

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Tri-State Council of Figure Skating Clubs

Saturday, June 4, 2016, Holiday Inn French Quarter, Perrysburg, Ohio

The Annual Meeting opened at 10:10 a.m.

President Dorothy Tank gave a welcome and introductions were made around the room by the Delegates.

The President recognized the Dearborn Figures Skating Club and Journey Figure Skating Club for doing a great job running both the synchro and freeskating competitions. It was noted that the Synchro Competition in conjunction with the Junior World Qualifier earned thirteen-thousand dollars for Tri-States. The plaques for both clubs were not available at the meeting. The plaques will be provided once ready.

Report of Officers:

Vice President Ohio – Steve Wolkin

- There has been discussion about using IJS marking for testing. Lainie DeMore added that Eric Hampton has been part of the discussion.
- National Showcase will be held August 11-14, 2016 at the Strongsville FSC.

Vice President Michigan – Suzy Malloure

Lainie DeMore reported from Governing Council

- At Governing Council a rule was passed to change points for the qualifying rounds.
- ISI & PSA will merge.
- Learn to Skate will merge with ISI and be part of USFSA. New rules will apply September 1, 2016. The new Learn to Skate manual is on usfsa.org.

Vice President Western Pennsylvania – Donna Cerami (Steve Wolkin reporting on behalf of Donna)

- 5 Clubs and skaters received money from Tri-States.

Secretary Report – Kendra Wright – nothing to report

Treasurers Report – Amy Wood (Dorothy Tank reporting on behalf of Amy)

- Membership down, 53 clubs this year.
- Secretary will provide club lists from 2014/2015 to Vice Presidents to reach out to clubs who have not returned.
- Membership cost is \$75.00
- At the time of this meeting the check from Dearborn FSC had not been deposited.
- D.O. Insurance of \$744.00 for 2016/2017 has already been paid. It is a Three year policy. Carrier is Conner Insurance Group from Farmington Hills Michigan.

Steve Wolkin questioned why Tri-State is paying service charges on the accounts. Doreen Young suggested that it was possibly for looking up checks. Doreen offered to look into charges.

Calvin Carson – Asked the following questions.

- If there was money budgeted for website? Answer - \$300.00 for website for Don Korte was recorded under gifts.
- Why was schools going up to three-thousand? Answer – additional cost was for coaches school.

- Official gifts? Answer – gifts given to judges who receive appointments.

Motion by Steve Wolkin to accept Treasurers Report. Chuck Cope seconded – Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Music – Bill Goen replaced several CD players and mixes. Doreen needs one more music player. Bill has not been reimbursed. Doreen has been reimbursed.

Steve Wolkin began the conversation regarding digitizing music and if Tri-State should get ahead of it. It was recommended to wait. Tri-State would need to maintain both systems and a minimum of four computers costing approximately \$3200.00. The Greater Cleveland Council is purchasing laptops for registration/monitors. Steve will report back Cleveland's experience.

Test Track – Suzy Malloure – Suzy thanked the three clubs for picking up medals. Only one skater picked up their medal at the Tri-State freeskating competition. It is believed that the test track series is phasing out due to the lack of communication and knowledge. There are enough medals for one more year. Suzy passed out the remaining medals to the clubs.

Motion by Ann Doherty, Second by Chuck Cope, that the Test Track will end after the 2016/2017 season.
Motion passed.

Dorothy Tank – Reported that **Don Korte** is doing well. Doctor said he is cured. Don is riding his bike and will return to local judging.

Awards – Jeff Marshall (Dorothy Tank reported on his behalf) – There are enough medals for next year. There may be a need to purchase gold medals for 2017/2018.

Old Business:

Judges School – November 18, 2016. Form in packed. Patty Eshleman is organizing. Questioned if a coaches school is needed? Jeff Marshall indicated to Steve Wolkin that it would be good to have coaches and judges received the same information and hoped for a combined school. Steve expressed that a joint school is not practical due to time constraints by the coaches during this event.

Motion to approve meeting minutes by Steve Wolkin, Second by Chuck Cope, motion passed.

Dearborn FSC – Doreen Young, Synchro competition went very well. 73 Tri-State teams. JWC had 11 teams. Leslie Graham indicated that she was looking for a competition for the JWC to be in conjunction with. The JWC is date driven so the competition is time sensitive. Dearborn had many local teams due to the competition location.

Journey FSC – Louis Lombardo, Freeskating competition went fairly well. Schedule changes caused DVD mix up. DVDs were passed out to delegates for skaters at their clubs. Doreen Young asked why was video an expensed on the income/loss statement. Louis indicated that it was the amount Journey had to pay the video company. The entry fee was not adjusted to absorb the DVD expense. 140 entries for this event. It was believed that the number was low due to Easter/Spring break.

