

Twin City Figure Skating Association  
 MINUTES  
 September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 7:00 PM  
 Breck Arena

Braemar City of Lakes FSC	Gwen Larson, Julie Vanhove
Burnsville MN Valley FSC	
Chaska FSC	Barb Houts Swanson
Eagan Ice Crystal FSC	
Eden Prairie FSC	Nicole Kauls
Elk River Figure Skating Club	
FSC of Bloomington	Jane Peterson
FSC of Minneapolis	Lynda Lubratt
Lake Minnetonka FSC	Jill Cummings, Liz Dymoke
Mankato FSC	Sharon Schneller
Maplewood FSC	Kathy Lambert, Kelly Renstrom
New Prague FSC	Tiffany Daly
Northern Blades NSC FSC	Shari Kraber, Dawn Sieber
Rochester FSC	Wayne Brakke
Roseville FSC	Stephen Hartley
St. Cloud FSC	
St. Paul FSC	
Starlight Dance Club	Jenae Williams
Three Rivers FSC	Mike Itzin
Tri County FSC	
Woodbury FSC	Jennifer Gillespie, Barb Johnson

Members at Large Attending:

Marlys Larson, President	
Nancy Kaufmann, Treasurer	

Also in Attending:

Deb Suppes, Tri County FSC	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call to Order</b> Larson	President Larson called meeting to order at 7:00 PM	
<b>Roll Call</b> Cummings	See Above	
<b>Quorum</b>	A quorum was declared.	
<b>Secretary's Report</b> Larson	Minutes from the August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2011 meeting were presented.	Motion made and seconded to approve the secretary's report.

<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Kaufmann</p>	<p>Nancy presented the Treasurer's/Finance Report.</p> <p>Reported a \$24,000 loss in the last month.</p> <p>Records sent for an audit with accounting firm.</p>	
<p><b>Open Forum</b> Larson</p>	<p>Marlys discussed the following topics:</p> <p>There is a new concussion protocol that was made a MN State law effective September 2011. It is a youth sport regulation requiring a video to be viewed by parents and coaches. It also requires those standing in a official capacity at events be knowledgeable on the protocol. Youth sports coaches need to be "certified" by watching the video and taking a short quiz. The video is approximately 10 minutes followed by a short questionnaire and guidance and concussion care. PSA also is aware of protocol and has sent information to coaches. TCFSA is currently unsure of official requirements and has asked legal counsel to look into official requirements. Liz Dymoke stated that the video is available on the MN State High School League website. Braemar had questions regarding whether TCFSA would disperse information to clubs. At this time, TCFSA will not monitor clubs, but will address if officials are required to be certified.</p> <p>TCFSA donated \$4,000.00 to the MN Skating Scholarship. Skaters are reminded to apply and can receive the information from their club president.</p>	
<p><b>Rink Link</b> Larson</p>	<p>The next edition is October 2011. Please forward articles to Lexie Kastner.</p>	

<p><b>Internet Committee</b> Larson</p>	<p>Arnie has posted the MN State results and has updated the history of champions. He also posted the current Basic Skills Standings to the website.</p>	
<p><b>Membership</b> Kaufmann/Larson</p>	<p>Kaufmann reported that all clubs have their membership forms completed.</p> <p>Larson commented that the meetings “count bodies, not clubs”. Marlys discussed the conflict of interest documents and reiterated that clubs should ensure their boards have signed agreements. Nancy distributed a copy to be used strictly as an example. The bottom line was that clubs must disclose all business connections for profitable agreements. In some situations, bids may be required.</p>	
<p><b>Calendar</b> Lambert</p>	<p>Calendar has been revised online. Current version has a Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> date. 2012 calendar has also been posted.</p>	
<p><b>Basic Skills</b> Cummings</p>	<p>Currently 9 participating competitions. Standings after Robin Lee are posted on the TCFSA website. The Series information page is also posted to the website and must be included in the competition announcement to be part of the series. Next competition participating is Maplewood.</p>	
<p><b>Champion for Skating</b> Larson</p>	<p>Jane Lincoln received the award at the Official’s Dinner. She has served as an official for 62 years. Jane received an engraved platter and the FSC of Minneapolis made a display showing some of her accomplishments. Memorabilia included her test sheets from her skating days. Her family also attended the event including 6 of her 7 children and their spouses.</p>	
<p><b>Official’s Dinner</b> Larson</p>	<p>Burnsville MN Valley FSC hosted the official’s dinner on</p>	

