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En slijbren onsen zacht, d'een mal en d'ander wey.
Op dees wegtuickelcheyt veel brooger als het is.

Van Gade
Gronow. K.

“The Slipperiness of Human Life”

Saint George II Gate, Antwerp, 1553

Skating on ice outside the walls of Antwerp,
Some slide hither, others hence, all have onlookers everywhere;
One trips, another falls, some stand upright and chat.

This picture also tells one how we skate through our lives
And glide along our paths; one like a fool, another like a wise;
On this perishable earth, brittler than ice.

*Designed and painted by F. Breughel, living in 1553.
Etched by Ioan Galle.*

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When in Antwerp the 1920 Olympic Figure Skating Team met Monsieur Maxim Cambrelin of the Belgian Olympic Committee. He later visited Boston where he saw and recognized this amusing old print at the house of Mrs. Theresa Weld Blanchard. It was he who was kind and clever!—enough to work out the above translation of the verse which is in old Flemish.

Olympic Team Selected

RICHARD L. HAPGOOD

The six figure skaters who have been nominated by the United States Figure Skating Association to represent this country in the figure skating competitions of the Winter Sports Division of the 1928 Olympic games to be held at St. Moritz, Switzerland, next February comprise the best that the United States can offer or has ever offered for international competitive skating.

The makeup of the team was announced last April by Mr. Henry W. Howe of New York City, President of the United States Figure Skating Association, at a meeting of the Association held in New York, from recommendations of a special committee composed of Mr. Howe, Mr. A. Winsor Weld of Boston, Mass., a former President of the Association, and Mr. Paul Armitage of New York City, a recognized authority on skating. The team consists of Miss Beatrix Loughran of New York City; Miss Maribel Vinson of Winchester, Mass.; Mrs. Theresa Weld Blanchard of Brookline, Mass.; Mr. Nathaniel W. Niles of Brookline, Mass.; Mr. Sherwin C. Badger of New York City; and Mr. Roger F. Turner, of Milton, Mass. Three members of the team, Miss Loughran, Mrs. Blanchard and Mr. Niles, represented the United States in former Olympic competitions.

Miss Beatrix Loughran is present Lady Champion of the United States, having held that title since 1925. She is also Lady Champion of North America, a competition which includes Canadian entries, having successfully defended her title at Toronto last February. She represented the United States in the 1924 Olympics, held at Chamounix, France, where she placed second in a field of ten skaters. The same year she placed third in the World's Championship held at Christiania, Norway, where she was beaten for second place by a German skater who did not compete in the Olympics.

In expert figure skating circles, Miss Loughran is ranked as the best woman skater this country has ever seen. She is proficient in both departments, prescribed figures and free skating. The pre-

scribed figures count three-fifths of a skater's total mark in a contest, and Miss Loughran's superiority in this department makes her a hard skater to beat. She executes accurately the most difficult turns with a vigorous yet graceful style. Her free skating has improved greatly in the last few years until now she has evolved a well-balanced program skated in almost flawless form.

Her leading competitors next February will be Miss Sonia Henie, the 15 year old Norwegian girl, who last year won the World's Championship and Mrs. Herma von Szabo-Plank Jaross, who won the 1924 Olympics and has held the World's Championship several times, losing to Miss Henie last year after a hard fought struggle. Miss Henie placed eighth in 1924 at Chamounix, but has improved very rapidly in the last few years. Miss Loughran has also improved and the contest between these three skaters will be bitter and hard fought.

Miss Maribel Vinson has never won the national title in this country, but earned her place on the team by a remarkable rise to championship ranks during the last few years. She is 16 years old and has been skating since she was four years old. In 1924 she won the Ladies' Junior Championship of the United States, and last winter, on her first entry into championship skating circles, she placed second to Miss Loughran. Her standing is so close to the best in this country that it is safe to say that she will place among the point winners.

Mrs. Blanchard, the third ranking skater, has a more imposing history of past conquests. Prior to Miss Loughran's victory over her in 1925, Mrs. Blanchard held the National Championship title for almost a decade, and was considered for many years unbeatable. In fact her eventual defeat at the hands of Miss Loughran was due to the rapid general advancement of championship figure skating standards rather than to any decline in her ability. She represented the United States in the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp when she placed third, and again in the 1924 Olympics at Chamounix when she was fourth.

Mr. N. W. Niles is present National Champion. He also won the title in 1918 and again in 1925. From 1920 to 1924 he was runner up to Mr. Badger in the national championships. He represented the United States in the 1920 and 1924 Olympics, placing sixth both

times. Mr. Niles' skating style is noted for accuracy in prescribed figures, but it lacks a certain abandon needed for free skating although his program contains practically all the requisites of a championship program.

