SAINT JOHN AMATEUR SPEED SKATING CLUB

President's Report — 2025–26

Following a smaller season, we introduced a new schedule, moving most programs to Tuesdays and Thursdays. Groups 1 and 2 retained Saturday practices when not competing. Despite some challenges with overlapping ice times, the change was successful, earning positive feedback from parents while freeing weekends and reducing rink-coverage needs.

We welcomed 64 new and returning skaters this year. Learn-to-skate programs shared the ice for 30 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of full ice time for the advanced group. Similar practice times also allowed skaters to advance between groups more easily.

In December, we hosted a Fundamentals event for 33 skaters from four clubs. The skaters had a wonderful time learning about races, and our club enjoys hosting this event.

In January, 74 skaters attended our one-day Charles Gorman Meet, giving our younger athletes an opportunity to compete at home. Attendance was appropriate for our rink's capacity and inability to accommodate a 111-metre track.

Although we received an SSC grant for a try-speed-skating event, limited time and volunteers prevented us from proceeding. A planned bowling and Olympic watch party was also sadly cancelled.

Our smaller membership continues to make recruiting board members and event volunteers challenging. We are grateful to the parents who support our programs, particularly the Fundamentals event and Charles Gorman Meet.

Petra joined the board in communications, succeeding Angie, and has done an excellent job learning the role. Nan also took over registration from Ryan. Although Nan moved to Calgary in July, he has agreed to continue remotely next season and train his replacement.

We are seeking volunteers for registration, competitions and equipment following the departure of Kristina and Greg from their respective roles.

Despite many changes, it has been a successful year. We look forward to next season and welcoming new volunteers who can help our club grow.

Respectfully Submitted – October 19, 2026

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