

Wooster Figure Skating Club
Meeting Minutes for
September 10, 2008

Present at the meeting were Bob Lapsley, Joel Kennedy, Jeff Stump, Debbie Lewis, and Carol Patton.

The minutes from the August meeting were approved prior to the board meeting, and they were released to the general membership.

Joel Kennedy presented the Treasurer's Report. The available cash balance is \$2929.71, and an additional \$1,292.15 is payable for fund raising. As of September 9, 2008, the bank balance is \$4221.86. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Jeff Stump, 2nd by Bob Lapsley.

Debbie Lewis reported the membership update. We currently have 26 full members, and two associate members. 18 members are skaters, and 10 members are adults. Eleven skaters have not renewed their membership at this time. Debbie informed the Board she would like to have Pat Lapsley on the Membership Committee, and all agreed this was a good idea. Bob Lapsley recommended we propose to Chris that coaches be allowed to skate on Advanced Training without being charged a fee. The board agreed that he propose only Full Member Coaches be granted this privilege. Debbie confirmed with the Board that only Associate Club Coaches were getting their membership fee waived, and Associate Club Members still had to pay their Associate membership fee. Carol Patton offered to provide a contact list of all LTS skaters that are ready to join Club.

Jeff Stump presented information from the USFS Board Seminar that he and Bob Lapsley attended on September 5th. The main things discussed at this meeting were, building a team which included a **SWOT** analysis. This includes making a list that includes our **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats**. Highlight your **Strengths** and eliminate the **Threats** that you can. Concentrate on your **Weaknesses and Opportunities**. These items become programs for the club. We also discussed creating a mission statement. Every club needs a mission statement and the club makes sure that all events, programs and time support the mission. The common problems presented by nearly all the clubs were fund raising, member involvement and costs. Part of the solution presented by Susi Wehrli was less private lessons and more group instruction. She indicated that group instruction is feasible, productive and proven thru the levels that require even Axles, and Double jumps. She indicated that the private instruction at this level can concentrate on developing routines and programs for shows or competitions. Susi even made a comment as part of the training seminar that "private lessons are ruining the sport of Figure Skating." Other items discussed included Coach registration with

USFSA, Conflict of interest within the club and the board, fund raising and member communications and training. The board agreed that we need to develop a mission statement. Each board member will come to the next meeting with ideas for the mission statement so we can write our own.

The fund raising update was presented by Bob Lapsley. Tammy Despoy is working on the wine tasting event and will report back when she has the details complete. Joel Kennedy proposed aggressive fund raising and member pledges to the club. If we can come up with enough funds then the club could buy the ice from WSA and return it to the club members free of charge.

The winter show update was presented by Bob Lapsley. The Academy would like to start the Performance class and wanted approval for music. It was agreed that the Academy could choose their own music with a Christmas theme. A show committee will be picked that will outline overall theme, content and lobby activities. Bob has contacted Lisa Rumbaugh and Jessie Taylor. They both have agreed to be on this committee. We need to pick 3 or 4 other members also. This group will also help in selecting a chair person/s for the show.

The next test session will be held on Monday, September 29th at 5:00pm during advanced training. The next board meeting will be held on October 8, 2008.