

# Twin City Figure Skating Association Agenda

*February 8, 2010*

1. Call to Order Lubratt
2. Roll Call Schmidt
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4. Secretary' s Report Schmidt
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  2. Consolidated Testing Lambert/Lubratt
  3. Finance Kaufmann
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  1. Calendar Lambert
  2. Celebration of Champions Venne
  3. 2010 Synchro Nationals Larson/Kaufmann
  4. Governing Council Lubratt
9. New Business Lubratt
10. Adjournment

Twin City Figure Skating Association  
MINUTES  
Monday, January 11, 2010, 7:00 pm  
Breck Arena

<b>Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating Club</b>	Gwen Larson
<b>Burnsville-MN Valley Figure Skating Club</b>	Cathy Noblet
<b>Chaska Figure Skating Club</b>	Barb Houts-Swanson by proxy
<b>Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club</b>	Colleen Hoffman
<b>Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club</b>	Lorri Steen, Jennifer Karner
<b>Elk River Figure Skating Club</b>	Katie Markgraf
<b>Figure Skating Club of Bloomington</b>	Jane Peterson, Scott Horsmann
<b>Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis</b>	Georgeann Vogel, Marion Curry
<b>Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club</b>	Jill Cummings
<b>Mankato Figure Skating Club</b>	Sharon Schneller
<b>Maplewood Figure Skating Club</b>	Kathy Lambert, Sue Persby
<b>Northern Blades FSC Figure Skating Club</b>	Renee Hirt
<b>Rochester Figure Skating Club</b>	Wayne Brakke
<b>Roseville Figure Skating Club</b>	Cathy Taylor Sharp
<b>St. Cloud Figure Skating Club</b>	
<b>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</b>	Gay Ann Louiselle, Lori Rothmund
<b>Starlight Dance Club</b>	Janae Williams, Page Lipe
<b>Three Rivers Figure Skating Club</b>	Mike Itzin
<b>Tri County Figure Skating Club</b>	Chad Lakose
<b>Woodbury Figure Skating Club</b>	Rebecca Wolters
<b>New Prague FSC (Probationary)</b>	Lisa Retterath

**Members at Large Attending:**

Lynda Lubratt, President	Nancy Kaufmann, Treasurer
Michelle Schmidt, Secretary	Marlys Larson, 2nd VP
Arnie Schmidt	

**Also in Attendance:**

Lisa Venne, Celebration of Champions Chair	
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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 November 9, 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 distributed a thank you card from Stephanie Zastrow for her stipend. She announced the following: Anne Marie Murphy has received her Sectional Dance appointment and Kathy Anderson has received her regional accountant appointment. Team Braemar's Junior Team took first at World Jr. Team Qualifying Competition and will represent the U.S. at the World	

	<p>Synchronized Skating Challenge Cup for Juniors to be held March 11-13 in Gothenburg, Sweden.</p> <p>Lynda has received information regarding Stars on Ice at Xcel Center on May 9. There are a block of tickets available to TCFSA members but a volunteer is needed to coordinate sale. Katie Margraf volunteered to handle this and Lynda will send her the information.</p> <p>Lynda distributed copies of a flyer from USFSA announcing a basic skills seminar for coaches, board members, etc. PSA has also distributed copies. A copy is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Mike Itzin distributed flyers regarding a Minnesota Skating Scholarship fundraiser to watch ladies' finals at nationals. (A separate email regarding this was sent to all delegates, club presidents, and sustaining members in January.)</p> <p>Lynda also announced that the new mileage reimbursement is \$.50 per mile. The USFSA has a new website and she encouraged all delegates to check it out.</p>	
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<b>Midwest VP Conference Call</b> Williams	Janae Williams reviewed the 12/9 Midwest Conference Call. A copy is attached.	
<b>Rink Link</b> Kastner	The next issue will be out in March.	
<b>Consolidated Testing</b> Lambert/Lubratt	No report.	
<b>Membership</b> Larson	Marlys introduced Lisa Retterath, the new delegate from the New Prague Figure Skating Club.	
<b>Finance</b> Kaufmann	Nancy asked delegates to remind their members that competitors to Mids or international events must submit a written request by letter signed by club president on club letterhead to her by 2/1. Any skaters interested in the Academic Skating Scholarship should contact Lexie Kastner for an application.	
<b>Internet</b> Schmidt	Arnie has converted his PC to Windows 7 and Office 2007. There have been some issues but he believes they have been resolved.	

