

Tri States Council Meeting
Saturday June 4, 2011
Holiday Inn – Perrysburg OHIO

Suzy Malloure opened the meeting at 10:05 with comments about the busy agenda for the day.

Introduction of all guests around the room.

Motion to dispense the reading of the Minutes. Lainie DeMore, Seconded by Hannelore Murphy. Motion Passed.

Motion to approve Minutes Lainie DeMore, Seconded by Kathy MacMillan. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report – Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Calvin Carson, and seconded by Bill Ziegler. Motion Passed.

Jeff Marshall – Vice President from Ohio - mentioned his report is in the booklet.

Maureen Dalton mentioned her report is in the Booklet, and emphasized how important it was for people to put as much information on the Membership Form as possible. Most especially Email Addresses. Numerous Emails are bouncing back and not working.

Amy Bauer – Vice President from Michigan - will report later about the upcoming 2011 Judges School

Suzy Malloure reported that we would be turning the meeting over to Ron Tank who will be assisting us with our Incorporation and 501C3 Issues.

Suzy reported on the Club Education Seminar in September. Once again we are hosting a Club Ed September 10, 2011.

National Skating Month was huge this year as we had 47 clubs participating.

Suzy presented plaques to the following Clubs;
Bowling Green, Ft. Wayne FSC
Special Placque to Honor John Chrien

Suzy reported that we will in fact have an updated Website by September.

Suzy then turned the meeting over to Ron Tank.

Ron Tank tried to find a simple way to explain our problem.

Basically we are driving without a license. We are not registered, licensed, registered with the IRS, etc. There is a question about being on record at the bank? We need to incorporate, file as a non profit corporation – filing fee about \$20.00. We need to file with an application (30 pages) with the IRS. Who we are, what we do, who we collect money from, and who we pay money to. This would cost approximately \$850

Forms 990 – need to be filed annually. Ron is willing to donate his services (could be in excess of \$3000) to help us get this done. We may get word from IRS – why haven't we been filing previous tax returns? Could be a penalty? Better than the alternative. Sooner or later it will catch up with us. The only way to lose status – is failure to file 990 for three years. You still need to file 990 even if you are inactive. 29 different sections under 501 – but the 501C3 – is specifically for amateur sports and education.

*Kathy MacMillan – motion to get this paperwork underway so that we are compliant as an organization. Friendly amendment by Jeff Marshall to accept Ron Tank CPA and file appropriate forms. Ron will forward all forms back to us for approval before they are filed. Second: Lainie Demore
Motion passed.*

Jeff Marshall motioned to file in the State of Michigan. Hannelore Murphy Seconded. Motion passed.

Ron asked if anyone had questions to please send them to Dorothy Tank and she will forward them to him. Ron will get started right away.

Lainie DeMore motioned that when Ron gets material back to the board that the Executive Board could make the necessary decisions. Kathy MacMillan Seconded. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports

Bill Estey - Section 13. Synchro went very well – they did a great job. Freeskating did a great job as well – but the numbers were down.

Bill Goen – Music. Some miscellaneous issues in Ohio.

Amy Bauer – Judges School . Corey Thompson could not be here at this meeting.

Bids: Fraser Figure Skating Club is the only club bidding on BOTH Competitions. There are no other bids.

Motion made by Chuck Cope, and seconded by Joann Eastman that Fraser host both Competitions in 2012.

Motion Passed. Congratulations and Thank You to Fraser!!!

<p>Tri States Synchronized Competition – February 11, 2012 Tri States Free Skating Competition – April 14, 2012</p>

There was a 10 minute break so that we could video conference with Steve Wolkin about the By Laws at 10:55 AM.

Everyone refer to the Code of Regulations - Steve Wolkins work on the By Laws – and the pages for possible isolation of rules.

Maureen will send Steve the most recent Code of Regulations
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Steve is going to work on sections 5 & 6 – while we have lunch. When we get back – he will have put things in order.

Break for Lunch until 12:45 PM.....

Jeff Marshall – proposed we adopt the changes to the Constitution as amended as of June 4, 2011. Lainie seconded. Motion passed.

Bill Goen – we are adopting as amended. Adopted by majority – with no exclusions.

Bond: Motion made by Lainie DeMore that we bond the treasurer, and pay for the bonding of the treasurer, to be done immediately. Joann Eastman seconded. Motion passed. Bond should be for \$100,000 or \$75,000.

