

Minutes for Detroit Metro Council - November 8, 2009 - Mt. Pleasant , MI

Meeting called call to order by Chair Calvin Carson

Present - Gayle Carson, Dorothy Estey, Bill Estey, Maureen Dalton, Ginni Phillips, Grant Stompski

Karen Boswell, Ethel Miller, Kathy MacMillan, Lacey Chaput, Becky Lesley, Blythe Skarsbaug, Calvin Carson, Dorothy Tank.

Calvin asked all present to introduce themselves and state why and what they do for skating.

Bill Estey gave a report on the medals for high school competitions. Last season 1659 medals were presented to skaters. He has presently ordered medals for the coming season. Bill also explained the High School program. Detroit Metro council supports the high school program by paying for the medals. Last year the cost for medals was \$5600.00.

Maureen stated that USFS is trying to get councils across the nation to support the High School Programs as Metro Council did to get it started.

Kathy MacMillan went over the treasurers report. Presently there is a balance of \$88,849.95 in DMC accounts.

Calvin explained that DMC supports the High School Program, Coaches Schools, and Official Schools .

Further discussion was on how do clubs or DMC go about the bid process for competitions.

Calvin explained that the income DMC receives yearly is from memberships and the rental of the Mini system. We own the mini system and any club can rent the system. DMC member clubs get a discount on the rental fees.

Twin Bays is thinking about changing their name to Traverse City FSC.

The name change for DMC was presented - possibly to be Michigan Figure Skating Council with a tag line Detroit Metro Council reaching out to clubs in Michigan.

Tri-State was explained and Maureen stated that Tri-State reimbursed member clubs for the Skate with us package from USFS. The amount for the package was \$25.00

Calvin explained Kathy Slack's, Sectional Vice President for USFS, Wednesday calls. Last time there were 63 people on the call. Maureen explained that you do not have to talk, you can just listen to others. The call is on the last Wednesday of the month at 8pm. The next call will be on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving.

Maureen asked Traverse City representatives - Would you explain how you increased your competition by 50 skaters when other competitions are going down. Their reply was they felt the change of date helped and also they are a great vacation area. Maureen said that putting in Test Track to any competition will raise the numbers.

Schools that DMC may be sponsoring this coming year are: Accounting and a System Specialist one in June, Tech Specialists, Learn to Skate, and a Moves in the Field in June or July. Presently Patrick O'Neil is at a PSA meeting and asking about DMC to sponsor a moves in the field school.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm