

Twin City Figure Skating Association Agenda

November 9, 2009

1. Call to Order Lubratt
2. Roll Call Schmidt
3. Quorum Lubratt
4. Secretary' s Report Schmidt
5. Treasurer' s Report Kaufmann
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 2. Rink Link Kastner
 3. Consolidated Testing Lubratt/Lambert
 4. Membership Larson
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 1. Calendar Lambert
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 3. November "Club Presidents" Meeting Lubratt
9. New Business Lubratt
10. Adjournment

Twin City Figure Skating Association
 MINUTES
 Monday, October 12, 2009, 7:00 pm
 Breck Arena

Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating Club	Gwen Larson
Burnsville-MN Valley Figure Skating Club	Paula Nelson
Chaska Figure Skating Club	Barb Houts-Swanson
Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club	Colleen Hoffman
Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club	Lorri Steen, Jennifer Karner
Elk River Figure Skating Club	Katie Markgraf
Figure Skating Club of Bloomington	
Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis	Georgeann Vogel, Marion Curry
Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club	Jill Cummings
Mankato Figure Skating Club	
Maplewood Figure Skating Club	Kathy Lambert
Northern Blades FSC Figure Skating Club	Renee Hirt
Rochester Figure Skating Club	By Proxy
Roseville Figure Skating Club	Cathy Taylor Sharp
St. Cloud Figure Skating Club	
St. Paul Figure Skating Club	Lori Rothmund
Starlight Dance Club	Janae Williams, Page Lipe
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club	Mike Itzin
Tri County Figure Skating Club	Chad Lakose
Woodbury Figure Skating Club	Rebecca Wolters, Barb Johnson

Members at Large Attending:

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

Also in Attendance:

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<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
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 pointed out that we had actually made a profit of \$38 on the Officials' Dinner.	Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.
Open Forum Lubratt	Lynda distributed thank you cards from Kristin Arneson Cutler, Betty Meck and Wendy Meck Poland for the Officials' Dinner. She also announced a contribution of \$250 from Blue Cross Blue Shield in recognition of the volunteer hours of Jennifer Gillespie, an employee.	

Midwest VP Conference Call Larson	Janae Williams reviewed the 9/23/09 Midwest Conference Call. Her report is attached.	
Rink Link Kastner	The next issue will be out after Regionals.	
Consolidated Testing Lambert/Lubratt	Lynda said they are having second thoughts about a consolidated test session in the summer because it may take judges from clubs planning tests. She suggested each club with planned test sessions add ice and allow skaters from other clubs to test. This was discussed. The delegates suggested a consolidated test session in July. Lynda will check on this.	
Membership Larson	Arnie mentioned that he had forwarded an email from New Prague interested in becoming a TCFSA member club. Marlys will respond but is concerned about the distance and meeting volunteer requirements.	
Finance Kaufmann	No report.	
Internet Schmidt	Arnie has added Tamie Campbell as the recipient of the 2010 Champion for Skating Award to the ad to be used in programs for the stipend. He will make sure the 2010 Synchro ad is available to download and post in rinks if clubs want.	

	<i>Continuing Business</i>	
Calendar Lambert	Kathy passed out the 2009/10 updated calendar. It will be posted on the website shortly.	
2010 Synchro Nationals Larson/Kaufmann	<p>Marlys and Nancy have been meeting with various sub-committees. Audition forms for the Opening Ceremonies are on the website. Must be from a TCFSA club, age 13-19 and passed Pre-Pre moves. No cost to skater but must attend all practices. Forms are due 11/6.</p> <p>We are looking for sponsors and any in kind donations like coffee, food products, etc.</p> <p>We need about 100 volunteers and have 14 signed up to date. You must be 18. Forms are on website.</p>	

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	<i>New Business</i>	
Miscellaneous	<p>The Policy Handbook updates were reviewed. Lynda reminded the delegates that the November 9 meeting is the President's Meeting. The updated Policy Handbook and the Bylaws will be on the website before the meeting. Printed copies will not be distributed because of cost.</p> <p>Marlys asked if coaches would like to see how the IJS system works. Page Lipe suggested that this would be very beneficial to a skater. The Board will review this and see if a demo can be arranged after the competitive season.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 9, 2009, at 7:00 pm at the **BRECK ARENA**.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Michelle Schmidt, Secretary

Midwest Conference Call
9-23-09

Have 4 year extension with NBC (plus 1 year remaining). That brings us through 2014.

Basic skills awarded \$100,000 from a foundation. \$50,000 for 2010-11 Its Great To Skate. Remainder for endowment fund.

Board approved technical policy.

New support fund for Intermediate, Novice and Junior skaters.
kburns@usfigureskating.org for application.

Coaches registration

313 coaches at regionals not USFS members. USFS membership required for qualifying competition coaches. Need to get it fixed! LOC will discuss next steps. Hope to get coaches registered before competition so skaters don't suffer from lack of coach once there.

- What is strategy for dealing with the inevitable screaming when a coach is turned away? (Need upper management support – from HQ. Need print of the rule to show them. Separate room available?)
- Can USFS create official credential badge so coaches understand they need to carry it with them for each competition?
- Can competition application allow space for multiple coaches in case a 2nd or substitute coach shows up who hasn't been pre-verified?

Regionals

Is there final round for pre-Juvenile?
Yes, last event on Sunday

The TV line (for live results) going into the arena requires electrician and over \$500. (\$1,000 for Uppers; Rink paid at another location.) LOC "won't" pay. HQ wants the TV line. Rink gets to keep line once installed. New question, so no answer yet as to who might bear that responsibility. DSL/T1 line in the bid; Line for live results was not in the bid.

How do people in arena get live results? Referees can choose how / if results will be communicated. (Announce after each skater, electronic display of IceNetwork or other). Scores are unofficial and any communication costs – ice time, computer connection, etc. Is it worth the cost?

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STAR Board Meeting

New (proposed) Coach Fast program (or maybe Coach Fax?)
Modeled after Car Fax

Gather all USFS info on a coach to create a verified resume - Test / competition history, PSA membership, liability insurance, education, etc.

Coach can choose to participate, submit resume. Coach Fast staff would verify information and compile only verified data into a report. \$99 fee for coach to participate. All info verified from USFS, PSA or ISI sources. (Compared to approx 750 background screening companies which, he says, generally buy secondary info.)

Level 1 – Basic, \$99 to obtain report

Level 2 – Comprehensive for those hiring coach; \$149 to obtain report

New cycle / fee for each year.

Hope to roll out prior to Regionals, but also considering Jan – Dec cycle

Not USFS endorsed, but other sports already asking to use the system too.

Website under development as coachfast.com, coachfast.org, coachfast.net (Don't know yet which will be the advertised link)

What do clubs do with paperwork that comes in with lots of personal data once no longer relevant?

It would be appropriate to shred old data. Consider using document management company. They might offer limited services for free to clubs, nonprofits.

Does USFS have a record retention policy?

No. There might be IRS or business requirements. Might come under Errors and Omissions provision of insurance if there is a problem? No one knows.

Facebook

Want to set up page for club news for Midwest section. Once available, they'll want news, competitions, tests, events. Can this piggyback on "new" USFS website calendar? Probably not.

Junior board article will be in next issue of Skating in "Clubs Matter" section. Might have something to do with Lake Mtka FSC, or maybe it just passed through the hands of someone there.

USFS Hall of Fame deadline extended through Oct 22. See USFS website. Prior submissions in the hat for 3 years.

Next meeting: October 28, 2009

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