	<i>Continuing Business</i>	
<b>Calendar Lambert</b>	Kathy passed out the 2009/10 updated calendar. It has been posted on the website.	
<b>Celebration of Champions Venne</b>	Lisa distributed posters to be put up at rinks and give to a performing skater from your club. 23 skaters were invited, 14 have responded and she is waiting to hear from remaining 9. St. Paul FSC is hosting the reception.	
<b>2010 Synchro Nationals Larson/Kaufmann</b>	<p>A full committee meeting will be held January 20. Nancy and Marlys are meeting with Ice Network on January 12. Arnie has met with company to do rink boards. Officials have their flight information. We have 70+ volunteers and need more. (Forms were available at the meeting and are on website.) Lynda is completing a grid for volunteers. There will be a volunteer vest and each volunteer should be certain to include their size.</p> <p>The competition ends Saturday night about 10:30 and we must have vacated the rink by midnight so help will be needed!</p> <p>We will be selling loons, pins, and books at competition. Donations in kind and sponsors are welcome. There will be a volunteers' meeting on Sunday, February 28.</p>	

	<i>New Business</i>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<p>Lynda announced a Judges' School to be held April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bloomington Ice Garden.</p> <p>Governing Council is April 30 to May 1. Information will be sent to your club from USFSA. Delegate forms must be in by 2/15. Lynda encouraged delegates to remind board members to give their delegate to someone who is going if no one from their club is attending.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the **BRECK ARENA.**

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/  
Michelle Schmidt, Secretary



# U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Workshop

All Basic Skills directors, instructors, junior instructors and assistants are invited for a great day of learning and sharing. If you are a beginning skating instructor, career coach or volunteer class instructor, this is the workshop for you! Topics will cover all the necessary elements of being the best group skating instructor you can be! PSA credit and Basic Accreditation exam available (must pre-register through the PSA).

Specific topics will include:

- About Basic Skills and Competition Structure
- Proper Skill Progression
- Marketing and Growing Your Program
- Keeping Skating Economical
- The Importance of Parent Education
- Customer Service and much more!

**The fee for this workshop is \$35 per participant. Registration deadline is Feb. 19, 2010.**

**Date:** Saturday, March 6, 2010

**Location:** Shattuck St. Mary's School  
1000 Shumway Avenue, Faribault, MN 55021  
507.333.1563

**Time:** 1-5 p.m.  
Registration opens at 12:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Carey Tinkelenberg  
[northfieldskatingschool@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldskatingschool@gmail.com), 508.887.2551  
[www.northfieldskating.org](http://www.northfieldskating.org)

**Please send registration with payment to:**  
U.S. Figure Skating – c/o Susi Wehrli-McLaughlin  
20 First Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
P: 719.635.5200 ext. 423; F: 719.635.9548; E: [swehrli@usfigureskating.org](mailto:swehrli@usfigureskating.org)

**U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Workshop**  
Saturday, March 6, 2010 – Shattuck St. Mary's School

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you a:  
 Basic Skills Instructor Member? Yes/ No U.S. Figure Skating Member? Yes/ No  
 Please tell us the range of classes you have taught \_\_\_\_\_  
 Facility where you teach: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Teaching \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please make check payable to: U.S. Figure Skating  
 Credit card: Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name on card: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You can also call U.S. Figure Skating at 719.635.5200 to register.

<b>Date:</b>	Mon, 14 Dec 2009 08:32:31 -0600 (CST) [12/14/2009 08:32:31 AM CST]
<b>From:</b>	Kathy Slack <mkslack@gmail.com>
<b>To:</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	Minutes of Midwest Conference Call - December 10, 2009

Meeting called to order by Kathy Slack, MVP 8:04PM

Thanks to Marcia Chaffee for taking these minutes

- Kathy introduced Jeff Theiler, COO of STAR (Serving the American Rinks) and he gave us a synopsis of his organization.

