

Twin City Figure Skating Association  
MINUTES  
Monday, February 9, 2009, 7:00 pm  
Breck Arena

<b>Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating Club</b>	Gwen Larson, Doris Johnson
<b>Burnsville-MN Valley Figure Skating Club</b>	Kathy Hegseth, Elizabeth Harty
<b>Chaska Figure Skating Club</b>	Barb Houts-Swanson
<b>Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club</b>	Colleen Hoffman
<b>Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club</b>	Joan Murphy
<b>Elk River Figure Skating Club</b>	Katie Markgraf
<b>Figure Skating Club of Bloomington</b>	Nancy Burke (Pxy), Connie Schoonmaker
<b>Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis</b>	Marion Curry, Georgeann Vogel (Pxy)
<b>Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club</b>	Ann Marie Bailey, Julie Knapp
<b>Mankato Figure Skating Club</b>	Candace MortensenKlimpel, Sharon Schneller
<b>Maplewood Figure Skating Club</b>	Kathy Lambert, Joyce Schwartz
<b>Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club</b>	Renee Hirt (Pxy), Heidi Staggert (Pxy)
<b>Rochester Figure Skating Club</b>	Wayne Braake
<b>Roseville Figure Skating Club</b>	Cathy Taylor Sharp, Stephen Hartley
<b>St. Cloud Figure Skating Club</b>	Mary Ellen Sullivan
<b>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</b>	Gay Ann Louiselle
<b>Starlight Dance Club</b>	Janae Williams, Caroline Gilbert
<b>Three Rivers Figure Skating Club</b>	Mike Itzin
<b>Tri County Figure Skating Club</b>	
<b>Woodbury Figure Skating Club</b>	Barb Johnson, Rebecca Wolter

**Members at Large Attending:**

Lynda Lubratt, President	Nancy Kaufmann, Treasurer
Kelli Glaubitz	Michelle Schmidt
	Arnie Schmidt

**Also in Attendance:**

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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<b>Call to Order</b> Lubratt	President Lubratt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
<b>Roll Call</b> Schmidt	See Above	
<b>Quorum</b>	A quorum was declared.	
<b>Secretary's Report</b> Schmidt	Minutes from the January 12, 2009, meeting were presented.	Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary's report.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Kaufmann	Nancy Kaufmann presented the report.	Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.
<b>Open Forum</b> Lubratt	Lynda announced the results of recent competitions. They are attached to these minutes.	

<b>Midwest VP Conference Call</b> Larson	No report.	
<b>Rink Link</b> Kastner	The next issue will be out in March. Submission deadline is February 28.	
<b>Consolidated Testing</b> Lambert/Lubratt	A consolidated test session for all disciplines is set for Saturday, May 9, Breck Arena.	

<b>Membership</b> Larson	No report.	
<b>Finance</b> Kaufmann	No report.	
<b>Internet</b> Schmidt	A tab has been added to list recent officials' appointments. The registration form for the IJS Technical School has been posted.	

	<i><b>Continuing Business</b></i>	
<b>Calendar</b> Lambert	The May 9 test session and the 3/25 session at Northern Blades will be added and then the updated calendar posted on the website.	
<b>Celebration of Champions</b> Venne	The Celebration of Champions is on 2/15/09 at 2:00 at Bloomington.	
<b>MN State</b> Lubratt	Lynda reminded delegates that we still need clubs to submit a bid to host the 2011 and 2012 (held in August 2010 and 2011) competition. The stipend has been increased to \$1,500.	
<b>Officials Dinner</b> Lubratt	We also need a club to host the 2010 and 2011 Officials' Dinner.	
<b>2010 Synchro Nationals</b> Larson/Kaufmann	The first meeting of the committee was February 4. Chairs are still needed for certain areas. Please contact Nancy or Marlys if you are interested in a position.	

