

Adult Committee Meeting - Board Minutes  
August 31, 2002  
Atlanta Ice Forum, Duluth, Georgia

Maggie Harding, Chair of the Adult Committee, called the meeting to order. Also present were Vice Chair of the East Coast, Tony Conti, and Vice Chair of the Midwest, Gail Sombati. Alexis Foy, Vice Chair of the Pacific Coast was not present. Maggie informed everyone if you have any questions, to email anyone on the Adult Committee.

COMPETITIONS:

Maggie Harding informed everyone the dates of the upcoming Sectional and National Competitions.

March 1-2, 2003

Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships  
Hosted by Ice Fusion Synchronized Skating Teams and  
Wyandotte Figure Skating Club  
Wyandotte, Michigan

March 8-9, 2003

Eastern Adult Sectional Championships  
Hosted by the Skating Club of Central New York  
Syracuse, New York

March 14-15, 2003

Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championship  
The Skating Club of San Francisco  
Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center  
San Francisco, California

April 9-12, 2003

2003 United States Adult Figure Skating Championships  
Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

2004 United States Adult Figure Skating Championships  
Lake Placid, New York  
Date TBA

Maggie also informed everyone to check out the website for other Adult Competitions.

### Adult Nationals:

Maggie Harding would like to get other clubs to bid for Adult Nationals, possibly on the West Coast or in Texas. It is required that there be three sheets of ice, which is a reason why clubs do not bid for Adult Nationals.

### Adult Nationals and Sectionals Announcement:

Ann Dougherty of the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club is working on the Adult Nationals announcement. The Adult Nationals announcement as well as the Sectionals announcement will be ready October 1, 2002.

### Registration:

Maggie Harding informed everyone that skaters can register on-line for both Sectionals and Adult Nationals.

### Trophy Fund:

Maggie Harding informed everyone that \$10-20 of Adult Nationals entry fees would go to the Trophy Fund.

### Communications:

Maggie Harding would like to build a network of communications with other skaters. It was suggested to create an email tree.

### Mountain Cup Fund:

Bill Papineau of the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club is establishing the Mountain Cup Fund, which would subsidize Eastern European Skaters to compete at the Mountain Cup Competition in France. Bill is speaking to an Attorney to establish a formal fund. It would be through the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, which is a 501C3 club, and for those who would donate, it would be tax deductible.

### Honorary Member:

Marcia Richards suggested that Ann Dougherty of the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club become an Honorary Adult Member. Marcia acknowledged that Ann is a big fan of adult skating.

### Exhibition at Adult Nationals:

Maggie Harding informed everyone that there might be an exhibition of skaters at Adult Nationals, and it would take place on Friday Night. Skaters would be invited to skate a program that was memorable, and it would not be based on winners. Skaters may skate programs from the past. Bill Papineau suggested that skaters from the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club participate too; many of the skaters need experience to skate in front of a crowd. Tony Conti suggested that there be a drop box for the skaters to write down a program that was memorable. Mary Hiser suggested there be a jar at the door to accept donations. Monies earned from the exhibition would help defray the cost of Adult Nationals.

### Pairs.

Les Ascher has prepared a helpful handout for skaters who are not familiar with Pairs Skating.

### Moves:

Shannon Keeler has prepared a helpful handout for skaters who are not familiar with Moves in the Field.

The discussion of grand fathering moves was revisited. It was also discussed that some Adults are working on both moves tracks, the Standard and Adult.

### Masters Intermediate:

It was discussed about adding Masters Intermediate to Adult Nationals. More discussion would ensue at a later date.

### Website:

Maggie Harding informed everyone to check out the website, and go to the site frequently to see if there is any new information. Maggie informed everyone if they want to add information to the website to please contact her.

### Interpretive:

Discussion ensued about how it is difficult to judge Interpretative. It was suggested to give the judges the theme to help them judge the skater. It was suggested to divide up the Interpretive event, for example artistic and showcase. It was noted that adding another event would not be helpful to Adult Nationals due

to limited time. It was then suggested to incorporate artistic and showcase at the other competitions. Discussion ensued about the Bronze and Silver Skaters competing against each other in Adult Interpretive. The Bronze Skaters noted that the Silver Skaters are stronger, and they feel that they are not being judges fairly. It was noted that the Masters Interpretive has five levels. It was suggested to incorporate the way ISI judges Interpretive, which is dividing the event; dramatic, comedy, and character. Also ISI has improvisation where all skaters skate to the same music. Discussion ensued; all the suggestions were noted about Interpretive, and it was tabled until the next meeting.

#### New Skaters and Introductory Skaters:

Maggie Harding asked those who were present, what can we do to attract new skaters or make it easier for them to compete. The levels II and III are growing, but there is no one feeding into level I. Mary Hiser suggested that we keep Adults informed about the test structures, as well as inform the Test Chairs and Pros. Marcia Richards had attended the Adult Camp in New Jersey. When she returned home she made copies of what she learned, and passed it out to her fellow adult skaters at her club. It was suggested to change the days of Adult Nationals from Thursday to Sunday. Many Adults have a difficult time getting time off from work. It was noted that the competition did run from Thursday to Sunday, but it was changed because many adults wanted to use Sunday as a travel day, therefore the days changed from Wednesday to Saturday. It was suggested to move Adult Nationals to the end of April or during Easter Break. Bill Papineau suggested the USFSA mail all adult related documentation to all clubs, however it was noted there is the issue of money. Marcia Richards suggested that each club should have an adult skater who is a contact person. Maggie Harding noted that it would be difficult to do. It was suggested that some skaters can not justify spending money each year and going to Adult Nationals, they may elect to go every other year.

Discussion ensued on how to attract Introductory Skaters to feed into the program. It was discussed that Introductory Skaters are testing, but they do not want to compete. It was suggested many are still in school, and do not have the funding to compete and travel.

#### Adult Skaters and Home Clubs:

It was brought to the attention that a few clubs do not recognize the Adult Skaters, only the younger skaters. It was suggested that the restructuring of the Adult track has played a factor. In the past, Adults would compete at Regionals, as well as there respected Sectional to qualify for Championship Rounds at Adult

Nationals. Now that the Adults have there own Sectional, clubs do not see it as the same track. It was suggested that the Adult Skaters educate their club with the restructuring of the Adult Program.

Supporting Adult Competitions:

Discussion ensued about supporting Adult Competitions, and getting your application in early, and not on the deadline date. It was discussed that the majority of Adults wait till the deadline date to turn in their application. It was suggested, if you know you are going to the competition turn in the application, this is turn helps the local organizing committee determine if in fact there will be a competition.

The meeting was adjourned by Maggie Harding.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Moss