

**Twin City Figure Skating Association
September 10, 2001 Meeting Minutes**

Club Delegates Present:

FSC of Bloomington	Jani Sage
Braemar City of Lakes	Linda Kieffer, Jon Yearous
Brooklyn Park FSC	
Burnsville Minnesota Valley FSC	Tanya Ibragic, Nancy Meyer
Chaska FSC	Barbara Swanson, Nancy Tufto
Eden Prairie FSC	Maggie Asby, Cathy Gallagher-Green
Lake Minnetonka FSC	Terry Drewski, Kathy Gladfelter
Mankato FSC	
Maplewood FSC	Paula Connell, Kathy Lambert
FSC of Minneapolis	
Northern Blades FSC	
Rochester FSC	Jo Corbin
Roseville FSC	Steve Hartley
St. Cloud FSC	
St. Paul FSC	Lexie Kastner
Starlight Dance Club	Susan Chacko
Tri County FSC	Brenda Wicks
The Heights FSC	Joan Pennington

Members at Large Present:

Ed Barnard, Heather Burns, Georgeann Hall, Elizabeth Harty, Bev Heilicher, Nancy Kaufmann, Dann Krueger, Marlys Larson, Lynda Lubratt, Marguerite Pakkala, Don Proctor, Dottie Richburg, Arnie Schmidt

Guests: Bob Warda

Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order Larson	Marlys Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.	
Quorum Larson	After completion of roll call, Marlys Larson declared a quorum present.	

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Secretary's Report Harty	<p>The minutes of the August 2001 meeting were previously distributed and reviewed by members. Members were reminded that if they are unable to open their minutes via email, to email Elizabeth Harty immediately and she will send a new version.</p> <p>August corrections: Kathy Gladfelter of Lake Minnetonka was in attendance.</p> <p>Jillian Asby participated in the North American Challenge in Vancouver, BC, August 24-25 while Kristin Shaffer participated in the North American Challenge in Chicago.</p>	<p>A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes with corrections</p>
Treasurer's Report Heilicher	<p>Dann Krueger passed the financial reins to Bev, but he had a final update of the financials and investment policy.</p>	<p>A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the financial report</p>
Open Forum	<p>Thank you notes from Rohene Ward for a stipend; Phyllis Howard (USFSA President) for a TCFSA donation to the Memorial Fund; and Liz Kuiper and Leo LaChance for the recent Dance Judges seminar.</p> <p>What would the clubs like TCFSA do for the furtherment of skating? Delegates should go back to their clubs and bring ideas forward.</p> <p>To clarify "a member in good standing" when changing clubs regarding financial obligations; from MR6.06 in the rule book.</p> <p>"Person desiring to change the designation of their Home Club to another Member Club or to Individual Member status during the current USFSA membership year must first secure a signature from one of the club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) of their previous club, indicating that the departing member has satisfied all financial obligations to that club.</p> <p>Clubs need to be aware of this with new members.</p>	

Committee Reports

Rink Link Kastner	<p>The next Rink Link will come out after uppers. Deadline for submission: September 30</p>
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Central Testing Pakkala	Is there a need for a test in November? Which week? It was suggested to look at the week of Midwesterns. Many clubs have planned their test schedule with the knowledge that a November session would take place.	
Dance Testing Lubratt	August 2 Dance Test Session - Report from the session - brought in \$1080, with final revenue of \$683. Thank you to the FSC of Minneapolis for their cooperation (worked with the competition) Next session will be October 18 at St. Croix Recreation Center in Stillwater prior to Maplewood Competition.	
Minnesota State 2002	Thanks to the Brooklyn Park FSC for an excellent competition and kudos to Dann Krueger (chief referee) Thanks for Lexie for all her hard work. Trophies -three (3) have not been returned - Need to have a new trophy made for the Senior Men - Starlight IDC will need to underwrite the cost as one of their members is the recipient. (Rohne Ward)	
Finance Hall	A finance meeting was held prior to the beginning of tonight's meeting. The committee approve the investment policy statement.	Moved and seconded. Approved
	Dann worked with our investment counselor to work this out. It is conservative, but still with a bit of risk. No Tobacco Stock - What about alcohol? Too hard to trace ownership.	
	Request for up to \$300 to purchase new software for Elizabeth- Office XP.	Moved, seconded and approved.
Internet Committee Schmidt	1) Minutes on the website after they are distributed to members. They will be in a PDF format. There will be two folders - one with approved and corrected minutes and a second with unapproved minutes.	Moved, seconded and approved
	2) email request - executive committee members phone numbers on the website. It was decided not to include phone numbers, but email addresses.	

