

Twin City Figure Skating Association  
 MINUTES  
 Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:00 PM  
 Breck Arena

<b>Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club</b>	Gwen Larson
<b>Burnsville MN Valley Figure Skating Club</b>	Lynn Jenn
<b>Chaska Figure Skating Club</b>	Barb Houts-Swanson
<b>Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club</b>	Colleen Hoffman, Annette Kojetin (President)
<b>Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club</b>	Nicole Kauls (President)
<b>Elk River Figure Skating Club</b>	Katie Markgraf
<b>Figure Skating Club of Bloomington</b>	Lisa Retterath, Jane Peterson
<b>Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis</b>	Lynda Lubratt
<b>Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club</b>	Jill Cummings, Liz Dymoke
<b>Mankato Figure Skating Club</b>	Sharon Schneller (Substitute)
<b>Maplewood Figure Skating Club</b>	Kelly Renstrom, Kathy Lambert
<b>New Prague Figure Skating Club</b>	Marie Bangasser, Tiffany Daly
<b>Northern Blades Figure Skating Club</b>	Dawn Sieber
<b>Rochester Figure Skating Club</b>	Suzanne Trejo
<b>Roseville Figure Skating Club</b>	Cathy Taylor-Sharp
<b>St. Cloud Figure Skating Club</b>	
<b>St. Paul Figure Skating Club</b>	Lori Rothmund
<b>Starlight Dance Club</b>	Janae Williams, Nancy Burke
<b>Three Rivers Figure Skating Club</b>	Mike Itzin, Kim Greninger
<b>Tri County Figure Skating Club</b>	Allen Binion
<b>Woodbury Figure Skating Club</b>	Barb Johnson, Jennifer Gillespie

**Members at Large Attending:**

Marlys Larson, President	Michelle Schmidt, Secretary
Nancy Kaufmann, Treasurer	Arnie Schmidt

**Also In Attendance:**

Pat St. Peter, USFS President	Laura Considine, Braemar FSC President
Wally Gelecinskyj, Bloomington FSC President	Colleen Yockey, Lake Minnetonka FSC President
Ron Kahrer, Woodbury FSC President	Dr. Robyn Bueling, Guest Speaker

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<b>Call to Order Larson</b>	President Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM	
<b>Roll Call Schmidt</b>	See Above	
<b>Quorum</b>	A quorum was declared.	
<b>Secretary's Report Schmidt</b>	Minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting were presented.	Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary's report.
<b>Treasurer's/Finance Report</b>	Nancy distributed the report.	

<b>Kaufmann</b>	Total cost of Officials' Dinner was \$10,000 of which \$9,000 was covered by test fees.	
<b>Open Forum Larson</b>	<p>Marlys made the following announcements:</p> <p>The following skaters placed at Upper Great Lakes Regionals and will advance to Midwest Sectionals—</p> <p>Faustine Micheyl (Juvenile)  Coco Kaminski (Intermediate)  Michelle Hedges (Intermediate)  Ryan Santee (Novice)  Cole Ambroz (Junior)  Kiri Baga (Senior)  Maria Kalina (Senior)</p> <p>Dr. Robyn Bueling spoke regarding skaters' injuries. Dr. Bueling is completing a sports fellowship with the U of M and St. Thomas. She has been working with interclubs across the country to track skaters' injuries. Other sports have a history of this information but skating does not. She plans to survey skaters as to injury, cause, and treatment and then the results will be shared with physicians and the skating community.</p> <p>Dr. Bueling will send the survey to the TCFSA secretary and she will forward it to the club presidents. Each club board can decide if they want to post it and/or forward it to their members. The skater completes the survey and returns it directly to Dr. Bueling. All levels of skaters from first test and up are invited to participate.</p>	
<b>Rink Link Kastner</b>	The next issue will be published after Midwestern Sectionals.	
<b>Midwest VP Conference Call Itzin</b>	The September call pertained to practice ice and other issues related to Regionals. Clubs received notice of the issues	

	<p>directly.</p> <p>The October call discussed seminar ideas for Governing Council along with fundraising ideas for clubs. Candidates for the nominating committee should submit resumes by 3/1. The Midwest region has two slots open.</p> <p>There was a webinar on 11/2 regarding club governance. Free webinars and the senior program were also discussed (See discussion from Pat St. Peter below.)</p>	
<b>Internet Committee</b>	The photos from the Officials' Dinner have been posted and sent to Lexie for publication in the Rink Link. Information regarding the Basic Skills Series has been posted.	
<b>Membership Report Kaufmann</b>	All clubs have turned in their commitment forms.	
<b>Basic Skills Cummings</b>	This program is available for skaters from Basic Skills 1 through Freestyle 6. Skaters accumulate points at 10 competitions during the year and awards are given in June. It is free to clubs and skaters. Check the TCFSFA website for details and standings.	
	<b><i>Continuing Business</i></b>	
<b>Calendar Lambert</b>	An updated 2012 calendar will be posted this week.	
<b>Champion for Skating Award</b>	Marlys proposed to reduce the number of people on the selection committee since it was difficult to find a time for all to meet.	A motion was made and passed to reduce the number of past award recipients on the committee from 5 years to 2 years.
<b>Presidents' Meeting</b>	<p>Marlys Larson welcomed the TCFSFA Club Presidents attending the meeting and introduced Pat St. Peter, President of USFS.</p> <p>Pat thanked everyone for their volunteer hours promoting</p>	

skating. She announced that, as part of National Skating Month, TCFSA will host a USFS Therapeutic Skating event in association with Blind Athletes on Martin Luther King Day at Bloomington Ice Gardens. She is asking clubs for coaches to volunteer at the event. There will be a conference call on the procedures before the event. Volunteers for other aspects of the event are also needed (must be 16+.)

