

Tri States Meeting
Saturday June 7, 2008

Meeting Called to Order: 10:15 AM

Introductions around the room. 29 Members Present, 19 Voting Clubs participating.

Minutes: Dispense with the reading
Lainie DeMore, motion for approval
Steve Wolkin, seconded motion. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We received Check from Dearborn.
7201.40 - presently in the Checking Account.
62,000 in the other account. Going to transfer monies
So that the balance will be 67,000.
Bill Estey, motion for approval
Chuck Buxton, seconded motion. Approved

Correspondence sent around the room

Treasurer's Report by Dorothy Tank. Dorothy reported on the Tri States Financials. In addition Dorothy provided a couple of financial studies about our present situation.
Secretary Report by Maureen Dalton. Maureen thanked Bill Coyle, Dorothy Tank, Suzy Malloure and Jeff Marshall for all their help and assistance through the year. Special thanks to Jeff Marshall for the extraordinary effort on behalf of the on ice celebration in Midland. It was a great exhibition of the organization, and noted so many individuals that have contributed so much to Tri States. Maureen closed with the sad news about the loss of Bill Wall and Walt Lupke.

Bill Coyle relayed the following text / email message from the FSC of Cincinnati. FSC of Cincinnati has asked to withdraw their bids for Tri States Competitions.

Dorothy Tank handed out report of monies given to skaters. We then broke it down by individual amounts.

Dorothy Tank handed out recap of income and expenses with the idea of transferring monies into CD's. Interest on our Checking Account is going down. (one year CD best rate)

Maureen explained about Don Korte's new situation with regards to his website, and his changes with regards to his work. It was mentioned he is looking at purchasing a certain small computer he can use in his travels.

Motion by Chuck Cope - Seconded by Doreen Young - up to \$500.00 purchase of mini computer to help with Tri States Website.

Lainie motion \$135.00 - seconded Steve Wolkin

Cover registration and assorted fees for our Tri States Website to Don Korte.

Chuck Cope talked about the Judge's School at last year's Kick Off Classic. It was wonderful - and well thought of. SW Michigan FSC did a great job. Judge's School Discussion from everyone - there were judges from all over - it was well attended. Everyone was thrilled with the school. SW Michigan FSConly spent 940.00. Tri States Subsidized this school.

Chuck Cope motioned up to \$2000.00. Lainie Seconded. To help Subsidize another Judge's School at the Kick Off Classic for November, 2008.

Suzy Malloure report from Michigan. News about the Learn to Teach Seminar coming up.
**Suzy - was there something else that you commented on??? I didn't have any notes at all???

Jeff Marshall report from Ohio - thanks to Midland for the Synchro Competition. Midland was forced to take a date that wasn't exactly a great time - but they hosted a great competition.

Bids for the Competition

Arctic FSC - recap in the booklets.

Wyandotte FSC - recap in the booklets

Dearborn FSC - recap in the booklets

Wyandotte FSC - recap in the booklets

There was some confusion about the split for the Freeskating Competition - so we motioned to be certain. Doreen Young motioned we should have 60 / 40 split for Freeskating. Bill Estey Second. Approved.

Doreen Young - spoke about the new invoice form that is going to be used for the next skating season in order that we know exactly what monies are expected and from what clubs?

Bill Goen - Proposals

- 1 We need to Upgrade the headsets for Ohio which should cost about \$300.00
2. We need to upgrade the various 7 sets of music equipment in Michigan - in order to take one set - and creating a smaller version. Estimate: \$500.00 for additional pieces.
3. Request: Ability to buy another CD player - one that is the future of what we should be using. Bill is anticipating that it will cost about \$300 - \$500.00. He would like to work with it for a while before making a decision. If he doesn't think it will work for us - he'll return it.

Motion made by Joann Eastman, and seconded by Chuck Cope that we spent up to \$1500.00 in order to make these music purchases. Approved.

In addition, Bill Goen announced that there are four new Music People - so there will be a training session August 2, 2008. Anyone in Michigan and Ohio or Indiana - contact Bill Goen for information.

Competition and Awards Report: On Page 11 - Bill Estey reported. Bill made the suggestion about adding the names of Bill Wall and Waltz Lupke be added to the Tri States Council Trophy.

Motion made by: Doreen Young, and seconded by Bill Goen. Second: Bill Goen. Motion Approved

There was a discussion about having an additional Plaque sent to the Memorial Fund. We need to check on the particulars. Jeff Marshall going to work on this. It is suggested that Port Huron might want to donate this plaque - and then we could send a duplicate back to Port Huron.

