

Twin City Figure Skating Association

Monday, May 12, 2003

Members Attending:

<p>Braemar Brooklyn Park Burnsville Chaska Eden Prairie Bloomington Minneapolis Minnetonka Mankato</p> <p>Maplewood Northern Blades Rochester Roseville St. Cloud St. Paul Starlight The Heights Tri County Woodbury</p>	<p>Linda Kieffer Mike Itzin, Catherine Jons Pat Bast Barbara Swanson, Nancy Tufto Maggie Asby, Cathy Gallagher Green Tracy Alpern Marion Curry Terry Drewski Deanna Hofmeister, Candy Mortenson-Klimpel Paula Connell</p> <p>Jo Corbin Cathy Taylor-Sharp Deborah Danell, Marilyn Possin Carolyn Marker, Lori Rothmund Caroline Gilbert</p> <p>Millie Leone</p>
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Members-At-Large Attending:

Heather Burns	Georgeann Hall	Kathy Lambert
Marlys Larson	Lynda Lubratt	Marguerite Pakkala
Don Proctor	Arnie Schmidt	Vivien Young

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Call to Order Larson	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Marlys Larson.	
Roll Call Harty	Twenty-two club delegates and nine members-at-large were present.	
Quorum Larson	Following roll call, a quorum was declared.	
Secretary's Report Harty	The minutes were distributed prior to the meeting and copies were available to the members in attendance.	The minutes were approved with a spelling correction.
Treasurer's Report Burns		The financials were approved.
Open Forum	Thank you's from Mariah Jeske from Twin City Synergy, and Elliot Halverson.	

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	<p>Reminder: The NWA discount not only benefits member clubs with a discount on tickets, but if you buy the tickets thru Lisa Venne, TCFSA earns additional air miles to be used for ticket purchase. The discount can be use to book flights for officials coming to competitions. Thank you to Lisa for all her work in making this opportunity available.</p> <p>The TCFSA delegates have a responsibility to pass all information received at these meetings to the board of your respective clubs.</p> <p>All club board and former board members need to pay close attention to all information received from USFSA. Even if you no longer hold a position on the board of you club- you are responsible for forwarding that information to the new leadership. Clubs that do not pay their dues are not in good standing with the USFSA.</p> <p>An issue at governing council illustrated the fact that information may be falling through the cracks and not getting back to the current club boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regardless of the status of the clubs going or not going to governing council – it is the club’s responsibility to either be present for all votes or to pass their proxy to a delegate that is attending the meeting. - This year without proxy votes the Vice President for the Midwest Section may have been replace by a nomination from the floor. There were 1212 registered votes and for the VP to retain the office 607 votes to the affirmative were necessary – the VP remained in office by 5 votes. - Do not let assignment of your proxy vote go until the last minute. It is too important. 	<p>Issue how to handle any club not being in good standing with USFSA for lack of paying USFSA dues. Georgeann Hall suggested adding the words to Article 3 Section 1 of the By –Laws: “Member clubs ... in good standing...”</p> <p>Add information to the bylaws regarding consequences to the club if they are not in good standing with the USFSA.</p> <p>Don Proctor and the Membership Committee to check and see what else might be needed.</p>
<p>Governing Council Update Larson</p>	<p>A new LOGO was presented – the shield is gone and instead, an updated look - Information will be provided regarding proper use of the new logo, etc from the USFSA.</p> <p>APPOINTMENTS.</p>	<p>The full Report of Action will be posted on the USFSA website.</p>

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	<p>Lynda Lubratt and Ann Murphy received International Dance Test Judge Elizabeth Harty has received her Novice Synchronized Team Skating Competition Appointment. Dan Krueger received his National Singles and Pairs appointment and his International Synchro appointment</p> <p>RECOGNITIONS Anne Klein 25 Year Judge</p> <p>The stipend for holding Adult Nationals was increase from \$18,000 to \$25,000.</p> <p>New USFSA President : Chuck Foster Member at Large : Tamie Campbell Nancy Bizzano: Group Coordinator Pat St. Peter – Ethics Chair Bette Snuggerud – Competitions Chair</p>	
Committee Reports		
Rink Link Kastner	A BIG thank you to Freda Hill, who is the force behind the distribution of the Rink Link.	Reminder we want articles of skater passing their Gold tests in the Rink link – Not moves but free skate –If contacted, please call back as we want a live interview.
Central Testing Pakkala	<p>The next test session will be August 18th at the St. Louis Park Recreation Center.</p> <p>The Qualifying competition deadline is September 2, 2003.</p>	The application to test will be on the TCFSA website.
Dance Testing Lubratt	<p>Standard testers do not have to SOLO at the Pre-Silver level.</p> <p>This was marked URGENT therefore it took effect at close of governing council.</p> <p>Next Test will be in late July, may need to adjust timing to help those coming for competition.</p> <p>Dance- Test Chair Seminar – addition of the computerized test forms etc, it is very important for test chairs to come.</p>	Made request to be included as a Sectional training site for the new computer entry test program. If accepted as a sectional site this event could be huge. Please go back to the clubs – to get them signed up.
Minnesota State 2004 Rochester FSC	<p>Jo Corbin & Lynn Okuno will have the announcement ready at end of month Gifts and logo are being finalized. Date is still in debate for next year- need</p>	

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	feedback. There has been difficulty obtaining judges – especially those who are qualified to do open judging events.	
Storage Committee Rothmund/Taylor Sharp	Clean out and Inventory suggested for May 31. Contact Cathy Taylor-Sharp to help. Comment- Mike Itzin – Brooklyn Park’s show was a Las Vegas theme –a sign to scale is available for use.	
Internet Committee Schmidt	Figure Skating Club of Bloomington is now on-line. Home page gives links to all the forms.	
Synchronized Skating Management Schmidt	Try-outs were held in April and fifteen 2003 team members are returning with five new skaters. Second try-out will be June 21 and 22 to get four more skaters. Budget has been forwarded to the Finance Committee.	
Continuing Business		
Celebration of Champions Ford	Carol Ford was not present but Marlys has had conversations with the St. Paul Winter Carnival committee. This year they are going to build another Ice Castle and extend the length of the carnival one additional week. This may help in selling buttons and provide extra exposure for the Celebration of Champions. Additional venues should be investigated.	Perhaps returning to Roseville – when contacting them identifying TCFSA as a 501(c)3 organization to qualify for no-charge for the room.
Nominating Committee Asby	Candidates: 1 st Vice President – Marguerite Pakkala 2 nd Vice President – Jo Corbin Treasurer – Heather Burns Asst Secretary/Treasurer – Carolyn Marker.	Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the June Meeting and the official vote will be done at that meeting. If a nomination is made from the floor please check with the nominee before that date, and be sure they are interested and willing to serve.
Judge’s Appreciation Dinner Taylor-Sharp	This year will be the 30 th Anniversary of TCFSA and this dinner will celebrate that. Cathy Taylor-Sharp and her committee are actively seeking items to have at the dinner. Anne Klein is looking for memorabilia, pictures, videos and photos and any other	

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	items from the last 30 years.	
Champion for Skating Award Larson	The June Rink Link will contain the nomination form and policies surrounding the nomination process. Nominees are all individuals that: - Volunteer their time and talents to promote figure skating - Winner will be chosen in August by committee - Winner will be announced at the September Officials Dinner	The club who will provide a coach to the committee will be selected at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Lambert
TCFSA Assistant Secretary/Treasurer