



# Zorra Skating Club

May 2020

## President's Message

Hello Skating Families,

I hope you are all healthy and safe! It's hard to believe it has been just over two months of our lives being changed so dramatically by this pandemic, and just over two months since our annual Skating Carnival.

We know that Carnival looked and felt quite a bit different this year. Our Board of Directors could not have imagined we would face a decision as difficult as we did the night before Carnival, nor did we think we would be forced to limit the spectators so dramatically. I have thought of it a lot over the past two months and now think that we are so incredibly fortunate that the timing was on our side and we were still able to hold the Carnival at all. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers that day, it was very much appreciated. It will be a Carnival we always remember!

Refunds or credits for the remaining sessions in the 2019-2020 season have been issued.

We had to postpone our Awards Night and Annual General Meeting. We are working on a way to recognize our major award winners in a creative way, as it does not look like we will be allowed to have a large crowd gathering soon. All skaters will still be recognized for their efforts, as soon as we are able.

The Annual General Meeting will be held, either in person (if allowed) or virtually. We have 90 days following the lifting of the state of emergency in Ontario to hold one, so we will wait and schedule it accordingly.

For now, planning begins for the 2020-2021 season. Programming may need to look quite different, and we will share that information once it is known.

We have some exciting news to share, the Zorra Skating Club is expanding! Last year we were approached by the Thamesford Skating Club, asking if we would consider taking on programming at that facility. We have agreed to test the waters and try to run at both the Embro and Thamesford arenas in the fall of 2020! Stay tuned for more details!

I want to close by sincerely thanking the Board of Directors. They are an amazing, committed group, who do so much work behind the scenes to make our little club so wonderful. The hours of volunteer time they put in is remarkable, and they deserve recognition for their efforts.

Wishing you all continued health,  
Angela Langlois  
ZSC President



## Bond

Thank you to those who contributed to the financial sustainability of our skating club by completing their bond. The up-front registration fees only cover a portion of what it costs for us to run our skating program. Additionally, the club's operations depend on volunteers to run especially in the CanSkate program. Even with the shortened season, families fundraised over \$8,000 by participating in our club fundraisers and parents volunteered over 152 occasions to the CanSkate programming. Your continued support is appreciated.

Thank you for another successful year!

- Carolyn King

## Carnival Report

Well this years Carnival will definitely be one to remember... With all the concerns due to COVID-19, we ended up making the very difficult decision to limit attendance to only immediate family members and a maximum of 2 per skater. This was not an easy decision and we were very sorry to not allow all the skaters to have the stands filled with the many people that are important to us and support us throughout the season. Nevertheless, the skaters performed wonderfully and I am sure that many families are proudly showing the DVD's they purchased to the extended family that were unable to see it in person. The Carnival Committee would like to thank all the people that worked tirelessly to make the Carnival the success that it was. Our Carnival Producer and dedicated skating coach Debbie Roefs - we are in awe of you and your ability each year to create a vision and a story that allows each of our skaters to showcase all they have learned this season. The many hours of coaching from Jaclynnne McIntyre, Melissa Wilde and Beth Lochhead, you guys helped all our skaters achieve goals and learn the carnival numbers that helped bring the story to life. Denise Rommens - Thank you for stepping up to assist us at the last moment when we needed your expertise and talents behind the curtain. Teresa Pullen and her talented group of sewers - I don't think many people realize the hours of work that go into creating costumes that fit each of our skaters and fulfill the vision of what each skating number is about. We thank you for all your time and expertise - the costumes were fabulous. To all the many volunteers that came out to help - from picture day, the subs we enjoyed during rehearsals, painting the ice, setting up curtains, running lights, supervising skaters, the list can go on and on - it truly takes the work of everyone to pull off the carnival every year and we are so thankful for the many families that are here to support and assist us. Lastly, Thank you to our Skaters. You worked really hard this year and dealt with the additional stresses with grace and humour. We hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing many of you back next year. For our graduating Seniors - Thank you for all you have done over your years with us - you will be missed and we hope you will come back to visit us.

Carnival Committee

Kathy Dodd, LEEANNE HOPKINS, Christa Minler, Sarah Pletsch and Alicia Van Ginkel

### Carnival Tickets

If you still require Carnival ticket(s) refunded, please email [zscpresident@gmail.com](mailto:zscpresident@gmail.com) for instructions. The physical ticket will need to be returned in order for a refund to be granted. Please consider not asking for a refund and making it a donation to our club. We had to refund a significant number of tickets but our expenses to run the show did not change.

### Coaches Corner ~ Debbie Roefs

Thank You from all the coaching staff for a wonderful skating season. We were so proud of all the skaters accomplishments this past season. They all skated so well at our test days, competitions and carnival. We miss you and hope you are staying safe!  
Pro Rep, Deb Roefs

### Fundraising

We would like to thank everyone who helped us fundraise throughout the skating season, we can't thank you enough! We hope to see you all next season!  
Stay safe!  
Fundraising Chairs  
Teresa Pullen & Alicia Van Ginkel



### Upcoming News

The Zorra Skating Club is expanding! In the fall of 2020, we plan to run skating programs at both the Embro and Thamesford arenas. This is an exciting opportunity for our skaters to make use of both facilities! Stay tuned for more details.

Watch for our Fall/Winter Registration this summer! We wish all our skating families a wonderful summer, and we hope to see you next season!