Mr. S. C. Badger held the Men's National Championship from 1920 to 1924 and was also Champion of North America in 1923. He has not been active in figure skating for the past three years, but returned last year to compete in the internationals at Toronto, where he placed second. Mr. Badger is a finished skater, especially in free skating. He has never competed in a foreign contest as he held the national title while an undergraduate at Harvard, but he is very dependable in competitive skating.

Mr. R. F. Turner, like Miss Vinson, has never won the national title, but earned his place on the team on account of his general skating excellence. In 1926 he won the Men's Junior Championship of the United States, and last winter ran Mr. Niles a very close race for the national title. Later at Toronto, he placed ahead of Mr. Niles in the North American Championships. His ability and rapid improvement to championship ranks in the last few years has made it impossible to pass him over when considering the nation's best skating prospects.

The pair team will be composed of Mr. Niles and Mrs. Blanchard, who were the pair team for the United States at Antwerp in 1920, placing fourth and at Chamounix in 1924, placing sixth. They have been Pair Champions of United States for ten consecutive years and also have held the North American title in this event. Their pair program has been fundamentally the same throughout, but each year small changes have brought it up to a high level of excellence. According to the best European standards, it is a fine program and ought to be capable of winning points.

A second pair, Mr. Badger and Miss Loughran, will also be entered for the United States. This team is practically new in the field of championship competitive skating. Last winter they paired up on short notice and entered the North American Championships, where they made a creditable showing considering their short preparation, placing fourth. They both have life and zest in free skating style and ought to make a good pair. So far they have never had a fair test of their pair skating ability, as at least a whole

season should be devoted to composition and practice of a good pair program. What account they will give of themselves at St. Moritz is hard to say, but as they are both intelligent and resourceful skaters, the result will unquestionably be good.

Taken as a whole, the United States team is as strong and well-balanced a team as this nation has ever sent as its figure skating representatives. The ladies, as compared with Europeans, are much stronger than either the men or the pairs and will probably reap more points. Miss Loughran and probably Miss Vinson can be counted upon to place within the point limit which is sixth place. If such excellent skaters as Mr. Grafstrom of Sweden and Mr. Bockl of Austria compete in the men's contests, it is difficult to see better than a fourth or a fifth for the best American man skater and it is doubtful whether two Americans will score points in this event. One of the pairs is certain to score, as pair skating in this country is more closely following European standards than ever before.

In each of the three Olympic figure skating events, six places are counted toward the score as follows: first, 10 points; second, 5 points; third, 4 points; fourth, 3 points; fifth, 2 points; and sixth, 1 point. United States is almost certain to score in every event. Two women are sure to place within the point scoring limit; one man is sure and another may win points; and one pair is sure while the other, about which practically nothing is known, may also score.

Figure skating in America is a much younger sport than in Europe, but each year we are making rapid strides toward the European level and it will not be many years before American figure skaters will be competing with the Europeans on a basis of equality.

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In Memoriam

The Editors with deep regret announce the death of our Philadelphia correspondent,

Dr. Joseph M. Spellissey

Figure Skating has lost an enthusiastic follower and one whose influence was felt outside the circle of his home city and club.

For some years Dr. Spellissey has regularly assisted "Skating" as a correspondent from the Philadelphia district. In particular his contribution of two very excellent articles on Philadelphia skating history, reflect his interest and knowledge of the sport.

Josephine Grant Schwarz Trophy

In memory of his wife, Josephine Grant Schwarz, Dr. Spellissey, in 1924, presented the Philadelphia Club with a Trophy for the Women's Junior Championship, a replica of which appears on the opposite page. The Trophy itself was most interestingly evolved; made by the Gorham Company, it was designed by the famous sculptor Dr. R. Tait MacKenzie. The large head above is that of Mrs. Spellissey. The four small figures, which are connected by the "Philadelphia Twist" originated in 1849 by Colonel James Page, are left to right, above: "Miss Edith G. Nichols, Boston and Bryn Mawr", first winner of the Trophy; "Miss Theresa Weld, Boston, American and Canadian Champion 1917-1924"; and at the bottom: "Miss Herma von Szabo, Vienna, Austria, Champion of the World 1924, 1925"; "Miss Beatrix Loughran, New York, American and Canadian Champion, 1925". Under "Humane Society" appears the well-known "Rescue Reel" of the Club and below, in the centre, is the insigna of the Society.

It is appropriate that this beautiful Trophy should hang in the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society's attractive Club-house, not only in memory of Josephine Grant Schwarz, the accomplished skater, but of her husband, Dr. Spellissey, and his unselfish efforts in the interests of figure skating.

Editorial

The fifth season of "Skating" will include five instead of three issues. The price, two dollars a subscription, remains the same. A special arrangement for clubs or groups taking fifty or more subscriptions, however, has been made.