	<p>Sept 11, 2011 at the Town and Country Club. Thanks to Janet Martineau and her committee for organizing the event as well as the two skaters for distributing the roses to the officials. Next year, the dinner will be hosted by Eden Prairie FSC at Olympic Hills Golf Club.</p>	
<p><b>Midwest Conference Call</b> Gillespie</p>	<p>Conference call primarily focused on the promotion of National Showcase and Theater on Ice. USFS has employed staff to promote these events and answer questions in an effort to have more clubs add these events to their competitions. Clubs that had added the programs noticed an increase in competition competitor numbers. Skaters participating can expect a lifetime of involvement in figure skating. Theater on Ice involves many skaters in the same number which is performed much like a play. Showcase is individual skaters performing artistic numbers in several categories.</p> <p>Also, the RISE DVD will be available for sale in mid-October.</p> <p>The Midwestern Conference call committee has developed a Facebook page so regional activities can be followed on facebook.</p>	
<p><b>MN State</b> Kaufmann</p>	<p>Kaufmann reported a \$3,000.00 loss on Minnesota state and requested a rate raise for competitors to \$120.00 for Pre-Pre through Juvenile competitors and \$130.00 for Intermediate through Senior levels. Practice ice rates were discussed as was the rising cost of ice time. Some arenas will be raising rates from \$180.00 per hour to \$225.00 per hour next year. Kaufmann stated that the goal of MN state is not to profit, but it does need to break</p>	

	<p>even to continue. She continued to give a break down of profit and loss on the various different aspects of running a competition such as official expenses, room rental and hospitality. Officials schooled in IJS are required because many local officials also serve as coaches. It is also difficult to obtain officials in August. TCFSA often loses money on MN State, but feel the skaters should have an opportunity to perform prior to regionals. There was much discussion on whether or not a \$10.00 increase would be enough and other cost cutting measures were discussed. It was decided that there will have to be a combination of expense reduction and fee increases for next year and the topic will be discussed again at the November meeting.</p>	
<p><b>IJS System</b> Kaufmann</p>	<p>Kaufmann requested a rate raise due to expense increase and upkeep of the system. There is a frequent need for replacement cables . The current charge is \$310.00 per competition. The IJS system does not leave the region and is available to non TCFSA member clubs for \$1000.00. The system must travel with Lexie, Chip, Carolyn or Gay Ann. US Figure Skating rented the system for \$5000.00 last season for Upper Great Lakes.</p>	<p>Motion was made and seconded to raise the IJS System rental fee to \$400.00.</p>
<p><b>President's Meeting</b> Larson</p>	<p>Larson reminded delegates that the November 14, 2011 meeting was the annual president's meeting. Presidents are invited to attend to have questions answered and get more information regarding TCFSA</p>	
<p><b>New Business</b> Larson</p>	<p>Larson proposed an Amendment to Bylaws to change Quorum number . According to our bylaws, the delegates (directors)</p>	<p>Motion was made and seconded to Amend By Laws to state that a quorum will be 1/3 of total members.</p>

	are the members and not each individual club. New quorum would be 1/3 of delegates which would be 16 and it is more reflective of TCFSA's current structure and membership.	
<b>Club Forum</b> Larson	Kathy Lambert announced that Maplewood Competition will take place in its new Vadnais Heights location on September 17 and 18 <sup>th</sup> .	

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting will be Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Breck Arena.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jill Cummings, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer