

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

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| Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating Club | Gwen Larson, Doris Johnson |
| Burnsville-MN Valley Figure Skating Club | Paula Nelson |
| Chaska Figure Skating Club | Barb Houts-Swanson |
| Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club | Annette Kojetin |
| Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club | Lorri Steen, Jennifer Karner |
| Elk River Figure Skating Club | Katie Markgraf |
| Figure Skating Club of Bloomington | Jane Peterson, Scott Horsmann |
| Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis | Georgeann Vogel, Marion Curry |
| Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club | Jill Cummings, Deb Stillman |
| Mankato Figure Skating Club | Kelli Glaubitz |
| Maplewood Figure Skating Club | Kathy Lambert, Sue Persby |
| Northern Blades FSC Figure Skating Club | Shari Kraber |
| Rochester Figure Skating Club | Kari Grabowsky |
| Roseville Figure Skating Club | Cathy Taylor Sharp |
| St. Cloud Figure Skating Club | |
| St. Paul Figure Skating Club | Gay Ann Louiselle |
| Starlight Dance Club | Janae Williams, Page Lipe |
| Three Rivers Figure Skating Club | Mike Itzin |
| Tri County Figure Skating Club | Deb Suppes |
| Woodbury Figure Skating Club | Rebecca Wolters, Barb Johnson |

Members at Large Attending:

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

Also in Attendance: (Club Presidents)

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| Lexie Kastner, St. Paul | Chuck Kolars, Woodbury |
| Annette Kojetin, Eagan | Paula Nelson, Burnsville |
| Brenda Baga, Bloomington | Jamie Drury, Maplewood |
| Nicole Kauls, Eden Prairie | Deb Suppes, Tri County |

| <i>TOPIC</i> | <i>DISCUSSION</i> | <i>ACTION</i> |
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| Call to Order Lubratt | President Lubratt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. | |
| Roll Call Kaufmann | See Above | |
| Quorum | A quorum was declared. | |
| Secretary's Report Schmidt | Minutes from the September 14, 2009, meeting were presented. | Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary's report. |
| Treasurer's Report Kaufmann | Nancy Kaufmann presented the report. She announced we have received our grant from USFS for Synchro Nationals of \$54,000. | Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. |
| Open Forum Lubratt | Lynda distributed a thank you card from Gretchen Wilson for recognition of her 25 years of judging announced at the Officials' Dinner. Lynda also announced the TCFSA skaters advancing to | |

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| | Midwesterns or Nationals. A copy of the list is attached to these minutes. | |
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| Midwest VP Conference Call Williams | Janae Williams reviewed the 10/28/09 Midwest Conference Call. Her report is attached. | |
| Rink Link Kastner | The next issue will be out the end of November. | |
| Consolidated Testing Lambert/Lubratt | Lynda reminded everyone of the dance test session at St. Cloud this week. She has notified trial judges. TCFSA continues to be concerned about accommodating the number of skaters who want to test before the change in MIF. Jill Cummings announced that the Lake Minnetonka FSC is waiving their out of club fee in July & August for skaters from clubs without a test session that month. | |
| Membership Larson | <p>Marlys announced that the New Prague FSC has become a probationary member in accordance with the provisions outlined on page 4 of the Policy Handbook (available on our website.)</p> <p>Marlys also discussed what TCFSA does for its member clubs. There is a brief summary under About TCFSA on our website. It will be updated shortly.</p> <p>TCFSA is working on an IJS seminar for skaters which will be held after the competition season.</p> <p>Marlys and Lynda also asked for suggestions on other things that could be done. There was discussion of a need to obtain general information on how other clubs were handling certain issues, etc. Janae Williams and Lexie Kastner suggested that the best source for this was the new USFS Midwest Section page on Facebook. Lexie also mentioned that they are currently asking for input on the new format for regionals. It was Tuesday through Saturday and has changed to Thursday through Tuesday. It wasn't the positive and growing experience for the non-qualifying competitors and the audience was drastically smaller. She asked that</p> | |

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| | <p>everyone log on and give their input.</p> <p>To access the page you can google USFS Midwestern Section and you will find a link to that page on Facebook. You must be a Facebook member.</p> | |
| <p>Finance Kaufmann</p> | <p>Nancy, as committee chair, talked with Wachovia regarding investment of the \$54,000 from USFS which will be used for 2010 Synchro Nationals expenses. Because the funds are needed shortly, at broker's recommendation, they were invested in the Mentor Fund.</p> | |
| <p>Internet Schmidt</p> | <p>Test chairs and changes to the handbook have been updated on the website. The photos from the Dinner have also been added.</p> | |

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| | <i>Continuing Business</i> | |
| <p>Calendar Lambert</p> | <p>Kathy passed out the 2009/10 updated calendar. It will be posted on the website shortly. Delegates were asked to remind their test chairs that if a session is canceled, they must notify Kathy and Nancy.</p> | |
| <p>2010 Synchro Nationals Larson/Kaufmann</p> | <p>A full committee meeting was held 11/5. On Monday Marlys, Nancy, and Shirley Hage met with the Radisson, the Officials' hotel, and the McNamara Center where the dinner will be held.</p> <p>More volunteers are needed and delegates were urged to sign up and encourage their members to do so as well. You must be 18. There will not be a uniform .</p> <p>Auditions for Opening Ceremonies will be 11/22 and forms are in. There is a media event on Channel 9 from 6 to 9 am on 11/17 promoting adult nationals and synchro nationals. We will also be promoting the competition at Maplewood's Synchro Comp at Mariucci December 19 & 20.</p> | |