By having the numbers appear approximately one month apart, beginning November fifteenth, the Editors expect to publish news promptly and convey any instructions to our skaters more seasonably.

For the first time direct information on European skating, comparisons, etc., will be available through the six members of the United States Olympic Figure Skating Team and those accompanying them. On this account the Publication Committee is impressed with the need of facilities to properly handle this news. It proposes, with revenue from more advertising contracts, and an especial effort toward a broader circulation, to finance the five issues.

The U. S. F. S. A. earnestly solicits your subscriptions, also efforts to obtain advertisements and literary contributions.

N. W. NILES, *Chairman*,
Publication Committee.

19, Grosvenor Road,
London, S. W. 1.
7th June, 1927.

Joel B. Liberman, Esq., Secretary,
U. S. F. S. A. of the I. S. U.
342 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Dear Mr. Liberman:

I found your letter of the 19th May awaiting me on my return and I am glad to say that your cable arrived at Luchon in good time and was accepted by the Council.

I enclose a report on the decisions arrived at, and have gone through the whole matter with Mr. Raymond Harvey in order that he may tell you verbally a number of things which are hardly a subject matter for a formal report.

In the absence of any direct instructions from you, I considered it advisable to support the general views of the N. S. A. which were:

- (1) to find a solution of the "packed" jury problem.
- (2) to avoid interfering with, or limiting the powers of the Referee.
- (3) to endeavor to keep the old system of marking unchanged.
- (4) to give a plain understanding to Norway and Switzerland that their actions in the last two championships were very reprehensible.

I think that we succeeded to a very great extent and I trust that your own officials will be satisfied with our progress.

I shall be very happy indeed to give you any further information or to amplify any notes which may not appear clear.

Yours very truly,

J. L. PRESCOTT.

June 17, 1927.

Henry W. Howe, Esq.,
President, U. S. F. S. A.,
24 Thomas Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Howe:

With reference to the cable which we sent to the British Skating Association authorizing their delegates to represent us at the recent meeting of the I. S. U. at Luchon, I would say that the British Association succeeded in having the rule adopted that every member of the I. S. U. has the right to send one, and only one, of its judges to all Figures Skating Championships and from these the panel of judges (an uneven number of not less than five) shall be composed. For your convenience I am enclosing copy of Mr. Prescott's report and letter, as he acted as our delegate at the Congress.

Very truly yours,

JOEL B. LIBERMAN.



**Report of U. S. F. S. A. Delegate
to the 15th Congress of the International Skating Ass'n,
Luchon, France, May 23-25, 1927**

Your cable of proxy was received by the President on the eve of the Congress and was accepted. I also got the proxy from the Amateur Skating Association of Canada.

Mr. H. J. Clarke and myself acted as delegates for Great Britain, he holding the vote.

There were in all fourteen countries represented out of the twenty members of the Union.

Denmark, Poland, Japan, Lettland and Russia did not attempt

to give proxies; Italy wished the Belgian Delegate to represent them, but the proxy was not in order.

It was resolved that English be approved as an additional language in which the International Regulations be printed, but that the German remain the official text.

The two most important questions for discussion, namely, the composition of the panel of judges and the alteration, if any, of the present Marking System were referred to a Committee consisting of the delegates of the six countries submitting motions on these points. Finland was represented by Mr. Jacobsson as Chairman.

The various motions were extremely divergent and were hotly supported by the delegates of the countries presenting them.

After a two hours' discussion during which two chairmen resigned, I was fortunate enough to be able to submit a formula covering the composition of the jury which was unanimously accepted by the Committee. A translation of this follows:

INTERNATIONAL REGULATION, CLAUSE 18, AS REVISED BY THE
PRESENT CONGRESS

Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4. Unchanged.

Paragraph 5. For the World and European Championships the Jury may consist only of the Judges recognized as Championship Judges. Every member of I. S. U. has the right to send one, and one only, of its Judges to all Figure Skating Championships, and from these the panel of Judges is composed.

The panel shall be composed of an uneven number but of not less than five judges; fourteen days before the date of the Championship the list of judges will be closed, but if a lesser number than five has been inscribed, the club (or association) holding the Championship shall immediately forward the list of nominated judges to the President of the Council, who shall cause the Jury to be made up to five; provided always that when possible only one judge of the same Nationality be incorporated in the Jury.

When the number of the inscribed judges is even and higher than five, the President must bring the number of judges to an odd number by striking out, or adding one.

If the President takes advantage of the above-mentioned right the expenses of the judges so sent by him for second class travel and hotel accommodation (excluding meals) for three days, shall be paid by the Club holding the event.

Exceptions to the above prescriptions may only be made with the consent of the President of the I. S. U.

