

Tri States Council of Figure Skating Club - Saturday – June 3, 2006

Meeting Called to Order by President Chuck Cope at 10:15 AM.

Minutes: Dorothy Estey motioned, Doreen Young seconded. Were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy Tank handed out a breakdown of what the skater's received in monetary awards. (\$5200.00) Dorothy is going to transfer monies from regular account into the money market account.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report as written: Bill Estey motioned, and Bill Goen seconded the motion. Treasurer's Report approved as written.

President's Report:

President Chuck Cope complimented both clubs that handled our Tri States Competitions this year.

Bill Coyle suggested that we mail out the booklets given to everyone at the Annual Meeting to those clubs that were not in attendance (but belonged to Tri States Council) We will also check and see if we can place at least some of the booklet on our website. The Cleveland Council people took a handful of booklets to take to their meeting in Ohio. Maureen will bring extra copies of the booklet to the Detroit Metro Meeting on Monday Night.

Secretary's Report:

Maureen noted special thank you's – for Dorothy Tank for all her help with the Treasurer's responsibilities and keeping in touch often. Thank you to Barb Ridgeway – for helping to coordinate all the details for the Annual Meeting – and to the Bowling Green FSC for their help with the combined meeting for DMC, GCC, and Tri States Council. Thank you to Chuck Cope for all his support.

Vice President: Suzy Malloure – her first year – everyone helped her and she learned a lot.

Vice President: John Chrien – Ohio is getting stronger in participation with the Tri States Events.

John reported if anyone would like to get in touch with Bill Wall – to please send messages to his address at home. It was suggested that we all sign "hello and best wishes" to Bill – and Maureen will send him a card with this enclosed.

Donna Cerami (Vice President – Western Pennsylvania) - was planning on attending and had a family conflict.

IJS – Bill Goen

Everyone talked about the New Judging System (IJS) - Ann Arbor used the new headset system purchased by Detroit Metro Council. Suggestion that we use the IJS for our Tri States Competitions. We should keep in line with the other competitions. We need to move in this direction. The System is here to stay. Novice and above for 2006-2007. Bill will share headset information with Lainie Demore for Cleveland Council. Bill Goen spent roughly \$800.00 on the whole set up which included 12 headsets, amplifiers, mixing boards, cables, etc.

Jeff Marshall: Should Tri States purchase a headset system to rent out to the clubs. Who is going to be available to set this up at each competition??

There is no problem with the number of judges that would be available for the Non Qualifying Competitions. Bill says there is no problem training the music people to set up this equipment. We need to purchase sets – starting at one a year? We don't need to be transporting this equipment long distances. Each state should have a set. (Just like the music equipment).

Bill Goen: There are two sets of Music Equipment in Ohio, two in Michigan, Alan Davis has Indiana's sets, and miscellaneous equipment. Bill has some extra things that could be sold off. Do we want to support these headsets out of Tri States?? It makes more sense when a club requests a music person and their equipment – to simply add on the IJS headset equipment. It makes more sense to purchase the equipment out of the Tri States Treasury instead of the Detroit Metro Council Treasury. To be rented out at half of what we charge for music equipment: \$25.00 for the first day – 12.00 per day afterwards. Music Coordinator brings in the music equipment and oversees the competition. This headset equipment should

be brought in with the Coordinator. Music equipment should be set up by the Music Coordinator. Music Equipment is "free" to those clubs hosting the Tri States Competitions.

Motion: two headset systems be purchased for Tri States. One for Michigan, One for Ohio. Music Coordinator should be there for set up and supervision. Process needs to be published.

Bill Estey motioned and John Chrien seconded the motion. Not to exceed \$2,000.00. Approved.

Motion: . Jeff Marshall motioned and Doreen Young seconded. Rental Fee for Headset Equipment: \$25.00 per day - \$15.00 per additional day. Approved. Tri States Competitions will follow the same requirements / levels / Guidelines as qualifying competitions - Novice, Junior, Senior Division. Using the same guidelines as used in qualifying competitions for the 2006-2007 Skating Season. Approved.