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Membership Committee Proctor	Will be in touch with Elizabeth for the latest list of delegates, members at large and sustaining members to create committee.	
	Nominations for new Members at Large: Carol Ford and Diane Heacox; Carol would serve as the Coordinator of the Celebration of Champions while Diane is serving on the Synchro Management Committee. Elizabeth Harty offered a friendly amendment to accept Diane as a TCFSA sustaining member to serve as the co-chair of the Synchro Management Committee.	Friendly amendment accepted. Carol Ford was elected as a member at large. Diane Heacox will become a sustaining member.

Continuing Business

Governing Council 2002 Venne	Nothing to report. The Minneapolis Convention and Visitor Bureau is supposed to assist with the Saturday night event.	
Officials Dinner Venne	The dinner is set and ready to go, the invitations were sent to the most recent list provided by Elizabeth. The Team Trophy will be presented to Braemar.	
	The Silver 25 th Anniversary Tray - We would like to keep it standard from year to year. We've asked USFSA to let us know which judges will be hitting this mile-mark, so we can pre-purchase a group of silver trays.	Motion: to purchase five tray right now to plan ahead - \$70 each Georgeann reminded us that this has to go to the finance committee and we should wait to see how many anniversaries we have coming up.

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Synchronized Mgmt Committee Belrose	August 28 th meeting - Nicole Hunsley, formerly with Miami University Synchro team, was interviewed for coach. She has the leadership qualities, but no coaching experience. Did not make a commitment. Agreed as a group to accept her and waited to hear from her regarding compensation;	One week later, she informed the committee that she is not interested in the position.
	Next meeting on Wednesday, September 12th. TCFSA Logo? Are there any constraints on the what the logo can be? Would like to keep the connection between TCFSA and the team - it could open doors. A change on the logo would cause too much confusion.	The commission should bring forth their ideas on branding to the TCFSA as a next step
Judges Seminar Wrap-up Lubratt	Is over! Thanks to Lexie & SPFSC for their cooperation. Thanks to Marlys for housing the skaters. It was a nice intimate group which helped facilitate discussions with the judges and the skaters. Twenty (20) certificates were earned including the two demonstrators who are 18 & 19 years old and are working on their appointments.	Thanks to Lynda for organizing this! Lots of details work! Financial statements to Bev will be forwarded to Bev.
Champion for Skating Award Larson	5 nominees for the award - they were Mike Itzin; Barb Swanson; Anne Klein; Patty St. Peter; Lynda Lubratt.	Lynda Lubratt was selected as the Champion for Skating.
Calendar Lambert	The one on the website will be current. Add monthly TCFSA meetings to the calendar. Add Governing Council May 9 - 11, 2002 Roseville Competition is May 17-19, 2002 Rochester February 15-17, 2002 Robin Lee - August 2-4, 2002	It was requested that a hard copy of the calendar be distributed at each TCFSA meeting.

New Business

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High School Lettering Program	<p>Bob Warda - high school lettering program for Dance at Rochester. Two tracts - single/pairs and dance. Rochester is working with Eden Prairie to find all the resources and then put together a manual for clubs and schools to use.</p> <p>Maggie Asby: Biggest difference- grade 7 through 12 while EP has 9 through 12. Rochester requires the skaters to pass the Intermediate test prior to the beginning of the season while EP lets them reach that through the year.</p> <p>Dance requirements: Train a minimum of 150 hours on RFSC contract ice. Attempt at least one individual Dance or MIF test. Participate in at least three public events. One must be a USFSA or ISIA sanctioned competition at the Pre-Silver Dance level, or Intermediate MIF or above. One must be an ice show. The remaining event is the choice of the skater. As much as possible, it should be noted that all efforts should be taken to identify the skater with their respective schools.</p>	<p>TCFSA requests that the clubs keep us updated on the success of the program.</p>
Stipends Policy	<p>Proposed addition to the Stipends policy from the Executive Committee: To receive a stipend a skater must participate in the TCFSA events, including Minnesota State Championships and the annual Celebration of Champions. If a skater does not participate in these events, the Executive Committee will be the deciding power to approve the request for the stipend.</p> <p>As in the past, the skater's club must request stipends after the event skated. Pursuant to the above paragraph, stipends will not be issued until February.</p> <p>Discussion: Marlys gave background on why this policy was proposed.</p>	<p>Georgeann Hall moved Steve Hartley seconded Yea: 20 Nay:8 Abstain: 1</p>
Celebration of Champions	<p>Will be held on February 3, 2002 @ Roseville Arena - waiting on the contract</p>	

Next meeting is the THIRD MONDAY of October 15

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Harty

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TCFSA Secretary