When a judge has erred in his markings and shown repeated and extraordinary divergencies, he may be struck out of the lists of the Championship Judges by the Council for a definite period but not for less than two years.

RESOLUTION OF THE IXTH CONGRESS

“The Clubs and Associations of the I. S. U. are requested to exercise the utmost care and to nominate only the most reliable members as Judges.”

It will be noted that it is stronger than the motion presented by the National Skating Association of Great Britain in that no country may be represented by more than one judge and that any increasing or decreasing of the list of judges sent by the members is left in the hands of the President of the Union. It includes the principle of an odd number of judges and also the spirit of the French proposal of paying judges which I was instructed to support. Any attempt to have limited the number of judges would have wrecked the proposition.

We informed the committee that we were opposing any alteration in the Marking System and it was eventually agreed by the remainder that they recommend first, the Czech proposition, then the Austrian and then the French.

On the Committee submitting their report to the Council, their agreed text to cover the composition of the jury was accepted unanimously as was also a further recommendation to give the Council power to remove an unfair or incompetent judge, either of their own accord or as a result of a protest on the part of one of the members, for a period of not less than two years. The Austrian Proposal that the judges able to be present at Championships advise the President of this possibility in advance, was passed as a resolution and a further resolution was carried requesting Clubs holding “Important”

International Competitions to endeavor to follow the new regulations for championships in such events.

It was resolved that in the case of International Figure Skating Competitions the minimum number of judges be reduced from five to three.

The various proposals to alter the system of Marking were successively put to the vote and lost.

On the question of the difference of opinion between the I. S. U. and the International Olympic Committee, it was resolved by thirteen to one (Sweden) that members may take part in the Olympic games.

The Congress received a communication from the Council regarding the protest of Austria against the composition of the Jury at the Ladies' Championships at Oslo in which, after Norway had been blamed for acting against the spirit of the International Regulations, it was stated that as at 6 p.m. on the eve of the Championship it was not certain that a Swedish judge could come, the Council decided that no action could be taken. Austria protested to the Congress against this decision and demanded cancellation of the Championship.

After a long discussion in which the majority of the delegates clearly showed that they considered the action of Norway as most reprehensible and unsportsmanlike, it was resolved that the resolution of the Council be confirmed.

With regard to a communication from the National Skating Association of Great Britain on an apparent irregularity in connection with the Men's Championship at Davos, the Council decided that as this was not strictly a Protest, no report to the Congress was necessary, but it is known that the Council found the action of the Swiss Club in nominating a judge from each of the three Viennese clubs sending competitors reprehensible, and that the Swiss admit that they were in error.

The report of the Auditors showed a profit for the two years of SW. Kr. 3535.79 and a cash balance of SW. Kr. 5224.07. These figures are an improvement on those of the previous year.

The usual biennial propositions of Belgium and France to reduce the subscription for those countries with a weak exchange was

lost, but it was agreed that in special cases the Council might make a reduction of 25% to 50% if they considered it necessary.

At the election of the new Council, Mr. Salchow (Sweden) was unanimously elected President. In the post of Vice-President Mr. Clarke replaced Mr. Van Laer.

The remaining members of the Committee were elected as follows:

1. Mr. ValarSwitzerland
2. Mr. Van Laer.....Holland
3. Mr. JapiotFrance

Replacement Members

1. Mr. PfeifferAustria
2. Mr. Jacobsson.....Finland

Mr. Bryn (Norway) would have undoubtedly held his position on the Council if it had not been for the action of Norway in the Ladies' Championships.

We consider that all nations realized the absolute necessity at this Congress of taking a firm hand to stop the recurrence of recent excesses and they feel that considerable progress was made on the present occasion towards this end.

Czecho-Slovakia indicated that they hoped to apply for permission to hold the next Congress in Prague.

(Signed)

J. L. PRESCOTT.



Additional Notes from the 15th Congress

There was a long discussion about the participation of the I. S. U. in the Winter Olympics of 1928 at St. Moritz. The Directors gave the details of the tedious and unfortunate negotiations with the International Olympic Committee on this matter. Above all they protested emphatically against the accusation of the Belgian delegate that the I. S. U. wanted to prevent the skating competitions being made part of the Winter Olympics. The question was finally set-

bled to the satisfaction of the Swiss by the Congress permitting the entry of their members at St. Moritz, on the express understanding that the skating events be carried out under the management and rules of the I. S. U. The Congress rejected the proposal of the Belgian to recognize the Olympic skating events as World Championships.

The majority of proposals before the Congress were for an improvement of the insufficient and sometimes obscure rules for marking figure skating. A special committee, chosen to wrestle with these problems, failed, after working for hours, to find a satisfactory solution. The Congress as a whole then took up all the proposals, some of which were very complicated, with the same result, so that everything remains as it was. Most of the other proposals in regard to figure skating had the same fate. A special committee was appointed to work out regulations for dancing competition.