IJS Discussion:

How much added cost?? Use less Judges? Split Panels being used at a lot of competitions. A lot of different options. 30-60 seconds per skater extra. Longer if you are using Video Replay. Non qualifying competitions would be foolish using the replay system.

This year - Novice, Junior, Senior - the time is going to be minimal. NEXT YEAR - Juvenile and above are going to present more of a problem and will add a lot, both in time and finances. Next year the system will be more polished - people will be more experienced. The Competitions are going to need more runners. Whoever gets the competition- needs to meet with their referees right away.

Helpful to get Technical people that can ALSO Judge. There is a need for better copiers - More paper. More Ink Cartridges. Next year's Competitions should report as to the problem areas with IJS and have these reports available. We need to factor in Juvenile, Intermediate for the next year.

Preliminary Budget to be submitted with clubs bidding for the 2007-2008 Season? This suggestion was mentioned by Bill Coyle regardless of IJS. Our Budget Form for results of competition is on the website - and in our booklets. It would help us make better decisions in the future.

Doreen says there are so many details that you can't count on - it would be difficult to put a budget together. Lots of Discussion. Should we publish previous financial recaps on the website? Inclusion isn't mandatory. Biggest Factor has been Ice Cost in the past - that is not the biggest factor and shouldn't be. A Suggested Budget - Preliminary budget based on previous competitions??? A Standard Form needed??? Motion Tabled. We need to know more about what happens at the competitions. How many medals, plaques, etc. Committee to address this issue? Basic Facts in a report to go out in September? The President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary should get together and get this information out.

BIDS:

Synchronized Competition: February 10, 2007

Mentor FSC - Sue Clemente. Hosted in 2003. Have hosted many competitions.

Lots of new young teams. Two Rinks. Trying to expand the interest and excitement about Team Skating in the area - this competition would certainly help. Would use shuttles, mass transportation. Feb 10-11, 2007.

FSC of Cincinnati - Susan Pepard - Skating Director. They were amazed with the Twin Bays Synchronized Competition of a few years ago - so they have the bug to host a competition. Two Ice Surfaces. Main Rink - 10,000 capacity. Smaller Rink - 30. Two Zamboni's - 12 dressing rooms. 4 Meeting Rooms. Ample Room for everything. Ice Cost: \$175.00. Quality Inn - Hotel one mile away. For each 25 rooms - they have a comped room. February 3 or February 10.

Midland - June Turley and Karen Boswell - New Rink - Basic Skills Competition, High School Championships, Tri States Free Skating Competitions. Nice lobby area - you can see all three rinks. Olympic Rink seats 1200. Two Zamboni's. Ice Cost: \$125.00 and \$175.00.

Easy Access off Highway 10. Official Hotel: Holiday Inn. Airport - 6 miles from the rink.

Midland has Synchronized Teams. Looking to expand the program. Midland - nice small community.

Bowling Green SC - Mike Czubinski. Ice Price: \$185.00 per hour. Some ice at \$150.00 per hour. Putting in new boards with seamless glass. Nice downtown area – great college town. Shopping, nice to walk around. In order to move to Feb 10 – it might require moving competition over to Sunday. February 16-17.

Freeskating Competition – Week AFTER Easter.

Kent SC

Basic Information to be handed out. Also Booklets are available. Brought Display Board (which was sensational). South of Cleveland. Hotel – 10 miles away.

Bowling Green Skating Club – 4-26 – 4-28

Experienced in Hosting Competitions. Lots of Hotels. Lots of Restaurants. (See information under Synchronized Competition heading.)

Voting:

Freeskating Competition: Kent Skating Club

Dates for Kent: April 13, 14, 15, 2007

Synchronized Competition: Mentor Figure Skating Club

Dates: February 10, 2007

Committee Reports: - Doreen Young

Music Committee - made \$1584.64

Outstanding Bill: Being Resolved

Missing Page: Clubs that have used the equipment. Inventory of the equipment.

