doing to facilitate their skater's ambition and love for skating.

We are thankful for the Town of Newmarket, and the Newmarket community who have supported the Newmarket Skating Club through these challenging times, including through various fundraisers and donations to our banquet.

A big thank you to all of our members. Your patience, understanding and willingness to work with us to get our skaters back on the ice have been greatly appreciated. We will continue to work with our membership to maximize participation while ensuring the safety of our Club members.

The Newmarket Skating Club has operated in the Newmarket area for more than 60 years. Our Board of Directors, coaches and staff are dedicated to ensure that the Newmarket Skating Club continues to be the community leader in skating for many years to come.

Thank you
Virginia Da Costa-Michaud
President, NSC Board of Directors