Important Championships for 1928

January 28-29. European Championship for Men.

Troppauer Eislaufverein, Troppau, Czecho-Slovakia.

February 13-16. Olympic Figure Skating Events.

St. Moritz, Switzerland.

*February 18-19. World's Championship for Men.**

Berliner Schlittschuh-Club E. V., Berlin, Germany.

March 5-6. World's Championship for Ladies.

National Skating Association of Great Britain, London, England.

March 5-6. World's Championship for Pairs.

National Skating Association of Great Britain, London, England.

March 20 or later. United States Figure Skating Championships.

*We are assured by Miss Elsbeth Muller, who left Berlin on October 15, that this event has been postponed one week to enable the Olympic skaters to compete. Upon receipt of the definite notice it will be published in "Skating".

Build Your Own Club

JOHN S. MACLEAN

During a visit to the Winnipeg Skating Club in March, 1927, I noted the enthusiasm of the members and the progress they had recently made in figure skating. Knowing the experience of the Toronto Skating Club, I was inclined to think that these gratifying features were due to the fact that they owned their clubhouse and rink, and this view was confirmed by the President, Mr. W. Percy Over.

“For some time prior to building our present quarters”, said Mr. Over, “The Winnipeg Skating Club, which for many years had been carrying on in rented properties and with restricted hours for skating and inadequate Club Rooms, had begun to realize that if the popularity and interest in figure skating were to be maintained, it was necessary to secure their own property and extend their operations, and to this end on September 6th, 1924, a general meeting of members was called, when it was decided to form a joint stock company and sell stock in order to secure funds for building their own Club and Rink.”

A joint stock company was formed on September 22nd, 1924, with a capital of \$50,000 divided into 500 shares at \$100 each. At present 401 shares have been sold by the Club. In some cases, especially to encourage younger men, the shares were sold on an installment plan with interest on deferred payments. The subscribed capital is \$40,100; the land cost \$12,550; building, \$34,000; equipment, \$3,800; furnishings, \$3,400; a total expenditure of \$53,750. Owing to climatic conditions, natural ice is available from about the middle of November to the end of March each year. The skating surface measures 170 feet by 76 feet.

The Club caters to the entire family and the annual due in this respect is \$25.00 entitling one senior or two junior members of shareholder's family to skate, and permitting shareholder and members

of his family over 18 years of age to become non-skating members without additional fees. The regular fee for senior skating membership is \$12.50 annually and for juniors \$7.50 annually. For these low fees the members enjoy from four to four and a half months' skating from 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily. The professional charges \$1.50 for half hour lessons and his services were in such demand during the past season that he was permitted to engage an assistant, who was also fully occupied. There are 454 members, of whom 212 are senior and 242 junior.

The clubhouse overlooking the ice is well furnished and is equipped to serve luncheon, afternoon tea and supper. As it is situated in the center of the city, the noon hour is particularly busy for business men can procure their luncheon there, proceed with their skating and return to their offices without undue waste of time. The Carnivals are always looked forward to by the general public and well patronized. Last season there were two performances, over 200 skaters took part and the net profits were about \$1,300.

Winnipeg has a population of 282,906. Why do not more clubs in cities much larger and wealthier build their own rinks, instead of renting ice at ruinous figures? If they did they would greatly reduce their costs and at the same time give figure skating the "boost" which it needs.



Back Numbers of "Skating"

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All rules, amendments, The Constitution of The U. S. F. S. A., as well as accounts of skating events during the past four years, etc., are contained in these issues, and it is suggested for these reasons that it might prove interesting and convenient to have them on hand—bound or otherwise.



Herma von Szabo-Jaross

Frau Jaross, formerly Frau Plank, of Vienna, Austria, was Champion of the World from 1922-1926. In 1927 she was placed second to Sonia Henie of Norway. She began serious pair skating in 1925, with Ludvig Wrede as her partner, and won the Pair Championship of the World in that year and in 1927. In 1926 they were third.

A strong person, Frau Jaross has tremendous power and control in her skating. Her school figures are large and very excellent; if anything it is in these that she wins her Championships. In free skating also this strength is most pronounced though her grace and general style is good.

Herma Jaross has a charming personality; she is young, only twenty-three, and vivacious, and most enthusiastic and devoted to the sport at which she is so remarkable.



G. Gautschi

Many consider Mr. Gautschi, the Swiss Champion, the most promising contender for the World's Title. In 1925, his first year in "The Championships", he was placed sixth. He did not compete in 1926 and last year he was fourth. At Chamounix in the last Olympic Games, he was third to Grafstrom (first) and Bockl.