Break for Lunch

Meeting starting again: 12:45 PM

Voting for Freeskating Competition

Arctic and Wyandotte

Winning Bid: Arctic FSC - Date of April 25-26, 2009

Voting for Synchronized Competition

Dearborn and Wyandotte

Winning Bid: Dearborn FSC - February 14, 2009

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Club Management Seminar - presentation by Maureen Dalton, on behalf of the Membership Committee. USFS is looking for four locations in the country to be permanent hosts for an annual Club Ed seminar. After much discussion, and lots of positive input, Lainie DeMore suggested we agree to a Three Year Commitment to USFS that Tri States would sponsor a Club Ed Seminar each and every September, with the Bowling Green FSC being the "host". There was discussion about the first weekend in September might not always be the greatest date - so we all agreed to use our best effort to rotate dates in early September? Discussion followed as to rewarding clubs for participating in these seminars. It was decided that we would rebate each club up to \$150.00 (for two members attending the Seminar) Reimbursement would take place after attending the Seminar. The charge for the seminar sent directly to headquarters would be \$75.00 per person, four or more people \$250.00. Motion made by Doreen Young and seconded by Chuck Cope that we reimburse \$75.00 per person, up to two people or a maximum of \$150.00. Approved.

Other New business:

Steve Wolkin led discussion about modifying the Code of Regulations so that the Vice Presidents would be elected each year similar to the way the other officers are. It was agreed that we need specific job descriptions for the Vice Presidents. We will note this when we send out the minutes from this meeting, and see what kind of response we get from the membership.

Put on the Agenda of the Executive Board for the Fall Meeting.

Tri States Ad in Competition Book - please get forms.????????????????

Donation to Memorial Fund on behalf of Bill Wall and Walt Lupke motioned by Lainie DeMore, and seconded by

Bill Goen - \$100.00 for each.

On Behalf of Tri States Council of Figure Skating Clubs.

There was discussion about the decision at the Fall Executive Meeting regarding the possible expenditure of monies to support the High School Programs in Ohio and Michigan. Ohio apparently had no interest in receiving the funds. Dorothy Estey mentioned these grand monies could be used for the State Finals in Michigan.

Ohio: Getting Ohio Started for High School

After much discussion - the motion was moved to waive the fees for the Music Equipment used for the High School Competitions. Moved by Doreen Young and seconded by Lainie DeMore.

Approved.

Announcement: Cleveland Skating Club is hosting an IJS Seminar July 11 and 12 in Shaker Heights.

A Learn to Teach Seminar will be held for all new coaches (14 years and older) on Sunday July 20, at the SC of Novi Rink in Novi Michigan. Susi Wehrli (from Headquarters) will be conducting the Seminar. Learn to Teach Seminar with assistance from some of the Michigan Basic Skills Series People, and John Martin Vice Chair of the Basic Skills Subcommittee.

New Business:

Proposal:

Jeff Marshall

Ceremony for Synchro Competition

Expand to do Recognition Ceremony to Freeskating Competition

Market the Tri States Concept - center ice

Suggestion: 2 skaters per club?

Financial Impact: Ice Cost plus flowers \$600.00

Motioned by Jeff Marshall - second: Steve Wolkin Approved.

Proposal:

Jeff Marshall

Awards Checks

Synchro - Tri States Member Teams who would be eligible for awards checks - propose we honor any team that moves on to Nationals but misses Sectionals because of International Byes.

Motion by Jeff Marshall and seconded by Lainie DeMore. Approved

Proposal:

Jeff Marshall:

Tri States Pins

Zipper Pull - was the entrance tag.

Proposal that Tri States Purchases the Zipper Pulls

No Interest - year from now 45th anniversary we could maybe try something special.

Announcement:

Judge's School - in Ann Arbor

September 13th.

This would be sponsored by the Detroit Metro Council and hosted by the Ann Arbor FSC.

This school would specialize in Moves in the Field and Pairs

Announcement:

Dance Judges School - hosted by the Pavillion FSC

Richard Dalley - Eric Hampton June 15th

Announcement:

Lainie Demore mentioned again about the great Conference Calls with Pat St. Peter held the last Thursday Night of each month. Currently Pat is trying to have all three Regions on the call at the same time instead of 3 separate calls for each of the regions. It is not necessary to register for the calls. No attendance is taken - and there is no notification once someone either enters or leaves the call.

June 26th with Pat St. Peter

Let Pat know if you want to be included in on the call in order to get the call in numbers and codes.

BUDGET - Bill Coyle

Much Discussion about ordering more medals. Much Discussion about Medal Design, Medal Cost etc.....do you we need a new logo? Do we need the states on the Logo??? Do we need the wings on the skates? We are not going to order more than we need for medals.....\$2000.00 in the budget - should get us through one more year.

Logo Contest: Doreen - will chair and get with Jeff Marshall to see if we can't develop a new "logo" for Tri States??? So we don't want to have too many medals on hand.

Everyone in agreement about the Budget.

Nominating Committee suggesting the following slate:

President - Bill Coyle

Secretary - Maureen Dalton

Treasurer - Dorothy Tank

No other nominations from the floor

Lainie voiced a concern about a "Conflict of Interest" with regards to being chair of Tri States and chair of Greater Cleveland Council and other responsibilities.

Bill Goen to Close Nominations.

Second: Chuck Buxton

Motion Approved.

Caucus and Vice Presidential Candidates:

Vice President: Jan Gallaway - Pittsburgh FSC

JanGallaway @comcast.net

Michigan: Suzy Malloure

Ohio: Jeff Marshall

Move to Adjourn: Laura Murphy

Second: Chuck Cope

Approved.

Meeting Concluded: 2:35 PM.