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| | <i>New Business</i> | |
| <p>Miscellaneous</p> | <p>Lynda introduced all of the club presidents who attended the meeting and thanked them for their service and for coming to the meeting.</p> <p>There was a motion passed to</p> | |

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| | cancel the December, 2009 meeting. | |
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2010, at 7:00 pm at the **BRECK ARENA**.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michelle Schmidt, Secretary

Skaters going to Midwesterns

Senior Ladies

Maria Sperduto, St. Paul FSC (2, 7, 2)
Molly Oberstar, St. Paul FSC - bye due to International competition

Senior Men

Alex Johnson, Braemar City of Lakes FSC (1,1,1)
Nick Krongard, St Paul FSC (4, 4, 4)

Junior Men

Juran Yang, St. Paul FSC (1, 2, 2)
Edward Sprogis, St. Paul FSC (5,3,3)

Novice Ladies

Shannon Brakke, Rochester FSC (4, 2, 3)

Novice Men

Cale Ambroz, FSC of Bloomington (3, 3, 3)

Skaters going to Junior Nationals

Intermediate Men

Daniel Kulenkamp, St. Paul FSC (6, 6, 6)
Ben Jalovick, FSC of Bloomington (7,7,7)

January 14-24, 2010

Senior Dance

Stephanie Zastrow, St. Paul FSC & Michael Lueck, Burnsville MN Valley FSC

Junior Ladies

Kiri Baga, FSC of Bloomington

Midwestern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Next Meeting is December 9th

Board of Director's Report:

The BOD appointed Mark Ladwig to the STAR BOD for a three year term.

The BOD approved the appointment of John Misha Petkevich to be a Trustee of the U.S. Figure Skating Foundation (term runs through 2010).

The BOD approved to concur with U.S. Figure Skating Foundation's re-election of Paul George and Jeffrey Vinik with terms ending 2010.

TV update – announced that NBC will show 10 hours of ISU Grand Prix series (except China due to a scheduling conflict). Universal Sports will re-air NBC shows later in the week.

It was announced that ASCO and Cancer.net have partnered with USFS to be a title sponsor for Skate America. ASCO is American Society of Oncology and this organization represents physicians who treat people with cancer.

Recap from last month's call:

Kathy thanked the Dallas FSC, ISC of Indianapolis and the FSC Council of IL for hosting great regional championships

After last month's call Kathy called HQ to report there were extra costs being incurred by 2 clubs/councils hosting regionals due to an extra line being run for the Icenetwork live feed. This had not been in their bid packages. The next morning David Raith, Ex. Director, USFS called to report that these costs would be reimbursed to the club/council, if proper invoices were presented.

Kathy also reported that she had discussed with the BOD that it would be nice to have a monitor installed in the lobby so that skaters would get the results immediately. Southwesterns did have live results. Some issues with this as the results are unofficial and the placement of skaters changes sometimes. [To get combined results on web, click on **the name of event itself**, rather than "details" for short or long.]

Discussion ensued as to whether regional championships should host test track/non qualifying skaters. Better Todd, Chair of EGL, said she had 320 NQ skaters and had it not been for the NQ skaters, their Club would not have made money. Participants weighed in on the pro's and con's of adding NQ skaters. Lack of practice ice for Qualifying skaters and the need to use other rinks were cited as drawbacks. Increase in revenue and keeping the NQ kids competing were cited as reasons to add them. Bette also reported that 130 of the 320 NQ skaters had been test track competitors.

Kathy again reminded all that applications are available online for the Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund – deadline is November 30, 2009.

All three VP's have started Facebook Fan pages. The USFS Midwest Facebook Fan Page is entitled USFS Midwestern Section. This page will be used for Midwest announcements, activities, event listings, etc. – a communication tool for the section. Since starting last month the page has 685 fans. Kathy would like for everyone to look at the page and give feedback. It was suggested by Lynn Goldman that a posting be added for discussion on the new format that was used at regionals this year – Thursday – Tuesday format. Clubs need to send Kathy their information to be posted along with a club logo. [Midwest page set up by Elizabeth Harty - !]

Discussion of Midwestern Schedule:

There was a discussion on the Midwestern official practice and competition schedule. Joining the call were Dann Krueger, Chief Referee of Mids, Leigh Chambers, Wichita FSC and Mids Competition Chair, Lynn Goldman, SVC Competitions Committee and Rick Kern, National Chair, Competitions Committee. Dann answered questions about practice ice and reminded everyone that the official schedule cannot be posted until the last regional is finished. This is due to potential conflicts when skaters are competing in more than one event. The official schedule was posted 24 hours upon completion of Upper Great Lakes. Unofficial practices WILL be available to all competitors. Music will only be played on the official practice ice and NOT on unofficial ice.

There were several competitors that had made their flight arrangements prior to the “official” schedules being posted and they would be arriving too late to take advantage of their official practices. Practice ice this year was sold in “package form”, which included both official practice ice and official warm-up ice. It is not possible to change practice times or receive a refund. It was stated that flight arrangements should not be scheduled until the “official” schedules are posted.

Next scheduled conference call: December 9, 2009. Details will be sent prior to this date.

Thanks to Patrick O'Neil for the reporting of these minutes.

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