He is young and strong with plenty of enthusiasm and the leisure to devote to skating. In school figures he is perhaps more excellent than in free skating, though in the latter his tall stature and strong masculine style add distinct character to his exhibition. He will be one of the most favored entrants in the 1928 Olympics; he is used to the altitude and has been training hard to attain highest honors.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Council of the United States Figure Skating Association

The Annual Meeting of the Governing Council of the United States Figure Skating Association was held on the 10th day of April, 1927, at the Bar Association, 42 West 44th Street, New York City.

The President, Mr. Henry W. Howe in the chair. Mr. Liberman acted as Secretary.

A list of the members of the Association was read and representation by delegates or proxy noted as follows:

<i>Votes</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Clubs</i>	<i>Delegates</i>
3	500	Cambridge Skating Club	Arthur M. Goodridge
3	Over 100	Country Club of Brookline	A. Winsor Weld
3	" 100	New Haven Skating Club	Ralph G. VanName
			Heaton R. Robertson
3	" 100	New York Skating Club	Paul Armitage
			Henry W. Howe
			Joel B. Liberman
3	" 100	Skating Club of Boston	Nathaniel W. Niles
			Charles Rotch
			Mrs. Blanchard
3	" 100	Sno Birds	Charles J. Beck
			Henry W. Howe
3	" 100	Twin City Skating Club	Henry W. Howe
3	" 100	The Skating Club of New York	Henry W. Howe
			Mrs. Rosalie Knapp
			James A. Cruikshank
			Fred Gabel
3		Winter Sports Club	Joseph K. Savage
		Individual Members	

Members of clubs present other than as above noted: Mrs. Henry W. Howe, Misses Beatrix Loughran, Rosalie Knapp, Ethel Bijur, Dorothy Weld, Messrs. Sherwin Badger and Bedell Harned.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting of the Governing Council held on April 10, 1926, and the minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 21st, 1926.

Voted that the minutes of the Council be approved as read and those of the Executive Committee noted.

Messrs. Weld and Armitage were appointed a Nominating Committee. Mr. Howe asked Mr. Cruikshank to take the chair which he accordingly did. The committee presented the following ticket:

Officers

President	Henry W. Howe
1st Vice President	Nathaniel W. Niles
2nd Vice-President	Carl R. Engel
Secretary	Joel B. Liberman
Treasurer	John Lewis Evans

Executive Committee

Charles M. Rotch, *Chairman*

Paul Armitage	Mrs. E. S. Knapp
Sherwin C. Badger	Miss Beatrix Loughran
Charles J. Beck	M. L. Madden
Mrs. T. W. Blanchard	Charles Meyer
C. I. Christenson	Heaton R. Robertson
Russell Doubleday	Joseph K. Savage
Arthur M. Goodridge	Ralph G. VanName

and officers *ex-officio*

The Nominating Committee presented the name of the existing officers for re-election notwithstanding the fact that such officers have been in office for the last two years, for the reason that so many matters of importance are expected to arise in the forthcoming year (including the Olympic games) that it was felt that the knowledge and judgment of the existing officers should be available to the Association; the Nominating Committee is cognizant of Article 11 of the By-Laws and the restriction imposed thereby.

Mr. Cruikshank as chairman explained the provisions of such Article 11, to the effect that the names presented were those of persons who had held office for two years and that under such article a unanimous vote of the Governing Council was necessary for election.

A vote of those present being called, the Council was unanimously in favor of the ticket as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Voted that the Secretary be ordered to cast one ballot. The

Secretary having cast such ballot Mr. Cruikshank declared the aforesaid officers and members of the Executive Committee duly elected and he resigned the chair in favor of Mr. Howe, who thereupon presided over the meeting until its close.

Voted that the President be authorized to appoint the members of the various committees including the chairmen thereof.

The report of the temporary Treasurer, Mr. John L. Evans of Philadelphia, was presented by the Secretary in the absence of Mr. Evans.

Voted that the Treasurer's report be referred to a committee appointed by the President. After due examination this committee reported favorably; the balance remaining to the credit of the Association being \$442.39. The report was adopted *in toto* and ordered placed on file.

Committee on Standards and Tests had no report.

Committee on Membership reported the admission of the following new members:

Duluth Figure Skating Club
The Skating Club (New York City)
Twin City Skating Club (Minneapolis)
Winter Sports Club (New York City)

The Secretary reported that the International Skating Union had requested a fee of five cents each for every member of every club constituting the Association, but that on special inquiry the I. S. U. withdrew the charge on the ground that our Association was an associate member and not a regular member.

The following discussion introduced by Mr. Armitage is here inserted as dealing with membership.

