

Tri States Council of Figure Skating Clubs
Annual Meeting – June 5, 2010
Bowling Green, Ohio – Holiday Inn Express

Suzy Malloure, President, called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

The Meeting continued with everyone introducing themselves around the room.

Lainie Demore moved and Terry Kollar Seconded the motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from June 2009. Before the motion could be voted on Steve Wolkin commented about a necessary correction on page 6, and the motion was then moved and seconded by same parties to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion Carried.

Dorothy Tank took questions about the Treasurer's Report. There were questions about some of the categories, specifically why some areas increased. Dorothy told everyone that she had combined a lot of individual items into a broad category, and agreed that for the next treasurer's report she would break down the areas more specifically. Motion made by Steve Wolkin and seconded by Lainie DeMore to approve the treasurer's report. Motion Carried.

It was concluded not to approve the budget at this time of the meeting, but to wait until the end of the meeting.

Dorothy Tank was asked about how monies are distributed to the skaters each year. Maureen commented that a complete explanation for all categories was included in the annual booklet.

Secretary's Report: Maureen Dalton

Vice President Jeff Marshall – OHIO, explained how grateful he was to all that helped with our projects throughout the year, including the special Moves in the Field School held after the Pavilion FS Competition in April, and the Synchro Competition in Kalamazoo in February.

Vice President Amy Bauer – MICHIGAN, also extended thanks, and note in particular her work in increasing the newer Collegiate Memberships for Tri States.

Vice President INDIANA – Vacant at this time

President's Report – Suzy Malloure thanked everyone for getting involved in the Club Ed Seminar but believes that we have outgrown the Holiday Inn Express in Bowling Green and will be moving to the Perrysburg Holiday Inn. The room is bigger, there are cheaper rates. The arrangements will be so much better. Suzy spoke about the success of the National Skating Month subsidy for the member clubs of Tri States, explaining to everyone that this particular idea was born from the Club Ed Seminar in September. It seemed that because of the Olympic year more councils and associations were taking on the cost of these materials for their member clubs. As the Club Ed was populated by mostly Tri States Clubs – everyone in the room agreed this would be a great project for Tri States. A Total of 29 Clubs participated in the Subsidy for National Skating Month, and pending approval by the Council will be including a registration form that will be mailed out with the membership form for the 2010 – 2011 Skating Season. Suzy then presented to Amy Bauer on behalf of the Kalamazoo Figure Skating Club a plaque showing our appreciation for their hosting of the Tri States Synchro Competition. Suzy also presented the Pavilion Skating Club an identical engraved plaque for hosting our Free Skating Competition. Thanks to the SW Michigan

FSC for hosting, once again, the Judge's School and for coordinating all the details with regards to the school, their competition, the trial judges, as well as the critiques.

Medals Report - Bill Estey

Bill commented his report was on page 13 of the booklet. Page 14 showed the inventory of medals currently on hand. He expressed thanks to the Kalamazoo Competition for hosting the 35th Annual Synchro Competition, and to the Pavilion FSC for hosting the 45th Annual Free Skating Competition.

Walt Lupke will be the next designated official to be recognized at our competitions in 2011. Calvin Carson moved and Lainie DeMore seconded by approved the Medal Report. Motion Carried.

Music Committee: There are corrections to be made on the website, on the Music Committee Page. We need to correct Joann Eastman's Email address, eliminated Jerry Skinner and Alan Davis.

Everyone discussed the Music Equipment Inventory. It was concluded that we needed to increase the budget by 2500.00 for the purchase of new equipment. Bill Coyle moved, and Steve Wolkin

Seconded to approve an additional \$2500.00 into the budget. (to be approved at the end of the meeting.) Motion Passed.

Doreen explained that we need volunteers for the Music Coordinators jobs. Especially in Ohio.

