**2019-2020 President’s Report- Huntsville Skating Club**

Thank you to all our coaches, parents, skaters and board members for your support this season during my fifth year as president. Special thank you to the HSC board members: Michelle Breakenridge (VP, communications), Kellie Heap (treasurer), Muriel Blaker (secretary- carnival chair, canskate liaison, registrar), David Brushey (coach liaison), Sunju Park (director- fundraising), Louise Azzara (test chair), Kayla Dalrymple (director), Kristen Brown (director) and Chrissy Mantle-Marnoch (coach rep).

Thank you to our coaching team: Chrissy Mantle-Marnoch, Linda Vandertas, Megan MacNeil, Tim White and Kaitlyn Brushey for a great season! Thank you coach Chrissy for your ongoing efforts to coordinate our CanSkate Program and to all our program assistants who volunteer their time: Sofia Asturi, Lindsay Breakenridge, Kayla Dalrymple, Margot Fleming, Thomas Flynn, Haley Heap, Alexis Kelsey, Lia MacDonald, Mikayla Markle, Una Park, Lauren Richardson, Madison Searle, Ellie Wendell, Ainslie Vallentin and Carson Vallentin and our PA’s in training Islette Greib, Kaitlyn Kelsey, Josh Marnoch, Lia Park and Nylah Tovee. Once again this year HSC CanSkate maintained our “Gold Star of Excellence” with Skate Ontario, an honor only given to a few clubs in Ontario. LTAD (skater development) continues to be a priority for program planning. In addition to our canskate-bronze and all-starskate combined club times, HSC revamped Sunday programming this season to include CanSkate 4-6, starskate group private lesson, and extended off-ice training, which were well received by our membership. We are fortunate to have a coaching team eager to take on new challenges, seeking out opportunities to improve their coaching skills, excited to act as leaders and role models for participants within our club.

Congratulations to our many skaters achieving tests this year and attending competitions, special mention to Lindsay Breakenridge completing gold interpretive, achieving triple gold test recognition. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Brushey for qualifying for Ontario Sectionals and Ontario Provincial Championships and Ainslie Vallentin for qualifying for Ontario Provincial Championships and being selected as a flower retriever for Canadian National Championships. Unfortunately Provincials was cancelled due to covid-19.

As we cope with covid-19 changes HSC is hopefully that we will be able to run our annual Skokie competition which has historically been the clubs largest fundraiser. Thank you to Robin Brushey and the Skokie committee for running another successful Skokie competition. Given uncertainties the club faces as we adjust to covid-19 adaptations the board will need to continue looking at other options for fundraising to keep skating costs down for members.

The 2019-2020 season came to an abrupt end due to the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown. The HSC season abruptly ended on March 15th which resulted in the cancellation of the remainder of the season including the carnival, year-end banquet, year-end showcase and the original AGM. Special mention to our award winners who unfortunately did not get to perform solos in the carnival: Gold Skater of the Year- Ainslie Vallentin, Silver Skater of the Year- Lia MacDonald, Bronze Skater of the Year- Nylah Tovee, Program Assistant of the Year- Margot Fleming. Congratulations to our April Keys Award- Muriel Blaker for her ongoing dedication to the club. As we all anticipate the new “norm” of society, the HSC board is closely monitoring the covid-19 changes and directives of Simcoe-Muskoka Public Health, Skate Ontario, and the Town of Huntsville in order to safely resume the skating season as soon as reasonably possible. HSC board appreciates your patience and support as the HSC board navigates though these difficult times. Many thanks to the board members for the countless hours of volunteering and thank you to each and every person who volunteered with the HSC. Volunteers are essential to club operations.

Thank you HSC family for your passion for skating. Stay safe, stay healthy!

Kerri Vallentin, President of the Huntsville Skating Club