Anyone interested in participating should contact Marlys Larson at [mjl4432@aol.com](mailto:mjl4432@aol.com).

Pat encouraged clubs to check for other ways to use the Therapeutic Skating Program at their club.

Contact [swehrli@usfigureskating.org](mailto:swehrli@usfigureskating.org) for information

Pat commented that test sessions were down because of the changes in moves. She said there will be no changes in the test structure next year and no increases in dues for club members for the next three years.

Governing Council and the new rulebook cost USFS \$400,000 each year. USFS is restructuring the program and is using webinars for club education to determine if this will work. There is a webinar on 12/1 regarding Club Financial Management and one on 1/12 on How to Educate Parents in Skating. There will be four more from January – May. These are free. Check the USFS website for details.

There are now Basic Skills apps

	<p>available for smart phones at \$1.99. They list the curriculum for each badge. Coaches can use them in class. Check the USFS website or the Apple Store for details.</p> <p>In light of the recent Penn State problems, Pat also reminded presidents and delegates that the USFS Rulebook requires mandatory reporting of any abuse. Failure to report the abuse is an ethical violation. The report is confidential. The person making the report is not revealed. USFS is launching a mandatory course for all coaches regarding abuse and sexual harassment. The course will satisfy the ethics/safety requirements of CPE.</p> <p>USFS has a program for graduating seniors. Clubs should submit the name and address of any graduating seniors and USFS will send them a congratulatory note with information regarding collegiate membership. Check the USFS website for information.</p>	
<p><b>MN Concussion Law</b></p>	<p>Marlys advised delegates and presidents that PSA has a video for coaches and USFS will address this issue with officials. TCFSA is not an accrediting organization and therefore does not need a separate program.</p>	
<p><b>Club Forum Larson</b></p>	<p>Several clubs have holiday programs coming up—</p> <p>Lake Minnetonka will host a Christmas Xtravaganza/Coat Drive 12/3 from 12:30 – 4:00.</p> <p>Braemar has a holiday exhibition with food shelf drive on 12/11 5:30 – 7:30. A synchro team from Australia will skate.</p>	

	<p>Bloomington has their Skate with Santa program 12/15 &amp; 16.</p> <p>Maplewood will host their annual synchro competition at Mariucci Arena 12/17 &amp; 18. The team from Australia will compete there as well.</p> <p>Check each club's website for further details.</p>	
	<i><b>New Business</b></i>	
	<p>TCFSA and USFS will host a Club Management Seminar on March 3, 2012, at the Hilton in Minneapolis. A form is attached to these minutes and will be posted at <a href="http://www.tcfsa.org">www.tcfsa.org</a>.</p>	

The next meeting will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 7:00 pm at the BRECK ARENA.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

Michelle Schmidt, Secretary



## Club Education Seminar Registration Form

Saturday, March 3, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location:

**Hilton**

**Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport – Mall of America**

3800 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425

www.hilton.com – for reservations call 952-548-0979 and mention Twin City FSA and U.S. Figure Skating for a discounted rate

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Your club can have up to six board attendees. Please give **name and e-mail address for each person**. The fee is \$75 per person or a maximum of \$250 per club of four or more members. Fee includes all meeting materials, break time snacks and lunch.

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**Submit application and registration fee no later than February 17 to:**  
U.S. Figure Skating: Minneapolis Club Education Attn: Susi Wehrli-McLaughlin  
20 First Street  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
Fax: (719) 635-9548 or Email: [swehrli@usfigureskating.org](mailto:swehrli@usfigureskating.org)

Please make check payable to: U.S. Figure Skating

Credit card: Card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Or call U.S. Figure Skating at 719-635-5200 to call in your registration.

Midwest Conference Call, 11/30/11

1. Webinars - First was on Club Governance. Tomorrow, 12/1, will be on Club Finance Slides on USFS Website.
2. Club Expectation Tool - On Web page.  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Expectations%20of%20Member%20Clubs.pdf>
3. Heidi Thibert- USFS-PSA Coach Curriculum Coordinator Discusses "Coaching Issues"  
Coaches must be Registered and have credentials in order. Club Responsibility to enforce.  
Discussion of ISI Coaches. ISI has an insurance program.
4. Coaching Contracts. See IRS Pub 907 - Independent Contractors.
5. View PSA Professional Standards at  
<http://www.skatepsa.com/Professional%20Standards.htm>
6. Clubs will receive their complimentary copy of RISE in mid December.  
Copies of RISE still available at USFS.
7. Kroger Fundraiser in Little Rock.
8. No Dec. Call In Next is Jan 18, 2012.  
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