It appears no one wants to be responsible for owning the equipment. No one has more than a few hours at a time for the job. Doreen recommended that Bill Goen be appointed the Music Chairman for Tri States. Steve Wolkin moved, and Calvin seconded that the old equipment be moved out of Doreen's basement (those items identified as "O" - to be either given away or sold. In addition those items "N" not used anymore. Motion carried. It was concluded by member clubs that the report really helps us, as we need to know where the equipment is, and who is responsible for it. Steve Wolkin moved and Lainie DeMore seconded that we include the Club Ed Seminar Expenditures as an annual line item in the budget each year. Motion passed.

Suzy Malloure started to have everyone key in on the bids for the 2010 -2011 Skating Season.

It was suggested that we possible discuss the "date" situations before we look at the bids. There were many variables. Although the second weekend in February (the 12th) was right after Mids, depending on who won the bid, the location might be perfect with no hotel overnights. It was suggested that we really need to look 2 years down the road. It was suggested that we try a questionnaire?

There was a heated discussion about the sanction process. It was mentioned that Barry Doren is the new Sectional Vice Chair for Sanctions. After discussing all the proported rules and guidelines it was concluded that most people agree it doesn't matter.

Presentation of Bids:

Bowling Green Skating Club - Pat Rabb

Bidding for the 12th for the Synchro Competition.. Would like the group to think about hosting in January. Seating 5000, lots of room for Vendors.

Ice House Skating Academy

Bidding for the 19th of February for the Synchro Competition. Two Facilities, 3 sheets of ice, seats about 800 people. Big Lobby. Has significant sponsorships. Ice cost only 175.00.

Midland Figure Skating Club - Karen Boswell

Three Rinks, 14 locker rooms, 220.00 per hour ice cost bidding for 2-19-10, Lots of hotels in the area. Budgeted for 57 teams.

South Dayton FSC - Kate

Bidding on February 19, 2011 - They have a large synchro program. The Chairs for the competition has more than 20 years skating experience. Ice cost: 190.00. There is a large strong volunteer base in the club. Municipal Facility - attached to recreational facility. Used to hosting large competitions and events. 85x 200. Ice cost: 180.00 per hour. 800 person seating capacity. Has a full gymnasium for the teams.

Traverse City Figure Skating Club - Pete

Bidding for February 19th, 2011

They are a recreational city - thousands of rooms, hundreds of hotels, loads of restaurants. They specialize in tourism. Many ski resorts, and of course they have snow in February. Capable of hosting as many teams that show. Budget based on 50 teams. Two sheets of ice - will have 20 locker rooms - with 19 being available to the synchro teams. Community rooms, workout facility. They are increasing the seating. Currently 1150 and 469. Good Volunteer Base. Run by Non profit group that owns the facility. They hosted Tri States in 2003. They are the location for the Red Wings Training Camp since 1997.

Wyandotte Figure Skating Club - Mary Moss

Bidding for February 12, 2011

They have 5 locker rooms, Ice cost is 190.00. Seating for 915. Plenty of Hotels, restaurants, etc.

Completely renovated - they have two zamboni's.

Pavilion Skating Club - by Karen and Allison

Bidding on February 19, 2011

Fairly new team for the club - they have two rinks, seating 700, 500. City Owned. Ice Cost 150.00

Doreen interjected the thought about having one or two rinks, and that Synchro doesn't really require more than one rink any longer.

Fort Wayne Indiana - Jennifer Tarr

Bidding for April 15, 2011

Three Ice Surfaces, seating capacity 250? In the process of expanding the seating capacity. 12 locker rooms - 4 party rooms - large banquet room for officials, two zamboni's. They have held many events. 145 members in their clubs. They host a basic skills competition.

Kalamazoo Figure Skating Club - Kristin Krandall

Bidding for April 15, 2011

Ice Cost: 165.00. Seating Capacity 1230, 500. Lots of experience with basic skills series, and this year hosted the Tri States Synchro Competition which was very efficient and profitable. Thanks to Amy Bauer's organizational skills. They could also do the weekend of Governing Council although it wouldn't make much sense with regards to getting officials. Rink Management is extremely supportive - and there is a nice working relationship with the SW Michigan FSC. Two NHL Rinks, 2 Zamboni's, 10 locker rooms, 3 Conference Rooms, On Site Restaurant, Full Bar. Lots of Hotels, and restaurants.