"The question should be determined as to what are the qualifications required by the U. S. F. S. A. for skating clubs or skating associations as a condition to membership in the Association. This question has only been dealt with in a more or less desultory way in the past. In view of the rapid development of skating clubs and the diversification of types thereof, it seems timely that some rules should be laid down by the Association. Among the subjects to be considered are the following:

First—Inactive clubs: As the whole spirit of the organization is to represent the active skating fraternity the question should be set-

tled as to how long a club may cease to actively function without being subject to being placed on a retired list. Of course, it must be plain that the mere fact that a club does not for one or even two seasons engage a rink or other facilities, should not *ipso facto* disqualify it from active participation in the Association.

To lay down such a rule would discourage rather than encourage skating clubs. Examples of this are the New Haven Skating Club which, by reason of the destruction of the rink in that city, was deprived for a year or so of regular skating facilities. Yet this year, with the rebuilding of the rink, it has revived with renewed enthusiasm. Meantime its officers and members retained their active interest in skating, and participated in the work of the Association. Another example is the Philadelphia Skating Club.

On the other side of the question, take a club which is dead, does not keep up its organization or, as a group, actively interest itself in any of the skating events or affairs. Should not such a club, after a period following a reasonable notification by the Association, be placed upon the inactive list? Otherwise some organization might be casting a vote for a large membership which is in reality fictitious."

After a discussion it was

Voted that this Association presupposes that the clubs forming its membership shall continue as active skating organizations with their members practicing the art of Figure Skating under their auspices and that if any club ceases to function for a period of one year as above outlined that its membership in the Association cease; further that all clubs be immediately notified of this provision.

"*Second*—Another question is how far clubs and the officers thereof must be truly representative of the members. As according to the law of the Association the club's vote in the Association is a function of the numbers of its members, the Association should lay down rules to insure that any representative of such a club and that its officers are duly and properly elected by majority of its members. Otherwise we might have the situation of a club run or controlled entirely by one member or by some professional or his agent, undertaking to vote for or represent in the Association a large group of members that had no say.

I think therefore that we should require that the clubs who are members of the Association must hold regular annual meetings at which their officers and managers are elected by a majority vote of the members, each member being entitled to cast a vote therefor."

After a discussion it was

Voted that all the clubs which are members of the Association shall hold an annual meeting at which their members vote and elect their officers or a management which appoints its representatives. That all clubs be notified and bound by this resolution and that if such meeting has not been held this calendar year, that it be held

within six months of such notification; and that upon failure to comply with the terms of this resolution membership in this Association shall cease.

“Third—How far clubs composed only of children or junior members shall find representation in the Association and voting power.”

It was explained that clubs composed exclusively of such members have no voting power, and where there is a mixed membership only in so far as there are adult members.

On motion of Mrs. Blanchard and duly adopted it was

Voted that the Committee Chairmen be invited to attend the Executive Meeting and Meetings of the Governing Council.

Olympics: The report of the Olympic Committee appointed by the President (Messrs. Armitage, Weld and Howe) was presented. Whereas notice has been received that the United States is entitled to enter a team consisting of

Singles 8 Men (only 4 to skate)
8 Women (only 4 to skate)

Pairs 4 Pairs (only 2 pairs to skate)
the following team was selected:

Men: Messrs. Nathaniel W. Niles
Sherwin C. Badger
Roger F. Turner

Women: Misses Beatrix Loughran
Maribel Y. Vinson
Mrs. Theresa Weld Blanchard

Mr. Savage reported that at a dinner given to General Sherrill, the American Olympic representative, he was officially informed that the entry of a Figure Skating Team depended upon whether the expense be borne by the sport itself and that no part of the expense would be paid by the Olympic Committee. Ways and means on this and on all other matters connected with the Olympic team were left to the committee.

On motion of Mr. Cruikshank, it was

Voted that the custom of holding the tests be strongly recom-

mended to the clubs as an encouragement of the sport. That in all tests and competitions held under the auspices of the Association that judging cards be signed by the judge.

On motion of Mr. Weld it was

Voted that the resolution of April 3, 1923, with reference to single members of the Association be rescinded.*

Championship: The question of holding the National Championship before or after the Olympic Competition was considered. On motion duly carried it was

Voted that the Competition be held on March 20th or as soon thereafter as can be conveniently arranged, and that the question of place and all other matters relative thereto be left to the Fall Meeting.

Committees on Amateur Status and Competitions had no report.

Records Committee reported on means of preserving records. It was stated that the most inexpensive was to photostat the judges' cards to 11x8½ each year and bind them together. The cost of photostating the National Competition would be about \$70 for all past records and about \$13 for each succeeding year.

Voted, that the Records Committee retain possession of original records for the period of one year after the competition recorded and subject to this provision that such committee be authorized to follow the system of photoprinting as recommended by Mr. Hapgood.

