

Twin City Figure Skating Association
MINUTES
Monday, September 8, 2008, 7:00 pm
Breck Arena

Braemar City of the Lakes Figure Skating Club	Doris Johnson, Gwen Larson
Burnsville-MN Valley Figure Skating Club	Kathy Hegseth
Chaska Figure Skating Club	Barb Houts Swanson
Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club	Colleen Hoffman
Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club	Lorri Steen
Elk River Figure Skating Club	Katie Markgraf
Figure Skating Club of Bloomington	Connie Schoonmaker
Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis	Georgeann Vogel
Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club	Ann Marie Bailey
Mankato Figure Skating Club	Candace Mortenson Klimpel
Maplewood Figure Skating Club	Kathy Lambert, Joyce Schwartz
Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club	Renee Hirt
Rochester Figure Skating Club	Wayne Brakke, Marne Gade
Roseville Figure Skating Club	Cathy Taylor Sharp
St. Cloud Figure Skating Club	
St. Paul Figure Skating Club	Gay Ann Louiselle, Lori Rothmund
Starlight Dance Club	Caroline Gilbert
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:

Lynda Lubratt, President	Nancy Kaufmann, Treasurer
Michelle Schmidt	Marlys Larson
Arnie Schmidt	Kelli Glaublitz

<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 Schmidt	See Above	
Quorum	A quorum was declared.	
Secretary's Report Schmidt	Minutes from the August 11, 2008, meeting were presented.	Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary's report.
Treasurer's Report Kaufmann	Nancy Kaufmann presented the treasurer's report. She addressed the question posed at the last meeting regarding an adjusting entry for the Nationals clothing donated to MN Skating Scholarship. On advice from the accountant who prepares the TCFSA tax return, the clothing would have been expensed in the budget for 2008 Nationals and a separate adjustment should not be made now.	Motion made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.
Open Forum Lubratt	Lynda Lubratt announced that Alex Johnson will be competing at the Junior Grand Prix in the Czech	

	<p>Republic. Team Braemar will compete at the Spring Cup in Milan, Italy.</p> <p>TCFSA has received provisional appointment to host the 2010 Synchro National Championships at Mariucci Arena March 3-6, 2010. The 2010 World Championships will be held in Colorado Springs.</p> <p>The Rochester FSC & Rochester Amateur Sports Commission will host the 2011 Synchro Midwestern Championships.</p> <p>Michelle Schmidt discussed the difficulty of adding new members to the Yahoo group because the invitation to join is blocked by anti virus software. Instructions for delegates to sign up as a member were distributed. Arnie will also post them on the TCFSA website.</p>	
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Midwest VP Conference Call Larson	Marlys distributed a report on the 8/28 conference call. A copy is attached to these minutes.	
Rink Link Kastner	The next issue will be out after Uppers.	
Consolidated Testing Lambert/Lubratt	A consolidated test session is planned for late fall. A question was asked about test fees. There has been no change.	
Membership Larson	<p>Nancy said she was still missing forms from Maplewood, St. Cloud, and Tri County.</p> <p>Winona FSC expressed an interest in joining TCFSA and have been sent information. There has been no further response at this time.</p>	
Finance Kaufmann	<p>The MN State hospitality fees from Braemar, Chaska, Northern Blades, St. Cloud, and Tri-County are still outstanding.</p> <p>The Committee received \$1200 in trophy sponsorships. There are 5 trophies yet to be sponsored. Please contact Nancy Kaufmann if you or your club are interested in sponsoring a trophy.</p>	
Internet Schmidt	No report.	

	<i>Continuing Business</i>	
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Calendar Lambert	Updated Calendars for 2008 and 2009 were handed out and have been posted on the website. Farmington Basic Skills Competition will be March 28, 2009.	
Champion for Skating Lubratt	Nancy Kaufmann announced the Champion for Skating recipient, Lori Rothmund. Lori has been involved in skating for over 22 years and has been a delegate for 18 years. She is a true volunteer. She will be honored at the Officials Dinner.	
MN State Lubratt	Kellie Glaublitz gave a report on the competition. Results have been posted on the TCFSA website. The Mankato newspaper gave the competition good coverage in the sports section. Nancy Kaufmann said that, from a judge's perspective, it was well run. Lynda Lubratt thanked the Mankato FSC for all their hard work in hosting the competition.	
Officials Dinner Bailey	Ann Bailey said the event was ready for Sunday, 9/15. Any last minute additions must be submitted by 9/10. There will be 135 attending, the same as last year.	