Corey Thompson spoke about the role of the SW Michigan FSC and the Kick Off Classic combined with the Synchro Judges School held each year in Kalamazoo. We are growing year to year. They are making a huge push this year to market and advertise a bit more. There were large posters and flyers at the US National Synchronized

Competition, as well as Governing Council. The School will be held on Friday, with the Competiti'

on on Saturday. They should have a large number of trial judges (with someone coordinating this year) as well as critiques. SW Michigan is extremely appreciative of Tri States Support of this school. The officials are extremely grateful to have this school so close. We subsidized the club \$2000.00 for the School, and received back a check for \$600.00. Anyone that needs information about the school or the competition - please get in touch with Corey Thompson. There was a question about how many Tri States Officials attended the school - and it was concluded there were many. Steve Wolkin commented that it made so much more sense to have this school the beginning of the synchro season - rather than at Nationals? There is a grant available from USFS, and should we apply for these funds? It was concluded that we more or less enjoy being our own "boss" in this situation, and we're happy with this arrangement for the time being. It was concluded that we keep the \$2000.00 in the budget for this synchro school expenditure. Steve Wolkin also commented what a remarkable school this is. Kalamazoo apparently is the only competition giving critiques.

Jeff Marshall had comments about the Moves in the Field School that followed the Tri States Free Skating Competition held by the Pavilion FSC in Ohio in April. To get 57 participants for the school at the very last minute was a great result. And it hardly cost us anything at all.

Doreen Young spoke about the Music School. It was held on Friday Night of the Tri States Freeskating Competition in Ohio. There was hardly any participation. We need a more formal registration process to make sure we have people committed to the school, with a refundable deposit? We need more training sessions for the Music People. Jeff spoke to the marketing issue of training people for this job. Apparently they don't want to be in charge or own the equipment.

We all need to go back to our clubs and find people that might be interested. We need to update the website with more information - about music equipment, music people and officials. Suzy talked about the Club Education Seminar that is held every September and hosted by Tri States Council.

Last September 49 people attended representing 20 clubs. Discussion resulted in the question about the date of this event every year. Our biggest concern is getting a date that works for Rose Snyder and Susi Wehrli. Once that is established, we make our plans. We will try and see if another weekend in 2012 might work. As there has been mentioned several times - there really is no "great" weekend for anything anymore and we have to do our best to make things work.

STEVE WOLKIN motioned to extend the same refund policy opportunity to those member clubs that attend the Club Ed Seminars anywhere. BILL COYLE seconded the motion. The expense per year for the Club Ed Seminars - Refunds 1950.00, based on 21 clubs - 13 belonging to Tri States.

For those UNABLE to attend the September Seminar - they would be able to take advantage of the reimbursement policy for Club Ed by attending the Club Ed Seminar at the Governing Council in Chicago. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Because of what came out of the Club Ed Seminar in September 2009, a decision was made by the Executive Board of the Tri States Council to subsidize our member clubs for the cost of the special National Skating Month Package sent out by Headquarters.

Thanks to Calvin Carson for the kind words about his club being grateful for this help. 29 Clubs participated in January 2010. CALVIN CARSON motioned that we continue the program of providing the \$25.00 reimbursement or supplement for the promotional items to all member clubs of the Tri States Council. Seconded by Lainie DeMore. Motion Passed.

BUDGET Discussion. Bill Coyle asked about the expense and income of Tri States Medals. Bill Estey explained.

Old Business: Motioned by Lainie DeMore and seconded by Steve Wolkin to reimburse Don Korte \$150.00 for the expense of our Website Registration and his great work on the Tri States Website. Motion Passed.

New Business: Suzy commented it was time to establish a Code of Regulations, or By Laws Review Committee. We need to do a lot of updating. Suzy has asked Steve Wolkin to head up this very important Committee, and there will be a short meeting following our Annual Meeting today for a brief explanation.

Following two votes, it was announced that Bowling Green SC will be hosting the 2011 Tri States Synchronized Competition. Thank you to all the clubs that presented bids today - they have done a wonderful job.

