

Minutes of the GAFSC Board Meeting

April 20, 2002

Attendees:

Board Members:

Alicea Smith, President
Ben Loggins, Treasurer
Nancy Anderson, VP Duluth
Ginger Whatley, Test Co-chair
Marianne Campbell
Carolyn Schwab

Lori Faris, Membership Chair
Rob Lichtefeld, Secretary
Mike Aiken, VP Town Center
Greg Corbitt, Test Co-chair
Michele Aiken
Gloria Lewis

New Board Member:

Andrew Austin

Visitor:

Theresa Loggins

The meeting was called to order by Alicia Smith at 9:16am in the meeting room of the First Union bank branch just north of Perimeter Mall.

Minutes:

Rob Lichtefeld submitted the March minutes. Ben and made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Mike, the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Ben reported that the balance of the bank accounts is \$6,624.10 as of April 19, 2002. He discussed the price increase for ice at the IceForum rinks and how it affects our liabilities for the rest of the fiscal year.

He also reported that the 501(c) 3 filing has been mailed to the IRS with the necessary fees.

Rink Updates:

Augusta:

Alicea reported that she had not called the USFSA to verify that the Augusta Club has received their probationary status, but assumes that they have it or will at the Governing Council.

Duluth:

Nancy reported that the parent meeting went well and members are aware that ice fees have gone up. The harness has been built and will be installed in the next few weeks. A new belt has already arrived and is being used. The IceForum Spring show was held Friday night and again Saturday night.

South Lake:

Ben reported that not a lot is new, other than he is adding new members slowly.

Town Center:

Mike reported that they have already cut Club Ice to be every other week.

Peach Classic Update:

Rob reported that the announcement is finished, and that Gloria, Helen Ross and he talked to a lot of competitors at Adult Nationals about coming to the Peach this year. Paula Smart, the USFSA Adult Chair, is also pushing the Peach Classic, especially for the 18-24 year old skaters.

Testing Update:

Ginger reported that the next Test Session would be May 5 at Duluth. The new schedule is out.

Year End Party:

Marianne reported that she has designed tickets to be purchased this week. The price will be \$5.00 with one ticket per family. For people that want to have access to the rides and amusement, they will be charged an additional \$10.00 at Dixieland.

Election Update:

The elections for the Board of Directors were held March 15. Rob, as Secretary counted the votes. The following people were elected to be on the board from July 1 2002 to June 30, 2004.

Nancy Anderson
Andrew Austin
Matt Breneman
Alicea Smith
Ginger Whatley

They will join the board members below who were not up for re-election:

Michele Aiken
Marianne Campbell
Rob Lichtefeld
Gloria Lewis
Noelle Neary
Ben Loggins
Carolyn Schwab
Cheryl Kohser

Elections:

Elections were held for officers for the next skating year. The term of office for these new officers will be July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. The following people were elected:

Alicea Smith	President
Nancy Anderson	1 st Vice-President and VP Duluth
Ben Loggins	Treasurer and VP South Lake
Rob Lichtefeld	Secretary
Marianne Campbell	VP Town Center

In addition, Andrew Austin made a motion to keep the following people as chairs of the following committees:

Lori Faris	Membership
Greg Corbitt	Test Chair

Ben seconded the motion and it was passed.

Peach Frost Update:

Due to the new ice fees, they are looking for ice at the other rinks. They are not sure if they can actually field teams with the current prices, unless they can find cheaper ice. Ms. Patti is holding try-outs this Saturday and next Saturday, for an "older" team and a "younger" team. If they go with a Juvenile team, the age limit is 11 and younger.

Membership:

Lori reported that the new member packets are done. She as also designed a new membership form that gathers all the information that the USFSA requires. She has come up with preliminary prices for each type of membership status as a starting point.

Ice Time Increase at IceForum facilities:

As of April 1, the IceForum facilities have increase their price for ice to the club to \$240 per hour. Up until then, the club was purchasing ice at \$120 per hour for both Club Ice sessions and Test sessions, with the rinks not charging the club for sessions held during the summer. Alicea talked with Jack Burton when the price increase happened and did get him to give us a discount until the skating year starts. They will only charge use \$190 per hour through June 30.

Much discussion ensued about what to do about Club Ice and how to accommodate the needs of our skaters.

Alternatives discussed:

1) Moving our sessions to other facilities:

Matt Breneman reported that he had contacted both Parkaire and the Cooler concerning purchasing ice at those facilities. The Cooler does not have ice available, but are thinking of converting their roller rink to ice for most of the year. If they do this, they may have ice available for us. Parkaire is checking to see if they can schedule us in.

2) Reduce our membership fees and not offer Club Ice sessions:

Rob detailed the costs per skater and how many skaters actually use Club Ice.

3) Reduce the amount of Club Ice to every other week:

Mike said that Town Center is already doing this to help keep the costs down. Town Center has agreed to keep the other weeks as Freestyle sessions. This alternative would require that the IceForum agree to sell us the ice every other week.

Greg made a motion to offer Club Ice sessions only every other week at each rink, and to not offer club ice during the summer. It was seconded by Andrew. If possible, we would schedule the weeks to alternate between Duluth and Town Center. The motion passed.

Greg made a motion to set the membership fees for the 2002-2003 skating year as follows:

Full Skating Member	\$170	
Second Skating Member	\$85	
Subsequent Skating Member	\$25	
Synchronized Skating Member	\$100	
Non-Compete Skating Member	\$100	
First Time Member	\$125	
Social	\$25	
Associate	\$85	
Coach/Judge/Professional	\$25	(No Tests/No Compete)
Life/Honorary/Special Olympics	no charge	

Gloria seconded the motion and it passed.

Greg made a motion to offer David Bechtold a Life Membership. David was the first president of the club, and is still active is assisting the club. Alicea seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Governing Council:

Greg made a motion to allocate \$400 per person attending the Governing Council meeting. There are seven people attending. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed (but not unanimously).

Atlanta Open:

Marianne made a motion to place a 1/2 page ad in the Atlanta Open program. Mike seconded the motion and it passed. Greg did ask that we offer to place a free ad from the AFSC in the Peach Classic program in return for placing a free ad in the Atlanta Open program.

Skater of the Year:

Ben made a motion that the coaches would choose the Skater of the Year this year. Greg seconded and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

Submitted by:

Robert Lichtefeld
Secretary

April 22, 2002