

Tri State Council of Figure Skating Clubs
Annual Meeting - June 6, 2009
Bowling Green Holiday Inn Express

President Bill Coyle called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and after introducing all the officers, called for a roll call around the room. A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes by Lainie DeMore and seconded by Dorothy Tank. Approved. Motion to approve minutes made by Ann Dougherty and seconded by Chuck Cope. Approved.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Chuck Cope and Seconded by Lainie DeMore. Approved.

Maureen Dalton called everyone's attention to the Booklet at everyone's place at the meeting. All the information on all our projects for the 2008-2009 season are listed in this book. Maureen mentioned that this year the booklet would be available to anyone wishing it electronically.

Maureen thanks all the officers for their continued work and contributions on behalf of Tri States. Bill Coyle - President, Dorothy Tank - Treasurer, Suzy Malloure - Vice President for Michigan, Jeff Marshall - Vice President for Ohio, and Barb Ridgeway from Bowling Green Skating Club for their support helping us to put the Annual Meeting together.

Maureen expressed a need for someone to help coordinate information for our website. Maureen thanked the Twin Bays Figure Skating Club for traveling all the way from Traverse City to the meeting, and to Wyandotte for being the first club to have their 2009-2010 membership form in!

The following awards were handed out:

To the Dearborn FSC for hosting the Tri States Synchronized Competition.

To the Arctic FSC for hosting the Tri States Freeskating Competition

To the Southwest Michigan Figure Skating Club for hosting the Synchronized Judges School at the Kick Off Classic.

To the Bowling Green Skating Club for their decades of helping to
Coordinate the details for the Annual Meetings.

Maureen announced the preliminary plans for the Basic Skills One Day Summer Camp which will be held on the Sunday after the Novi Basic Skills Competition.

(July 19th) Flyers were distributed during the meeting.

Anyone interested should take a look at the large Tri States Book which holds all the information from all the meetings held by the Tri State Council since the first meetings back in the 1950's.

Maureen thanked the Greater Lansing Visitor's and Convention Bureau for their donations for our goodie bags.

Everyone was asked to please sign the "sign in book" either as a delegate or a guest. We need the number of guest sign ins for the voting process after lunch.

There were no other committee reports - as they were all noted in the yearly booklet.

There was a brief comment made by Bill Goen (made in place of Doreen Young who could not be with us) on behalf of the Music Committee to plead for music coordinators. We need volunteers! This is urgent - as John Toll who has served for many years in Ohio and Indiana as well as Michigan - is retiring next year.

Bill Goen described exactly what a music person does. Steve Wolkin asked about possible funding for this urgent need, and it was decided to discuss it during new business.

There was quite a bit of discussion about what years we would be celebrating at our Tri States Competitions? It was decided that we need to get through one more year discussing this - and then try to fix it permanently! There

was lots of fun discussion. We will make a thorough investigation and proposal in 2010. Only purchases for next year according to Bill Estey, Medals Chair - would be for plaques - nothing for medals.

Old Business:

By Law Issues - 4 Possible Changes. To be voted on as a group.

Motion by Steve Wolkin, and seconded by Dorothy Tank

7.1 - Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairman at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents for each state. Each such nomination for Vice President shall be ratified by their state caucus at the Annual Meeting.

7.2 - The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected

By a simple majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

6.3 - Each Vice President shall be responsible for contacting all clubs within their state in order to encourage such clubs to become a member of the Tri State Council of Figure Skating Clubs.

4.2 - Voting Members

Changing the due date (to join Tri State Council) to September 30th of each year.

Approved. (thank you Steve Wolkin for the verbage in 7.1)

Clubs bidding on Competitions:

FREESKATING COMPETITION

Dearborn - bidding on the Freeskating Competition.

Chuck Cope presented the bid for Dearborn, but conceded that it was Ohio's turn.

Pavillion also bidding. Pavillion's date for 2010 would be April 23 - 25th. After checking the calendar - it apparently doesn't conflict with the competitions that are currently scheduled, including Adult Nationals.

Vote was taken and Pavillion was awarded the Freeskating Competition for 2010.

SYNCHRONIZED COMPETITION

Wyandotte - February 13, 2010

Dearborn - February 13, 2010

Midland - February 20, 2010

Bowling Green - February 5-6, 2010

Twin Bays - February 13, 2010

Onyx - February 20, 2010

Kalamazoo - February 13, 2010

Break for Lunch: 12:00

Meeting resumed at 12:35 PM

Bids for Synchronized Competition were reviewed by Bill Coyle, and he announced the voting instructions. We would vote to obtain the top 3 - 4 clubs getting the most votes. We would then have another vote for the final winner.

