

Twin City Figure Skating Association

MINUTES

Monday, May 9, 2011, 7:00 pm

Breck Arena

Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating Club	Gwen Larson
Burnsville-MN Valley Figure Skating Club	Janet Martineau
Chaska Figure Skating Club	Margo Ingraham
Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club	Colleen Hoffman
Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club	Lorri Steen, Jennifer Karner
Elk River Figure Skating Club	
Figure Skating Club of Bloomington	
Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis	Lynda Lubratt
Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club	Jill Cummings
Mankato Figure Skating Club	Sharon Schneller (represented by spouse)
Maplewood Figure Skating Club	Sue Persby, Kathy Lambert
New Prague FSC	Lisa Retterath, Marie Bangasser
Northern Blades FSC Figure Skating Club	Renee Hirt
Rochester Figure Skating Club	Wayne Brakke
Roseville Figure Skating Club	Cathy Taylor Sharp, Stephen Hartley
St. Cloud Figure Skating Club	
St. Paul Figure Skating Club	Gay Ann Louiselle, Lori Rothmund
Starlight Dance Club	Janae Williams
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club	Mike Itzin
Tri County Figure Skating Club	Deb Suppes
Woodbury Figure Skating Club	

Members at Large Attending:

Marlys Larson, President	Nancy Kaufmann, Treasurer
Michelle Schmidt, Secretary	Jennifer Gillespie, 2nd VP
Arnie Schmidt	Wally Gelecinskyj

Also in Attendance:

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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
Call to Order Larson	President Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.	
Roll Call Schmidt	See Above	
Quorum	A quorum was declared.	
Secretary's Report Schmidt	Minutes from the April 11, 2011, meeting were presented.	Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary's report.
Treasurer's/Finance Report Kaufmann	Nancy presented the Treasurer's/Finance Report. Marlys reported that historically we have asked for approval of the Treasurer's Report. However, according to Roberts Rules of Order, this is not required because members do not have sufficient back up information or time to make this decision. She asked that we remove this step from the meeting while still allowing review of the report and time for any questions delegates may have regarding the report.	Motion made and seconded to eliminate approval of the Treasurer's Report at the meeting.
Open Forum Larson	Marlys made the following announcements: Barb Hout Swanson has received her Silver	

	<p>Test appointment. Gay Ann Louiselle has received her National Accountant appointment.</p> <p>Thank you cards were distributed from Lynda Lubratt and Janet Carpenter (whose granddaughter attended the recent synchro clinic sponsored by TCFSA.)</p> <p>Nancy announced the following judges were recognized at Governing Council—Jane Lincoln (60 years); Bette Snuggerud (40 years); and Marlys Larson (25 years.)</p>	
Midwest VP Conference Call Williams	The last conference call covered the issues to be discussed at Governing Council so there was no report given.	
Rink Link Kastner	The next issue will be distributed in June. Please be sure to submit any articles or gold tests to Lexie before 5/31.	
Consolidated Testing Lambert/Lubratt	<p>No test planned because even tests of member clubs are canceled because tests are down.</p> <p>Nancy reminded delegates that the test fees paid to TCFSA finance the Officials' Dinner. With less tests, that income will be less this year. Also, if your club cancels a test session, please send an email to nancy@icesnice.com.</p> <p>Marlys asked the delegates to talk with the test chairs of their clubs and give a brief report comparing this year's test numbers to prior years at the June meeting.</p>	
Internet Schmidt	There have been changes to test chairs which have been posted. The recent minutes and recent officials' appointments have been posted.	
	<i>Continuing Business</i>	
Calendar Lambert	It was distributed and will be posted on the website.	
Nominating Committee Hartley	<p>Steve Hartley, chair of the nominating committee announced the following candidates for office and distributed resumes:</p> <p>1st Vice President-Mike Itzin Treasurer-Nancy Kaufmann 2nd Vice President-Jennifer Gillespie Assistant Treasurer/Secretary-Jill Cummings. If anyone else is interested in running for any of these positions, nominations can be made from the floor at the June meeting when elections will be held.</p>	
Governing Council	Marlys asked those who attended the	

Larson	<p>meeting to provide a brief summary of decisions made.</p> <p>Membership dues increased by \$10 for all classes except collegiate. Club dues also changed. Few than 50 members remained at \$50. 50 to 100 is \$100; 100 to 200 is \$200; 200 to 300 is \$300; 300 to 400 is \$400; and 400 or more is \$500.</p> <p>The age for the juvenile division increased to "under age 14 as of 9/1."</p> <p>Junior Nationals will be eliminated as of 9/1/2012. The 4 best placed skaters in intermediate and juvenile singles events will advance to the sectional championships. There will be a stand alone event held in conjunction with US Nationals. The 4 best placed skaters at sectionals will advance to this national event.</p> <p>There were also several changes to required elements at different test levels which are effective June 1. Marlys reminded delegates that, under its guidelines, Minnesota State will comply with these changes.</p> <p>Those changes and all other decisions can be found at the USFS website.</p>	
Minnesota State Larson	A club has expressed serious interest in hosting the 2013/2014 competition and a decision will be made shortly but if your club is also interested, please contact Marlys Larson.	
Officials Dinner Larson	Burnsville will host the 2011 dinner. Eden Prairie will host the 2012/2013 dinner.	
Synchro Clinic Larson	The Synchro clinic was held 4/23/11. There were 55 skaters participating . The professionals were Vicki Korn, Laurie Cole Benson and Lisa Zamarripa who did a great job. TCFSA received some very positive feedback from skaters and parents.	
Club Forum Larson	<p>Marlys asked Rochester to give a brief report on Mids. They had 2500 skaters. The only complaint came from the officials who said they were treated too well! The club netted a profit of about \$137,500.</p> <p>Marlys reminded delegates that hosting this competition or adult nationals is a great fundraiser for a local club or clubs. TCFSA does not bid on this type of event because a</p>	

	<p>local club can host it. It does not require the up front money or as many volunteers or sponsors as individual or synchro nationals.</p> <p>Burnsville FSC is hosting its spring show Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 12, 13, & 14.</p> <p>Maplewood FSC is hosting its spring show May 20, 21, & 22nd.</p> <p>Check the clubs' websites for further details. Links to each club can be found at www.tcfssa.org.</p>	
	<i>New Business</i>	
Miscellaneous	<p>Nancy reminded delegates to be sure their club has submitted its show program to her by 6/1 to qualify for the \$1,000 stipend. The club must also meet the attendance requirement (a delegate present at 7 of the 8 meetings.)</p> <p>Membership packets which included a letter regarding the club fee for MN State and a Renewal Form for TCFSA were handed out at the meeting. Please complete the renewal form as soon as possible.</p> <p>Test fees must be sent to Nancy by 7/30/11.</p> <p>Marlys reminded delegates that nominations for The Champion for Skating Award are due 8/1. They can be found on the TCFSA website.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the **BRECK ARENA**.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michelle Schmidt, Secretary