STAR is a membership association that provides education to rink personnel. It is a 501C6 organization headquartered in Colorado Springs with 3 staff members. It has 19 board members, 5 U.S. Figure Skating members, 5 USA Hockey members and 9 members at large.

The purpose of this organization is to grow and maintain membership of USFS and USA Hockey and keeping the rinks professional.

They have educated over 4000 professionals over the last 10 years with classes held in Ice Tech (CIT), 5 STAR Operator Program, and Management courses.

The yearly membership cost per facility is \$225 including all personnel, \$50 individual and \$350 vendor. Resources are U.S. Figure Skating and USA Hockey and they produce RINK magazine.

There are 1800-2000 rinks in the United States and 300 are STAR members. IS YOUR RINK A STAR RINK??? Ask and find out.....if not, contact Jeff Theiler at the addresses listed below so he may contact your rink.

All questions are welcomed: JeffT@starrinks.com phone 719.538.1149

- Facebook: USFS Midwestern Section - Have you checked out the Fan page yet?

~Use this site to advertise your club's events - all posts should go through Kathy Slack mkslack@gmail.com Include your club's logo as it makes the page more interesting. We currently have over 780 fans.

~Ann O'Keefe, USFS Eastern VP is conducting a governing council survey to address issues and get your feedback. go to link: **USFS Midwestern Section**

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=u9fZivQX5QBngu32Ua75Wg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=u9fZivQX5QBngu32Ua75Wg_3d_3d) for survey concerning governing council and how to make it better. Please take the time to take this survey listed on Facebook or click on link above.

- US Figure Skating Film Project

USFS has announced it has commissioned Lookalike Productions to produce a documentary film that will celebrate American figure skating and also honor the 1961 figure skating team who perished in a tragic plane crash. It will be used to further the mission of USFS Memorial Fund which was established in memory of the 1961 team.

USFS did extensive research to find twin sisters, Lisa Lax and Nancy Stern of Lookalike Productions to produce this film. They have received 16 Emmy awards for their documentaries - go to [lookalikeproductions.com](http://lookalikeproductions.com) to see the full list. It is felt that Lisa and Nancy will be able to tell the stories of the 1961 team with compassion. Many of us have memories of those that perished and we

are looking for those individuals - if you have something to share or know those that do, contact USFS or Lookalike Productions.

Production is scheduled to begin early 2010 with projected release date of February 2011, to coincide and commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. World Team tragedy.

Kits will be available to member clubs to help promote the film and member clubs will have ample opportunity to participate in galas for the film's unveiling. More next month as Pat St. Peter will join us on our conference call.

- USFS Website - should be unveiled the end of the week of Dec. 14, if all goes well.
- GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations go to the following Midwestern officials for their recent promotions:

~ John LeFevre	National Dance Referee
~Lynn Goldman	National Technical Controller
~Kathleen Krieger	National Technical Controller
~Peter Cain	National Technical Specialist (pairs)
~Philipp Rey	National Technical Specialist (dance)
~Lisa May	National Data S/P/D
~Jessica Melton	National Data S/P/D

~Congratulations also to the Dallas FSC Junior Board that were featured in Skating magazine this month

~Congratulations to Meryl Davis and Charlie White for their gold medal at the Grand Prix Final in Tokyo this past week - the first ever U.S. medal in the dance event!!

~Congratulations to the Midwest for their strong interclub relationships - East Coast and Pacific Coast interclubs would like to meet with the Midwest interclubs to discuss their successes and learn from them during a Governing Council meeting.

Membership notes from Mike Meyer:

~ Discussion ensued regarding Coaches Registration and Basic Skills Coaches. Update since this conference call - Mike would like you to know - at the present time, Basic Skills coaches do not have to go through the coaches registration to stand at the boards with a basic skills student that is competing.

Next Meeting:

~January 27, 2010

~on the Agenda: Pat St. Peter, USFS President  
Roland Bessette, USFS Program Development Chair

Respectfully Submitted  
Marcia Chaffee

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