

ST. CROIX BLADE SPEED SKATING CLUB

Report 2023-2024 Season

St. Croix Blades speed skating club is proud to report on our skating season. Our club is small, but mighty. We have parents involved with all aspects of our club. Most parents help with pulling pads, many serve on our our Board, some coach and some help with equipment.

This season our club experienced a tragic loss. We were able to pull together and host a fundraiser in support of this family. As a club, we appreciated the support that was given for our fundraiser from other clubs and the greater speed skating family.

Highlights (positive and negative) from our season:

- Managed to financially survive. Our club does work to keep cost low for the skaters.
- Learn to skate program had 15 children attend.
- Learn to speed skate program had 5 children attend.
- Competitive speed skating (groups 1 & 2) had combined 12 skaters involved.
- Our older kids provide coaching to our younger skaters.
- We were not able to host a competition, due to dates and financial costs.
- Our club received a grant from St. Andrews Kiwanis Club, as well as a grant from Town of St. Andrews
- Two skaters will be graduating high school and moving on. The two skaters will be missed as part of our club practices.
- Our head coach is looking at retirement.
- Our skater Matthew Xu participated on team NB which was extremely exciting.
- We had end of year celebration for PB's and acknowledgement of each skater's successes.

As a club, we are looking forward to our upcoming season. Our kids in the club are ready and willing to skate hard and have fun. As a club we continue to promote our skating programs to continue interest in this great sport.

Respectfully submitted,

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