Minutes of the
Georgia Figure Skating Club Board Meeting
April 3, 2004
(approved May 1, 2004)

Attendees:
Board Members:
Alicea Smith, President
Ginger Whatley, Test Co-Chair
Kristel Fuchs
Marianne Campbell, VP Town Center
Lori Faris, Membership Chair
Matt Breneman

By Proxy:
Nancy Anderson, VP Duluth
Ben Loggins, Treasurer

Guests:
David Bechtold, Past President
Cecelia Landress
Jonathan Bechtold

Alicea Smith called the meeting to order at 9:15 at the First Union Bank on Ashford Dunwoody Road. Alicea welcomed David, Cecelia, and Jonathan to the board meeting.

Minutes:
Rob submitted the minutes from the March board meeting and Lori made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Marianne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Rink Updates:
Duluth:
Club Ice is going along as usual. No further information about the rink’s summer program. Bob is working with us. There is a test session on April 4 in Duluth.
The IceForum side will be closed from April 12 – April 30. Alicea will check to see if Club Ice can be available.

Town Center:
There are usually 8-12 skaters on Club Ice, which is Tues 5:20-6:00pm. On May 1, Town Center will host a consignment sale for the Basic Skills competition. Kristel is going to notify Honey Burton about the information.

South Lake:
Still closed. We will have separate EOY awards for Southlake skaters.

Membership:
Lori reported that there is a total membership of 374 with 338 members reported to US Figure Skating. Lori gave out the Breakdown numbers of membership and also emailed that to those board members not present.

Membership Drives will be May 11 at Town Center and May 14 at Duluth. Marianne will check on purchasing ice from 6:00-7:00 PM after Club Ice for exclusive use for the drive. Alicea is going to check on the same for Duluth. The date for the Duluth drive could change depending on availability of ice.

Lori presented this year’s pricing along with sample membership applications. No changes were made. Matt will alter the new club jacket forms to be put into the mail out for membership.

Testing Update:
Ginger reported that the Test Session at Duluth on Sunday would be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Times changed at Duluth for the better! Ginger is so dedicated that she even made calls from Germany to the rink to triple-check the times. Thank you Ginger!

**Important – Ginger passed her Silver test so she will be able to judge at the Novice level! She will also be able to judge the lower levels by herself.**

**Club Jackets:**
Matt reported that the first order is coming in. Seventeen people placed an order. Matt has suggested setting up an ordering schedule so members know when an order is going to be placed. We will take orders during the membership drives.

**Peach Classic/Peach Open**  
*(Rob submitted his report via email)*
We have the ice contract for $160/hour.
We had our first meeting on March 23.
We still need a Secretary, Treasurer, and Sponsorship Chair. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated. We need ALL MEMBERS to work on this.
We have placed an ad in the Adult National program; however the check went in very late so we'll see if it actually gets in.

**Newsletter**  
*(Rob submitted his report via email)*
The one for April went to the printer on Friday, March 26. It took that long to get info about Year End Party in it. It should be printed by this Friday.

It also has the Year End Award ballots, and the Bylaw amendments ballots. Since they won't have much time to vote, please push everyone to get their votes in.

Also, the ballots are on the website, with links on the first page.

The next newsletter will have ballots for board member elections. IT HAS TO GO OUT ON TIME.

Board members need to do a better job getting information together so that the newsletter can go out in a timely manner. The old rule was that the all articles and information was due the Monday after the board meeting. I rarely get info by the following Monday. The reason that almost everyone does not want to be the newsletter editor is that they have to write all the articles, do all the production, and work with the printer. Unless you have done the job, you really don't understand.

After this next newsletter, I really have to consider if I can do it anymore. Especially, with the Peach Classic/Open taking more of my time. Because, if we don't have anyone else step up to do jobs, the chairs have to do it.

**Nomination Committee**  
*(Rob submitted his report via email)*
The following people have agreed to run again or run for the first time:
Matt Breneman
Linda-Jo Saunders
Alicea Smith
Cecelia Landress
Jonathan Bechtold
Currently we are talking to:
Monique Petrofsky

Nancy Anderson has given me her regrets that she will not be running again.
Most of the above could be considered Duluth members. We need more candidates from outside Duluth.

We will also push voting for the board at the Membership Drives.

**Year End Party**
The club may have to fund the gratuity charges. Moms at the rinks will help in collecting the reservations and money for the party. The money needs to be in the hand of the VP at each rink one week before the April 24th party. Aren Nielsen and his band will be playing. The contract will be signed for 75 people. We can always add more to the contract. The party time at Jillian’s will be from 6:00 – 11:00 PM.

Marianne has agreed to do a PowerPoint presentation for the party. Lori, David Bechtold, and Matt agreed to burn CDs to send to her via snail mail.

**Meeting with Jack Burton**
The board voted to send Jack a formal invitation welcoming his chosen rink advisors to sit in on board meetings. These 2 advisors representing Duluth and Town Center MUST be GaFSC members. This will facilitate communication between IceForum rink management and the Club.

**USFS Memorial Scholarship Fund**
The club had given $180.00 to the fund and we will discuss at a later date on whether to continue to give to this fund or create our own fund.

**Governing Council**
*(Rob submitted his report via email)*
I need the names of the delegates that will not be attending the GC in San Diego, so that I can send in their Proxy Vote information. Also, for those not attending, who do we want to be the Proxy? Should probably be one of our delegates attending. But, they can be any USFS member. Please email me the info as soon as possible. This needs to go in by April 12.

**Next Meeting:**
The next board meeting will be May 1 in the Wachovia boardroom at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Lori Faris, Membership Chair
*(Standing in for Secretary, Rob Lichtefeld)*
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