Doreen says too much detail to report. We need to post something on the website.

Permission to sell the equipment that is old and that we don't use anymore:

Motion: John Chrien, seconded by Joann Eastman. Approved.

Awards and Competitions:

Bill Estey – 14 Divisions in the synchro competition. Fun being at Midland in their new ice arena. Great volunteers and workers at both competitions. Bill is going to take an inventory of medals and he is certain that we should have enough medals for next year's competitions. (Both freeskating and synchro).

John Chrien complimented Bill Estey on the wonderful job he does with this committee and the awards.

Report from Dorothy Estey

Grant Proposal – June 2006

Overall financial impact would mean \$2,000 additional monies would be spent on the skaters. .

Second: Bill Coyle. No Time Limit for this proposal. Approved.

(For further detail see the Tri States Website – www.tri-states.org)

Dorothy Tank:

Idea – When we have Tri States Synchro Competition – it is the LAST competition for the year - Do it Special. Opening Ceremonies? Flags, Banners? Award the checks right there on the ice. Around Mid – Day Awards? Really big deal for the kids.

Tri States should pick up for the one hour ice. Motion: Bill Goen. Second: Steve Wolkin

Vote: Approved.

Preparation for the set up. In some of the rinks - limited seating –limited Parking. could cause a problem. This should be tried out at Mentor?

Tri States puts a page in the program – to advertise and market. Awards Recognition.

Idea??? Possibly at the Sectional Meeting at GC – make presentation checks??

Jeff Marshall volunteering to work with the LOC on the Awards Recognition.

Come Celebrate with Us - in the Announcement!!

Lainie: Motion to give Don Korte \$100.00 for appreciation for help with the Website. Amended to \$135.00 – which includes Registration Fee for the Website. Second: Dorothy Tank. Approved.

Bill Coyle: Is the reason the National Teams have not gone to Tri States Synchro – money or the time? Sometimes it's when. Occasionally it's the money. Two weeks before Nationals – Senior Teams don't like to give up the time. Waive the entry fee – to exhibit?? Not necessary. If they can come – they will. The IJS system could entice teams to come. We could possibly attract Collegiate Teams – new developments with the IJS.

Old Business:

Housekeeping to Tri States Council Code of Regulations.

Motion: Doreen Young, John Chrien. Approved. (See website for Complete Code of Regulations)

Election of Officers:

John Chrien - chair of the Nominating Committee reported that the following people are recommended to the Council for the 2006-2007 Skating Season:

President: Bill Coyle, Brooklyn FSC of Ohio

Secretary: Maureen Dalton, Lansing Skating Club

Treasurer: Dorothy Tank, Lansing Skating Club

Any people suggested from Indiana or Western Pennsylvania? None.

No Nominations from the floor

John Chrien – Motion

Second - Steve Wolkin

Approved the proposed slate of officers.

Bill Coyle: Thanks to John - we'll work on everything Tri States!!

Look at additional funding – programs that will work.

Vice President: Michigan – Suzy Malloure

Vice President: OHIO – John Chrien (with an understudy – Jeff Marshall)

Thank you's from Chuck Cope. Bill Coyle – many thanks to Chuck for his two years of service as President of the Tri States Council.

Joint Meeting Date for next year's Meeting with Detroit Metro Council, Tri States Council and Cleveland Council: April 21, 2007 – 1:00 - ??

At the Holiday Inn in Bowling Green in the Meeting Room. (Barb Ridgeway mentioned after the meeting – she has already secured the room.)

Concluding with the following topics of conversation:

We need to make the VP's more accountable (Gayle Tanger)

We need to be more prepared for the meeting - re: Nominating Committee.

We need to have the Vice Presidents of Tri States help us with the Proxies. Putting notices on the website about people going to GC – who to give Proxies to??

If DMC or Tri States or GCC - bring issues to the joint meeting – it is easier to get issues resolved.

Thanks to everyone in attendance!

Meeting was adjourned: 2:30 PM

Maureen Dalton, Secretary