Dorothy Tank – explaining financials. Income is less than in previous years. Proposing raising the dues from 50.00 to 75.00. Discussion - people not wanting to raise dues this year? Possibly next year? Lore Murphy motioned not to raise dues this year. Joann Eastman seconded. Friendly amendment: Lainie - proposing Dorothy go out three years and give us an estimate of where we stand? Better Picture? Planning rather than reacting. We should take funds from the Money Market as we need them. We should review this three year budget plan next year. If the dues are going to be raised - how much and for how long? Chuck Cope made this friendly amendmentseconded by Joann Eastman. Motion Passed. Maybe we can have this three year plan ready for November. (suggestion). 501C3 might require 3 – 5 year plan. D & O Insurance: 575.00 for 1,000,000. 875.00 for 2,000,000. Motion to purchase for \$2,000,000. Mary Jo from Ann Arbor, second by Lainie DeMore. Motion passed.

*Club Education: Saturday September 10, 2011, 8:30 – 5:00
Perrysburg, OHIO at the Holiday Inn French Quarter
Calvin motioned to provide Club Ed Seminars, and Mary Jo from Ann Arbor seconded. Motion approved.*

Championship Series – Maureen explained about the concept. We have 15 clubs / programs signed up and ready to participate. They only have to agree to the following:

- 1. Agree to including the approved Test Track information that is posted on the USFS Website.*
- 2. Agree to have no more than 8 skaters in the test track groups.*

We would provide someone to take care of recording and posting all the points for the skaters.

Suzy explained about the medals and the bids. 282 Medals would cost \$565.00, which averages out to approximately 1.99 per medal. Medals would last us approximately 5 years. *Motion made by Bill Estey and seconded by Chuck Cope to purchase the medals. Motion Passed.* Goal: to get everyone BACK to Tri States FS Competition where the awards ceremony would be held.

Showcase Competition

We are in the early stages of ideas for this competition - Meeting in November – we could do the bids for the competition. Seating on the ice? reducing the size of the ice surface? How about the deadline date. *Joann motioning that we proceed to find out more details with regards to this process. Chuck Cope Seconded. Motion passed.*

Referee School: Scheduled

Judges School: Scheduled

Amy Bauer: Kalamazoo FS Association

To be attached to the Kick Off Classic Competition.

Bill Goen: Music Equipment

Jeff Marshall: Proposing concept for Music Issue in Ohio.

Splitting the task of taking the equipment going to the competition.

Training individuals - and then they would provided the crew to work the competition down the road.

Go with a revolving chair. Jeff and brother going to establish a routine and process. Possession of the equipment must remain with the two Marshall brothers. *Calvin motion – allow Jeff to initiate program to develop Music Coordinators in the Ohio area – and take over the custodial responsibilities. Lainie Seconded. Motion approved.*

Additions to the Budget:

IRS Cost –\$ 850.00

State of Michigan to apply :\$ 20.00

For non profit

D & O Insurance \$875.00

Bonding: approximately \$500.00

Championship Series 563.80 already in the budget

Total: 2245.00 more than the budget.
24,871.84 Total

500.00 budgeted for afterglow reception:
592.90 - total bill for party held at Governing Council.

Motion: 23871.84 (taking into consideration \$1000.00 for the school). Joann Eastman – approve budget as amended. Mary Jo from Ann Arbor seconded. Motion approved.

Theatre on Ice:

Dorothy Tank approached at Ann Arbor - Theatrical Skating Committee - would Tri States take one hour and put Theatre on Ice – at the Synchronized Competition in February.

At the most – 6 teams. There will be entry fees. Do we need a separate sanction??? *Mary Jo from Ann Arbor Motioned, Calvin seconded. Motion approved.*

Suzy appointing Calvin to look into details for Bid in for 2013 National Showcase. To be brought up in November. Lainie motioned and Joann Eastman Seconded, motion approved.

Results of the Raffle – Jamie Hebert, Shirley Rego, and Mary Jo from Ann Arbor. All Received Tri States Portfolios. Congratulations!!!

Suzy announced the slate of officers to be voted on:

President - Suzy Malloure

VP Jeff Marshall - Ohio

VP Amy Bauer - Michigan

Secretary - Maureen Dalton

Treasurer - Dorothy Tank

VP Jenn Tarr - Indiana

Joann Motioned, Lisa Franz seconded – Motion approved to keep the slate.

Reminder President of each club joining Tri States - needs to sign Membership Form.

Close of Meeting: 2:30 PM