



Newmarket Skating Club Chairman's Report for 2022 AGM

This past year's Board consisted of

- Virginia Da Costa-Michaud
- Tony Okorn - Vice President
- Carolyn Terzievski – Treasurer
- Kylie Doerner – Secretary
- Paula Evanoff – Skate Canada Test Chairperson
- Tracy Moses – Director
- Julie Achtermeier – Director
- Tricia Wretham– Director
- David Quittner – Director
- Catharine Willman – Coaches' Representative

The 2022/2023 skating season started in September with CanSkate, Bronze, Talent Id and StarSkate sessions. Throughout the fall we were able to hold a number of programs and events, including our annual dress and clothing sale, MacGregors meat fundraisers and the annual poinsettia fundraiser. We were also lucky to have Kurt Browning join us for a special StarSkate seminar in the Fall. 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 an amazing turnout and finally claimed first place amongst the Not For Profit organizations. We ended 2022 with a Santa Skate. We also had the opportunity to hold our annual banquet, in the form of a brunch on June 11. This event 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 successful Talent Id/CanSkate fun competition, Bunny Hop in April, where CanSkaters were able to showcase what they had learned throughout the season. Our Talent ID program continues to strive. 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. We also included off-ice programming in our fees structure, but did not increase the cost. We had an amazing turnout for most of the sessions. We also included an adult session, which had a very positive response.

During this season, our StarSkaters were able to compete in Skate Ontario competitions. NSC was represented at the Ontario Sectional Series in October and a number of provincial series events, including Keswick K.I.S, Stratford December Classic, Milton Winter Skate, Brampton Competition, Orono Competition, Milton Frost, Bring On the Fun Competition in Lindsay and the Spring Skate Festival in Buffalo. We had ten skaters move on to Skate Ontario Provincial Championships. Two skaters medalled and four skaters were invited to join the Provincial Development Team. We were able to hold five test days on October 27, Dec 22, March 9, April 27, and June 16 and the same number of assessment days as well. We were also able to hold two simulation days for our skaters to practise their programs in preparation for competition.

During this year, we invested in modifying the coaches' room. We have removed a wall to open up the room, changed the flooring and dealt with the buckling issue, painted and are in the process of adding a ballet barre and mirrors to make the room usable for warming up and off ice for our skaters. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this task. We also applied for a Star 1-4 competition in the 2023/2024 season and were granted a competition for March 2024. We will be needing all hands on deck to showcase NSC and Newmarket to the Ontario skating community.

We updated our Harassment policy and procedures.

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.

A big thank you 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 and try to slowly incorporate changes to make the club a better place for all of our skaters.

A big thank you to our coaches and their consultants who 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 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 on the ice and dealing with scheduling issues that have occurred this year is greatly appreciated.

The Newmarket Skating Club has operated in the Newmarket area for 70 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.

It is with a sad heart that I inform you that Coach Ann Broughton has decided to retire. I would like to thank her for the 51 years that she has spent coaching at NSC. She has a wealth of knowledge, experience and love for skating that we will never be able to replace. Thank you!

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