New Business:

National Skating Month – NSM Kits are available through usfsa.org. Tri-State has budgeted to pay for clubs who order kits. Clubs will be reimbursed by Tri-State after they purchase kits. The kits cost \$35.00. There is a limited number of kits so clubs should order as soon as possible.

Mary Moss indicated that the Wyandotte FSC has not been reimbursed yet.

Lainie DeMore – encouraged clubs to take advantage of the kits. Kits are assembled in the basement of headquarters by member services.

Karen Boswell asked if the membership fee should be adjusted by \$35.00? Because all clubs do not participate in NSM kits the membership fee will remain the same.

New Volunteers – Dorothy Tank, Tri-State is struggling to bring in volunteers. The membership has declined from 64 clubs in 2014/2015 to 51 clubs in 2015/2016. Ann Dougherty suggested reaching out to the adult skaters in your clubs. Lainie/Calvin recommended a need for parent education. It is important to find the talents within your volunteers, set expectations and give open ended questions. Start off with small jobs and always thank your volunteers. Discussion of club volunteer requirements began.

Contract for Competitions – Dorothy Tank, it was suggested to have a contract with hosting club of Tri-State competitions. After much discussion regarding video expenses Steve Wolkin was asked to research and draft a contract for 2016/2017 which could be voted on electronically at a later date. Calvin/Bill will research an example of a book that was given to all hosting clubs with guidelines and examples of how to run a competition.

Learn to Skate presentation/video – Denise Hughs

Bids:

Tri-State Synchro

Midland Figure Skating Club – Karen Boswell

February 11, 2017. Club has 2 ice surfaces to run practice ice while the competition is taking place. Club will also bid for JWC. Ice cost is \$200.00 per hour. A grant has been given in the amount of \$1000.00 to cover ice costs. Visitor and convention bureau will give \$2000.00 toward the hotel expenses (for one competition if club receives both freeskate and synchro).

Fraser Figure Skating Club – Mel Chapman

February 11-12, 2017 Fraser has hosted Mid America for 40 years. Rink management is helpful. Seating is all the way around. 1500 parking spaces. Hotels and restaurants are in close proximity. Would also apply for JWC.

Mentor Figure Skating Club – Deanna DiCola

February 10-12, 2017 or February 17-19, 2017. Ample parking with nearby hotels and restaurants. Club hosts the Diamond Classic which will move to the beginning of November. There are 50 club families and 5 synchro teams. Club will bid on JWC.

Ballots were distributed by Kendra Wright. Dorothy Tank and Doreen Young tallied ballots. Midland FSC and Mentor FSC tied with the majority of votes. A second vote to break the tie resulted in a second tie. After a third vote, Mentor Figure Skating Club was awarded the Tri-State Synchro Competition Bid.

Tri-State Freeskating

Midland Figure Skating Club – Karen Boswell

April 21-23, 2017. Midland has 2 ice surfaces and will also apply for National Solo Dance. Ice cost is \$200.00 per hour. A grant has been given in the amount of \$1000.00 to cover ice costs. Visitor and convention bureau will give \$2000.00 toward the hotel expenses (for one competition if club receives both freeskate and synchro). Budget was based off 150 starts. Video Presentation.

Cleveland Edges Skating Club – Cheryl Dopson

April 21-23, 2017. Close to airport. Will apply for National Solo Dance. Local judges to keep cost down. Budget was based off 150 starts.

Ballots were distributed by Kendra Wright. Dorothy Tank and Doreen Young tallied ballots. Midland Figure Skating Club received the majority vote and was awarded the Tri-State Freeskating Competition bid.

Elections:

President: Nominating committee nominated Amy Wood. Chuck Cope nominated Steve Wolkins, Calvin Carson seconded. Steve declined the nomination. Bill Goen nominated **JoAnn Eastman**, Calvin Carson Seconded. Jo Ann accepted.

Ballots were distributed by Kendra Wright. Ballots were tallied by Dorothy Tank and Doreen Young. Jo Ann Eastman received the majority vote for President.

Vice President Michigan: Nominating committee nominated Suzy Malloure. Conversation from floor indicated **Bill Ziegler** wanted to run for the position. Bill was nominated by Dorothy Estey, Chuck Cope seconded.

Ballots were distributed by Dorothy Tank. Ballots were tallied by Dorothy Tank and Doreen Young. Bill Ziegler received the majority vote for Vice President Michigan.

Tentative Mid-Year Meeting Date: Sunday, November 20, 2016 approximately 2:00pm. This will be dependent on Kalamazoo Kickoff competition schedule. The meeting will be held at the Wings arena.

Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 3, 2017 Holiday Inn French Quarter, 10:00am.

Meeting adjourned 2:27pm