	<i>New Business</i>	
Miscellaneous	<p>Lynda reminded delegates of the test chair seminar to be held September 13, 2008 from 10 to 2 in Shoreview. There is no fee. Test chairs have been contacted. They can still sign up. Contact Lynda.</p> <p>Lynda also reminded delegates that all club presidents are invited to the November meeting. An email will be sent.</p>	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be held on November 10, 2008, at 7:00 pm at the **BRECK ARENA**.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
Michelle K. Schmidt
TCFSA Secretary

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Marlys Larson – TCFSA Representative

Collegiate Nationals:

- Pat thanked the Mile High FSC and Carol Zeles for hosting a successful competition.
- Some points of interest: The short program rules are different than rules for qualifying competition. A double axel or triple jump is not required.
- Good Skating within a skaters own limitations is the most important feature.
- The competition has sectional and national level judges and national level judges.
- Although there is an entry fee this is not a financially viable competition. It works well if run in conjunction with a non-qualifying competition.
- The total cost of two accountants came to \$2,500. If accountants use their own computers there is an additional cost of \$250. If the LOC provides computers and printers there should not be an additional cost. Printers run \$40 per day. There are forms online to determine these costs.

Coaches:

- E-mail was sent to all the clubs that are members of TCFSA reminding them that the coach's deadline for registering was September 1, 2008. This was extended until September 2, 2008 because the 1st was a holiday.
- 3,900 Coaches have registerd
- Registration will be enforced at Regionals.
- The online list is listed by state and alphabetical.
- The registration process doesn't work with a Mac Computer
- It was suggested for the Regions to have a uniform letter to give non-registered coaches. This applies only to qualifying events, not the non-qualifying events.

USFS Personnel:

- Dalean Greenlee who retired this year from USFS will continue to work on special projects. This year's project is the rulebook.
- USFS has hired a new Director of Services.

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2009 Nationals – Cleveland, OH:

- Schedule and ticket information online
- All National officials will be getting ticket information.
- Ice-Network will transmit all ISU competitions except Worlds. They are presently trying to ensure that online streaming will work on Mac Computers.

Junior Grand Prix:

- USFS is looking for a location to host a 2009 Junior Grand Prix event. This is not a moneymaker.

USFS Website:

- A task force has been formed to restructure the USFS Website. You should send your suggestions to Pat St. Peter.

Strategic Planning:

- Working on new members and membership retention of skaters from Basic Skills to club membership.
- There will be a separate conference call on this subject.

Next Midwest Conference Call will be on September 25, 2008 @ 7 PM

Procedure to Join TCFSA Yahoo Groups

Members of TCFSA will need to perform the following procedure to get their home or work email address added to the TCFSA Yahoo user group and have email access for notifications and correspondence sent out by TCFSA.

1. Launch Internet Explorer or any other Web browser desired.
2. In the address field enter <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tcfsa/> and observe a new screen displaying the TCFSA group. Click on the "JOIN" button.
3. Yahoo Groups will ask you to first create a Yahoo email address first so complete that procedure. The procedure will ask you to set-up a Yahoo user ID and password (write these down since you will need them later). During this procedure you must also identify a second email address (this should be the home or work address you would like the notifications to go to). Ask Yahoo to make this your primary email address for TCFSA user group notifications.
4. Yahoo will establish a YahooUserID@yahoo.com for you. You may need to login in again in the process of verifying your home/work email address. Your new address should now allow selection as primary. Complete the directions as shown.
5. At the completion of the Yahoo directions you will see a screen saying that your membership is pending while Yahoo sends an email to the moderator indicating your intention to join the email group. Upon moderator approval, two emails "Yahoo! Groups: Welcome to tcfsa. Visit today!" and "Request to join tcfsa approved" will be sent to you. Both emails contain information about you being a new member. Please allow up to five days for moderator approval. If after that time you don't receive any conformation then please email Michelle Schmidt (mschmidt@briggs.com) to let her know.