



# Monthly Info May 2021

## Introduction

The season is nearly over. It was an extraordinary season; the pandemic, no competitions, no gatherings, no tests, closed ice rinks, tough restrictions, new trainer hired, replacing the trainer, new board member that left, an additional board member that joined. We can find many things that were difficult. Despite all of that, it feels great that all the kids are happy for the most part.

## What has happened?

April is nearly over and the ice is melted. Spoke with the janitor today and normally it takes around 2 weeks for all the ice and water is gone. To speed up the process, the ice is shaved/planed every day.

Saturday April 10th we hosted a "Slingan" where kids had a chance to perform their routines in front of a crowd without competing. It was fantastic to see so many engaged parents and happy kids at the same time. Everyone was responsible to keep the restrictions we agreed on. It was such a wonderful day. Thank you to everyone who was involved. For those of you who have not seen the performance, a video was uploaded so you can see them online. Log in at <https://solidsport.com/osbykk>

During Easter break on week 14 we continued on with lots of trainings on and off the ice. Great to see so many that participated and made it a good week. We had a parent meeting with Benjamin where everyone got to speak and express their opinion about training times and trainings in general. A very good and rewarding meeting as my feeling is that everyone was satisfied and happy.

On a couple of occasions the board and some parents have sat down and started discussing the strategy for the coming season. There are many good thoughts and ideas that we on the board will include. Naturally, the hope is to arrange for 2-3 times a year and have similar meetings with all the parents and work groups. More thoughts about this in the coming yearly meeting and Kickoff.

Nearly all the invoicing for training cost and sales are out now.

A part of the board has had their second meeting with Region Skåne. Virtually all associations in the Skåne region have had the same worries as we have had in Osby due to the pandemic. Off ice training has started after the ice rink had closed down.

## The future

### **Sport Group**

We have previously informed that we are researching the option of renting an ice rink in a nearby town. After discussions with other associations in Skåne it appears we cannot do that. Today (Thursday) all of our ice times in Hässleholm were cancelled. Many associations close their rink at the end of April and some have extended until the end of May.

Very few have ice year round. As we said, it is very sad that we do not have an option for post-season training on the ice. For those of you who usually join the Tyringe camp, it is still uncertain whether it will be possible. Skåne works with Tyringe with the hope of making it happen, but no response has been given so far. We will have to wait and see how Skåne and other municipalities see the future and pre-season. We keep ongoing contact and the next meeting is set for May 18th. We hope to have more information to share with you after the meeting.

Start up for the coming season is planned for week 33. OKK and OIK will have a joint meeting with the janitor and the municipality to set up the time allocations for competitions, tests, matches, etc in the middle of June.

### **Member Group**

We would have like to inform you about something fun at this point. With the current conditions it is unfortunately not possible as the whole country is paralysed by the pandemic. Take care of yourselves and keep your distance, so we can hopefully do more activities together after the summer. We are planning a big clean up of the changing room and other common areas. We would love to have your help. Not everyone can come and clean at the same time, so try to think what would be helpful.

### **Economy Group**

During the spring, we usually spend a lot of time trying to get sponsors for our show. This is a big economic loss for us and we need all the help we can get to bring in funds. We are planning a mass mailing to former sponsors and try to raise money even though we do not have a show. If you can help with this task, please get in touch at [styrelsen@osbykk.nu](mailto:styrelsen@osbykk.nu)

Covid 19 grant applications for the financial loss are underway. The board is working to write down all financial losses and we hope to receive financial support from the government in the spring. The budget planning for the coming season is also in full swing and our plan is to have 2 different proposals ready for the coming annual meeting.

### **The board**

The test period with Benjamin was successful and both sides are content. We have had an open dialogue and talked a lot about the club and about Benjamin's private situation. From our side, everything is perfect and we are very pleased with Benjamin's contribution to the club. Benjamin thinks that the association has more to work on, but sees a bright future in how we want to work. There are no doubts from Benjamin's side in regards to the board, parents and our commitment and drive. However, the social part (which we knew and informed about) is not the best.

The big question in everyone's head remains: will Benjamin remain in the association? From the board's side there is no doubt at all. We obviously wish Benjamin will stay with us for the next season. Because the "tryout" contract expires at the end of the month, and because we have not gotten access to more ice time over the summer, we agreed that Benjamin will go home over the summer. He intends on trying out a completely different profession, and currently do not know his availability for after the summer. We on the board have known about this for quite some time and have tried our best to persuade Benjamin to sign a contract for next season but unfortunately failed. Benjamin is well aware of what we think and feel, and we agreed that we must have a definitive answer no later than May 31st. I have also asked him to write a few lines about how he sees the situation:

"Dear parents,

First I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome you gave me and for your support during my time here. The season has now come to an end and I will be leaving for the summer. We have tried to plan and try to organize some camps for the summer but unfortunately due to COVID we could not get to any proper planning. About the start of the new season, I still don't know if I will be the coach for next season here in Osby, this has nothing to do with the club, but for personal reasons I don't know if I will be available, but I will try to give the board an answer as soon as possible. At the same time I would like to tell all of you that I had extensive talks with the board and

specifically with Ola, and they have great plans to restore and grow the club in the best way possible, and I really believe that if you will all trust them and the club things will turn out great. I am and will be closely in contact with Ola and I gave him my full availability for any help or advice the club may need even when I will be away. I wish everyone a great summer and hope to see you all soon.

Al the best  
Benjamin”

The next question is naturally - what if Benjamin does not come back? As we had an open dialogue with Benjamin, we have met an additional coach while Benjamin was present and joined the meeting. On Monday, the sport group and myself will meet him online again. This potential coach is a guy who is 29 years old. He has skated at the Elite level and represented his country in figure skating. He seems to have a very similar background like Benjamin as a trainer and my personal feeling is that he is as good. We have also had an open dialogue and he knows and understands that Benjamin is our first choice, but we cannot wait until the last minute to decide. We need to make a decision at the end of May or beginning of June. The annual meeting is scheduled for June 6th. For the meeting, I ask each group leader to write down the annual report for the past season. This is sent to [styrelsen@osbykk.nu](mailto:styrelsen@osbykk.nu).

More information about the annual meeting can be found at <https://osbykk.nu/?p=2208>

We really hope that as many as possible can participate so that we get as fair of a vote as possible.

### Termination

Thank you to everyone who helps and drives the association forward. We have to endure a few more months and hopefully get back to normalcy. Good luck with everything and take care of each other. We look forward to a great spring, summer, and a fantastic season 21/22. In conclusion, I want to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very nice summer and holiday.

Sincerely,  
Chairman Ola.