	<i><b>New Business</b></i>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<p>Lynda announced that TCFSA is interested in starting a 2010 Basic Skills Series. A skater will sign up to compete at perhaps 3 out of 5 local competitions. The results will be tracked and awards given at the final event. TCFSA is looking for a chairperson to manage this and work out details.</p> <p>Nancy reminded delegates of the Technical Seminar to be held April 17-19. The applications are due 3/19/09. The form is on the website.</p> <p>Doris Johnson mentioned that the Braemar club held a Holiday Pops Skate event over the holidays and it was a very successful event. Other clubs may want to consider doing this.</p> <p>Lynda reminded the delegates that Governing Council is the first weekend of May and clubs who are not sending a delegate should be certain to give their proxy to another delegate. The issues will be reviewed at the April meeting. The panel at the meeting includes Pat St.</p>	

	Peter, Dann Krueger, Ben Miller and Tamie Campbell and should be very informative. Any one is invited to attend.	
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on **APRIL 13, 2009**, at 7:00 pm at the **BRECK ARENA**.

Respectfully submitted,  
 /s/  
 Michelle K. Schmidt  
 TCFSA Secretary

Competition Results

Individual Nationals	Alex Johnson	Junior Men – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Kiri Baga	Novice Ladies – 1 <sup>st</sup>

Midwest Regional Synchronized Skating

Teams advancing to Nationals

Team Braemar	Junior – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Minnetonka Windjammers	Junior – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Maplewood Highsteppers	Intermediate – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Rochester Rhythm & Blades	Intermediate – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Minnetonka Windjammers	Juvenile – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Mpls Synchro Panache	Adult – 5 <sup>th</sup>

Teams placing in top 4 in open events – no national competition

Woodbury Ice Kicks	Open Junior – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rochester Rhythm & Blades	Open Juvenile – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Maplewood Highsteppers	Open Juvenile – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Maplewood Highsteppers	Pre Juvenile – 3 <sup>rd</sup>

# Midwest Conference Call

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**Marlys Larson – TCFSA Representative**

### **Governing Council:**

Focus of club education, seminars at Governing Council

- Day to day operations
- Communication
- Strategic Planning
- Rink Relations
- Financial
- Fund Raising
- Legal Issues for Clubs
- 1099 Forms
- Rv laws session

There will be discussion on how the nature of clubs has changed from selling ice to offering more programs and services.

### **USFS Board Meeting in Chicago IL:**

The budget for 2009/2010 will be in the USFS Governing Council meeting book. Funding for athletes was reviewed. Increased revenue is anticipated because of the Olympic year.

### **Moves in the Field:**

- Feedback indicates to the coaches committee that the coaches are split on the changes to moves.
- May want to push back the timing of implementation by six months.
- When will Judges education on the new moves take place?
- PSA could do all their fall seminars on moves in the field if this passes Governing Council.

### **Rule Book Project:**

Presented by: Ann O'Keefe, Rules Committee Group Coordinator.

- A survey was sent out to 22,000 members with 1300 responses. This survey will be sent again in March, please respond to it.
- The responses were from the following groups listed with coaches having the highest response followed by, competitive skaters, test skaters, parents, recreational skaters, club officers, and judges.
- These were concerns:
  - The rulebook does not come out in a timely fashion.
  - Should it be placed on the website?
  - How do you order a rulebook?
  - How to circulate a hard copy to members and officials
  - Should it be on a CD? (*This cost pennies to mail at to \$20 for hard copy.*)
  - Needs an index
  - Information should be organized by order of discipline. (Singles and Pairs, Dance, Synchronized Skating and Adult as a separate category.
  - Reduce rule duplication

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- Make language clear and simple
  - Stop writing rules from the floor of Governing Council
  - Take by laws and administrative out of the rulebook
  - Keep competition rules and test rules separate
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- Officials Directory: Should this be placed on the web?

### **Website:**

- This was to be updated but was put on hold due to the \$150,000 cost. This is now in the budget.

### **Strategic Planning:**

- Focusing on communications, public relations, and branding/image. They need a PR campaign to recognize the positive aspects of the sport.
- We need to market our stars.
- How to improve community involvement.
- Volunteer development

### **Synchronized Skating:**

- Should be on the Jumbotron at Nationals
- There will be 91 teams at Nationals this coming week.
- Synchronized has three new programs that they are offering.

### **Learn to Skate Programs**

- Learn to Skate program registrations are way up.

### **Meeting Book for Governing Council:**

- The Meeting Book for Governing Council is going to print March 20, 2009
- The April Conference Call will focus on the Governing Council Book.

**The next Midwest Conference Call will be on March 19, 2009**