

# Annual Meeting April 28, 2022

I would like to welcome everyone to the annual meeting and thank you for attending.

After dealing with a very different season last year, all Blue Line programs are headed back in the right direction and are getting stronger and starting to grow. Here are some of the highlights of our season.

**Figure skating** – The Fond du Lac Figure skating club has had a successful year. The 2021-2022 season had 36 skaters in our Learn to Skate Program, 18 skaters in Freestyle, and 14 skaters in Senior Freestyle.

In addition to classes and lessons, we have held several events including:

- A Halloween Party in which skaters from the Learn to Skate Program could invite friends and family to skate, play games, and enjoy treats.
- Our Holiday Exhibition featured our club skaters and synchronized skating teams. The proceeds for this event go to the Fond du Lac Food Pantry. This year we donated \$649 and 1,406 pounds of food to the food pantry.
- We recently held our Spring Showcase. This year's theme was Hats Off to Broadway. We held two shows featuring our classes, individual skaters, group numbers, and all synchronized teams. We profited \$3227 that day.
- The day of the Spring Showcase, area Girl Scouts were invited to attend a skating session and then attend the show.
- We also had many of our skaters compete in several local competitions throughout the year. Our home competition is scheduled for this Sunday, May 1st. We have 77 skaters competing from across the area.

We are looking forward to growing our program this coming year and thank the Blueline Board for their continued support of Figure Skating.

The Blades Synchronized Skating Teams had their most successful season ever. Over 100 skaters from across Wisconsin participated on 6 different level teams spanning ages from 6 to 18. Our partnership with the Wisconsin Edge program in Milwaukee continues to grow and supports the Blades program in fielding nationally and internationally competitive teams. Blades teams won an unprecedented 23 medals in competitions this year including podium finishes at Midwestern Sectionals and US Nationals. The Blades Junior Team was once again named Team USA and represented the United States in Salzburg, Austria bringing home the bronze medal from the Mozart Cup. We look forward to revitalizing our home competition, Foot of the Lake, for 2022 on new dates in

October. Many thanks to the Blueline organization for being the home of the Blades and supporting the sport of synchronized skating.

**Hockey** – Our girl's hockey program had another successful year and continues to grow year after year. Our 10U and 14U girls just fell short of qualifying for state tournament, but the 12U girls had a great showing and finished 6<sup>th</sup> place. On the coed side for hockey, we had the Squirt A & C teams both qualify for state tournament. The Squirt C team finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place and with an impressive season record of 48-0, our Squirt A team came home as state champions! I would like to thank all the coaches, team managers, and parents for their continued dedication for our hockey programs both on and off the ice, along with the hockey committee and chairs that continue to push to make our program better.

**Bears** – The bears season included many new faces to the team that made a great run, but lost a close game in the championship of the GLHL tournament, to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to all the coaches, managers, captains, and of course Keeven for the fun ride and we look forward to next season!

**Maintenance** – We continue to make the needed upgrades to have one of the nicest facilities in the state of Wisconsin and have plans for more as the finances allow. New floor mats have been added in many areas, new partitions in the rink A bathrooms, new cooler, and freezer in concessions with additional upgrades to follow, new HVAC system for a large amount of the building, and netting added around rink C. Our maintenance crew continues to go above and beyond to keep the rink functioning. So, thank you Chris Sabel, Andy Rebek, Dave Whealon, and everyone that helps them complete all the work around the rink.

**Rink Manager** – Ryan has continued to be a great asset to the club. Ryan is the first person to step up and fill a void when we need help and was a large help with ice scheduling and referee scheduling this season. The continued reliability, trust, and relationships that you have grown around the state, will help our association continue to land large events now and in the future. Thank you, Ryan for all that you do!

And finally, I want to thank all the volunteers and anyone that goes above and beyond to make this club what it is! It brings a large smile to my face when I can travel around the state and listen to people tell me how great we do with our facility and programs, so please know that every volunteer does make a difference.

Thank You!