

# ARNPRIOR FIGURE SKATING CLUB

## Newsletter – October 2017



Our winter season has started and we hope that your skaters are enjoying their time at the rink. Every month we send through a newsletter with some updates, information or just to say hi. The first one is usually a little longer, as we have lots of information to give!

### **Fundraising events**

As you may or may not be aware, we are a non profit organization so we rely heavily on fundraising. Without the events that we hold, we would not be able to keep the club going. It really is as simple as that! The registration fees you pay cover a small percentage of our ice, coaches and other running costs. For one hour of ice, it costs the club \$146.90. Last year just our ice cost for the season was \$31,000, we didn't take anywhere near that amount of money in registration fees, so what do we do? Each and every year, the club has to raise at least \$10,000 to keep going.

There has been much discussion, between the executive, about money in the past and it has always been the consensus that the club does not want to increase the registration cost of skating, instead we would hold different fundraising events, this way parents have the opportunity to ask family, friends and colleagues if they would like to buy pizza or wreaths or attend a paint evening etc.

As the season only runs for 6 months, some of these fundraisers run consecutively (i.e Little Caesars Pizza and Christmas Wreaths), unfortunately this cannot be helped due to the short amount of time we have to raise \$1,667 per month! Of course, we don't expect you to pay huge amounts of money out with each fundraiser, but what we have found in the past, is that running a variety of different events means that our target audience is larger. What appeals to you might not appeal to someone else! This variety gives you the opportunity to easily sell, I have a friend who can't wait for the wreaths to come around every year! She loves them! For every wreath sold, the club gets \$10! By selling over 100 wreaths, that's at least \$1000 to the club, only \$9000 to go!

### **Fundraising Cheques**

We understand that it's not always easy to ask people to buy items or attend evenings so we ask for a \$30 Fundraising Fee (\$30 CanSkate, PreCan, \$60 all other skaters). It is post-dated for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, and for any event that you participate in, a \$ amount comes off this amount. For example, for every wreath that you sell, \$10 comes off your amount. Once you have hit the \$30 (or \$60) your cheque gets returned to you at the end of the season. If you choose not to fundraise, then the cheque is cashed.

### **Executive – We Want YOU!**

We go into another year with skeleton executive. As mentioned above, the executive work hard on running the whole season, as well as ensuring we make enough money to keep the club running each and every year. Over the past 2 years, we have lost some very experienced executive members as their skater's move on to University. At the end of this year, we lose another 2 parents so we really need some new members. It's one meeting a month. If you are interested please contact your skater's representative.

Please remember that our executive are all parents and volunteers too, we have a small executive again this year which means they are all working three times as hard. They put every event together, come up with ideas, as well as selling to their friends and family too so please be respectful when challenging something

with one of them. We all have the club's and skater's best interests at heart.

If you have any queries or questions then see us at the rink, contact your representative or email [info@arnpriorskating.ca](mailto:info@arnpriorskating.ca).

Have a great October and Halloween!

Thanks,

AFSC Executive