While the voting was taking place - Bill called on Terry Kollar to talk about the new Cleveland Council Website. Going to be paid for by the profit monies from the 2000 Cleveland Championships. It will be completely redesigned and more user friendly. More up to date. Google Calendar - everything will be listed. The goal is to increase traffic to the site - for possibility of paying advertisers. It should be up and running in about 6 - 8 weeks. Terry was very gracious in his comments about Don Korte - and thanking him for his past service with their previous website.

The first vote produced three clubs: Dearborn, Wyandotte, Kalamazoo

Bill discussed the Midwest Conference Call, and everyone weighed in on the subject. The call is open to anyone that would like to take part. Or if they so choose, they can hit star 6, and they can just listen to the call. The first call of the new term with Kathy Slack as Vice President for the Midwest has already taken place. Ann Dougherty reported that Ryan Jahnke talked about his new project - MySkatingMall.com. A place to sell used clothing, skates, equipment, etc.. One stop shopping for skaters, and the profits are split. Maureen will send reminders to the Tri States Clubs as there are other people interested in listening in on the call.

Kathy Slack's new email: MKSLack@gmail.com

Kalamazoo has been awarded the 2010 Synchronized Competition for February 13, 2010.

Lainie DeMore reminded everyone about our agreement to host the Club Education Seminars each year in September. This year the date is September 12, 2009.

We are going to continue to reimburse Tri State Member Clubs as we are in the second year phase of our commitment. After we check out the possibility of other dates that this Club Ed Seminar could be held, we will make the decision to extend our commitment out another one or two years. We need to have this on the calendar so that Headquarters is aware we are still interested, and that the date isn't given away to another location.

Suzy explained about the new format for this year's schedule.

Normal schedule for the greater portion of the day.

Extra time set aside for clubs that wish to speak with Susi and Rose

Extra time set aside for Councils that wish to have time with Susi and Rose on Sunday.

Tri States will continue to reimburse all member clubs that attend as we have in the first year.

Continued confirmation of the quality of this seminar, and how helpful it is for all that attend.

This year \$1650 was returned to the Clubs for reimbursement.

New Business

Once again this year the Southwest Michigan FSC will host a Synchronized Judges School at the Kick Off Classic in Kalamazoo.

Corey Thompson (Chuck Buxton's able Co Hort) explained that this year - Jeannette Davey is interested in adding to the School by having additional schooling on Sunday as well as Friday. This year we provided \$2000.00 to the SW Michigan FSC, and they returned monies back to the Tri State Council.

Motion was made by Steve Wolkin, and seconded by Dorothy Tank to support \$2000.00 once again to the club to host this school. Approved.

New Business

Motion made by Lainie DeMore and Seconded by Chuck Cope that we once again forward a check in the amount of \$135.00 to Don Korte for his help in keeping our Website up to date with our information. Approved.

Calvin Carson mentioned to remind all our clubs to put a link from tri-state.org to Don's Website!

New Business

Discussion about the meeting that we schedule in April to go over the Governing Council Book. We will make a decision when it gets closer to the time of the Governing Council Meeting in 2010.

The Cocktail Party held in Buffalo on behalf of the three Councils in the Midwest was a huge success. Everyone's portion of the finances amounted to \$300.00.

(Tri State Council, Detroit Metro Council, and Cleveland Council). We need to do this each and every year! It was great.

New Business

Ann Dougherty gave information about the Moves in the Field Schools. Detroit has changed their date for the PSA Seminar to September 26, 2009. There should be an additional school in August, 2009.

Dorothy Tank mentioned that Tri States should investigate hosting a Moves in the Field School for next June or July 2010. There will be new coaches over the winter, judges will need refresher school. Dearborn said they could do a school in June. One parameter: You need to schedule certified instructors.

New Business

Steve Wolkin revisited the idea about making monies available - up to \$1000 for reimbursement purposes to those prospective Music Coordinators that might need assistance. Motion by Steve Wolkin. Seconded by Lainie DeMore. This would be people in Ohio, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania.

New Business

Ann Dougherty encouraged all clubs to try and use the Ledin Video System for their competitions.

Jeff Marshall (on behalf of the Nominating Committee) put for the following slate of officers:

President - Suzy Malloure

Secretary - Maureen Dalton

Treasurer - Dorothy Tank

No nominations from the floor

Steve Wolkin motioned, and Ann Dougherty Seconded, Approved.

After Caucus's were held for Ohio and Michigan, the following Vice Presidents were elected:

Vice President Ohio - Jeff Marshall

Vice President Michigan - Amy Bauer

Bill Coyle closed the meeting with personal comments about serving as President of the Tri State Council. He thanked everyone that helped him during the three years he served as President. Maureen presented Bill with a gift of appreciation from all of us.

Bill turned the meeting over to Suzy Malloure for a few comments.

Motion made to adjourn by Ann Dougherty, and Seconded by Chuck Cope

Meeting adjourned 3:00 PM