Publications: Mr. Niles reported on behalf of the magazine "Skating". He recommended that the clubs include the dues as part of their subscription and that there be five issues of "Skating" instead of three, with substantially the same substance in the five that we now have in the three. This inclusion of subscription should, of course, apply only to clubs having Figure Skating as their major interest.

He also stated that a large number of subscriptions at a lower rate would be preferable to a small number at a higher price, because a greater number of advertisements could be obtained if the number of subscriptions was substantially increased.

*The rescinding of this resolution prevents anyone entering National Championships who has not been duly elected a member of the Association.

On motion duly passed it was

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to write to the Secretary of each individual club stating that the Publication Committee is willing to enter into negotiations with regard to subscriptions at reduced rates, with a view to having the clubs underwrite a set number of subscriptions leaving the clubs to deal with their individual members as they saw fit.

On motion duly passed it was

Voted that the proper officers be authorized to make up the existing deficit in the magazine "Skating" to the extent of \$300.00, on behalf of the Association.

Mrs. Blanchard stated that Miss Elizabeth Muller, for many years instructor at the Skating Club of Boston, has given considerable assistance to the editors and it would be in order to extend the thanks of the Association to her.

On motion duly passed it was

Voted that the Secretary be requested to write to Miss Muller expressing the thanks of the Association for her assistance.

North American Competition: Mr. Weld reported that in conjunction with Mr. Norman Scott of Montreal he had drawn up a set of rules for conduct of future North American Championships. These were presented to the meeting for extended discussion. Mr. Weld recommended that the entries of the United States be made through members of the committee in charge of the North American Championship representing the United States and the President of the Association. This discussion brought forth divergent views particularly on the question of even number of judges. Some delegates expressed the idea that the number of competitors should be limited in this competition and that they should be chosen by the Association. Further that the school figures and free skating be not skated on the same day; also that definite figures be announced in advance instead of drawn by lot.

On motion duly passed, however, it was

Voted that the recommendation of Messrs. Weld and Scott covering rules and records governing the Championships of North Amer-

ica be submitted to the Canadian Association as expressing the views of this Association as to the conduct of the North American meet.

These rules are as follows:

Rules and Regulations Governing the Championships of North America

1. The Championships shall be handled by a committee of five consisting of three members of the country in which the event is held and two members of the other country.

2. The Championships shall be held alternately in Canada and the United States not oftener than every two years. It shall be the duty of the country in which the event is to be held to take the initiative by appointing its members to the committee and by proposing a date well in advance so that there may be ample time to arrange details.

3. The Championships shall consist of the following events:

Men's Singles, Women's Singles, Pairs, Fours.

4. No event shall be held unless there are entries from both countries.

5. Entrants must be amateurs in good standing and members of the U. S. F. S. A. or the Figure Skating Department of the A. S. A. of C. respectively.

6. Entries shall be limited to three in each event from each country. (A fourth entry may be accepted from either or both countries in the discretion of the committee)

7. Prizes shall be medals of a uniform design and as follows: 1st gold; 2nd silver, 3rd bronze. A third prize shall be given only if there are four or more entrants.

8. There shall be an even number of judges (not less than 6) divided evenly between the two countries.

9. The school figures for men and women shall be drawn by lot, according to the I.E.V. system, separately and not more than 36 hours before the event and shall be posted and made known not more than 15 minutes before each event. When there are more than five entries in an event the number of figures to be skated shall be reduced to 8 by the committee eliminating certain figures by agreement or by lot.

10. The order for contestants to skate shall be drawn by lot at the same time as the drawing for the figures and the order for free skating in the singles shall be the same as for school figures.

11. Pairs and Fours shall skate their program twice—the first time for program and the second time for performance.

12. The Championships shall extend over a period of at least two days.

13. The expenses of each Championship such as advertising, programs, prizes, expenses of judges and all other expenses shall be met by the country in which the event is held.

14. Unless otherwise specified in these rules and regulations the rules and regulations of the I. E. V. shall govern.

15. The decisions of the committee in charge of the Championship on all questions not covered by these rules and regulations shall be final."

Judges and Judging: On motion of Mr. Weld and duly passed it was

Voted that the resolution adopted at the meeting of the Governing Council, April 10, 1926, under the caption of "Protest of Judges" be revoked.*

Voted that the President appoint a committee to inquire into the question of judges and judging. This committee to report and recommend on the following points:

1. Whether there shall be a committee on Judges and Judging.
2. To compile a list of persons, members of the Association qualified to act as judges.
3. To investigate domestic and foreign methods of protesting judges in this and other sports.
4. Such other facts as the circumstances warrant.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same adjourned after the usual motion.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL B. LIBERMAN, *Secretary.*

*The rescinding of this motion prevents any protest of a Judge by a competitor.

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