Suzy announced that there will be two Competition Representatives from Tri States. Karen Boswell will represent Michigan and Laura Murphy will represent Ohio. These Competition Representatives will be responsible for helping our bidding clubs host our yearly competitions. There are so many significant Tri States details that need to be attended to and these Representatives will really help us in this regard. Karen is already in a process to update the current Competition Handbook.

The following clubs presented bids for the Tri States Free Skating Competition. Fort Wayne, Indiana and Kalamazoo Michigan. The result of the voting showed Fort Wayne FSC will be hosting the 2011 Competition for Tri States. The date for the competition will be April 15, 2011.

Discussion took place on the subject of possible Merit Awards for Judges and Officials. Financial Impact could be in the neighborhood of \$500.00 - but we really don't have any accurate information about this possibility at this time. Shirley Rego mentioned that we need to add the category of Competition level Judges - Regional, Sectional, National. JEFF MARSHALL motioned and LAINIE DEMORE seconded to adopt Page 20 of the yearly booklet (see page at the end of the minutes), with the addition of the regional, sectional, and national competition judge levels. This needs to be documented with the rulebook. Motion passed. There would be an appropriate accompanying letter to go along with the monies. This would be effective June 5, 2010. Dorothy Tank needs to put an additional \$500.00 in the budget for this Recognition Award.

Doreen Young brought up some corrections for the website - to bring it up to date. Dorothy Estey mentioned that everyone had a nice bid for the competitions this next year, everyone did a nice job.

There was discussion about the possibility of Tri States Member Clubs bidding on a third competition each year? Possibly Theatre on Ice? Possibly Showcase? What does everyone think? Would Tri States be opposed to an exhibition at one of our competitions? Attached to the end of one of our Competitions. Possibly Sunday.

COMMENT FOLLOWING THE MEETING: We should go out to Member Clubs and see if someone might be interested in bidding on a Showcase Competition sometime in July 2011 - a month before the Cleveland Council will be hosting the National Event the first week in August 2011.

Doreen Young suggested that Tri States consider Bill Goen as Chair of the Music Committee. This is a Committee appointment and doesn't require a vote from the Council.

Motion made by LAINIE DEMORE and seconded by STEVE WOLKIN to approve the Budget as amended. Motion Passed.

Bill Coyle spoke on behalf of the Memorial Service held for Laura Maki. He mentioned that it was a great afternoon of sharing experiences and memories. One of Laura's wishes was to begin a fund, like the Memorial Fund - to help our officials receive from this fund. Bill is checking into all the details and will get back to us with more information. The High School State Finals have been named after Laura Maki in Michigan. When the fund is finally available, Tri States should be one of the first ones to contribute. BILL COYLE motioned and Steve Hartsell seconded to set aside \$1000.00 for this purpose. Motion passed.

Dearborn is hosting an Accounting School on Saturday and Sunday June 12, and 13th. As well as hosting a Moves in the Field Seminar for Officials and Coaches on Sunday the 13th.

Pat Rabb questioned about the dates for Tri States that need to be set for 2011. There was discussion that followed. The clubs hosting for 2011 should get their announcement ready as soon as possible to be submitted for the appropriate Sanction. Barry Doren now has this responsibility for USFS for the Midwest.

Bill Coyle thanked Suzy Malloure for her wonderful work for Tri States, as well as the entire Executive Board for their service.

Motion to Adjourn by LAINIE DEMORE and seconded by JEFF MARSHALL. Motion Passed.

3:05 PM.

Maureen Dalton, Secretary
Tri States Council of Figure Skating Clubs
Saturday June 5, 2010

Short Meeting of the Code of Regulations Committee:

Steve Wolkin, Chair - Jeff Marshall, Maureen Dalton, Lainie DeMore, Calvin Carson, Jack Friday, Corey Thompson, Dawn Thompson, Dorothy Tank and Suzy Malloure.

Notes outside the Annual Meeting: Steve is going to do an outline. Everyone will take a look at it. Some stuff should be in policies and procedures - aside from By Laws. Plan is to have everyone working on this project with a deadline date of information to the member clubs in time to share with them BEFORE the 2011 Annual Meeting.