Georgia Figure Skating Club
December 1, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes
(approved Jan 5, 2008)

Attendees:
Rob Lichtefeld, Treasurer  Maryann Surratt
Christine Wootton, VP Town Center  Kristel Fuchs
Lone Barama, VP Duluth
Ginger Whatley, Test Chair
Gloria Lewis, Dance Test Chair

- Marianne Campbell was unable to attend so the meeting was run by Christine Wootton. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Perimeter Mall. Lionel Postic, Secretary, was unable to attend so the minutes were taken by Kristel Fuchs.

- **Minutes of November 2007 meeting.** The minutes were read and there was a question concerning the phrase “the budget was discussed.” No member could recall a discussion concerning the budget, so the minutes were amended to reflect that phrase being deleted. A motion was made by Kristel to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Maryann and passed unanimously. Rob will make the change and send out the amended minutes to all board members.

- **Treasurer’s Report** – Rob Lichtefeld explained his handouts which broke down all income and expenses. He also discussed a graph he made which spelled out the club’s net worth. During his report we had a short discussion concerning the possibility of refunding regional fees again next year. While everyone agreed that qualifying skaters should be considered for reimbursement next year, there was a difference of opinion regarding non-qualifying skaters. This will be addressed again closer to membership time next year.

- **Rink Report – Duluth** – Lone told us the Duluth Christmas show is December 7th and 8th. She is trying to put a Christmas party together.

- **Rink Report – Town Center** – Christine reported that the skaters at Town Center, along with a couple of other generous givers, raised the $200 needed for the Foster Children Secret Santa Program. Rob wrote a $200 check from the club for extra items needed in the secondary gifts. The Christmas party for Town Center will take place December 8, at Connie Costner’s home. The consignment sale was a success and the club was given $40 from the proceeds of the sales.

- **Membership** – Lori Faris was unable to attend. She is currently entering members into the database.
• **Newsletter** – Kristel finished the newsletter and has forwarded it to Rob for his editing. She would like to do another one before the end of the year and is asking that all skaters send in pictures from the Christmas show.

• **Testing** – We discussed test sessions at Town Center and Duluth.

• **Syncros** – Greg did not attend but we had limited information on the proposed bid for the 2009 Syncro Nationals. At this time, GAFSC is passing on the bid process due to monetary reasons but will consider putting together a bid packet for 2010.

• **Sectional/National Gift** – Alexander Zahradnicek will be competing at Nationals again this year. Last year’s gift to Alex was $1,500.00. We discussed the amount needed for attending Nationals and how much his coaching costs were per day. Everyone agreed that money and a gift would be a better option this year. A motion was made by Rob to give a monetary gift of $1,000.00 and a gift not to exceed $100.00. The motion was 2nd by Ginger and passed unanimously. We also were given the totals for the Sectional gift for Alex which was $375.00 in cash and a jacket totaling $113.95.

• **Peach** – We had a short discussion about Peach and our success this year. We all agreed that taking the competition down to 3 days instead of 4 helped out greatly and if we advertise sooner, we could get more skaters. Other successes were the minimal number of judges, lower hospitality costs, and donations from Ben Loggins. We also discussed the new rules which will go into effect and if we apply for our sanction now, we will not have to worry about implementing the new 2008 rules.

• **New business** – *We discussed an alternate place to hold our monthly meetings. The bank is not allowing any groups to meet in their meeting rooms anymore due to the theft of banking records. We discussed alternating months at each arena as well as continuing to meet at Perimeter mall. (On a side note, I checked the mall hours and they normally do not open until 10:00 a.m.). We will need to agree on a meeting place by our next meeting which is January 5, 2008.*

  *Rob is checking on rule books and on coach members who would be eligible to receive a free rule book from the club. We agreed to purchase rule books for the eligible coaches plus a CD and 2 extra rule books to sell if members would like to purchase one.

  *A lengthy discussion about clinic opportunities for our skaters presented some ideas. Possibilities include bringing Bobbe Shire back, doing an in-area clinic with our top coaches from the Duluth and Town Center Ice Forum, and considering a choreographer. We also talked about videotaping skaters and using technical specialists or our own coaches to critique the skaters and offer them insights into advancing their skating. If we do clinics this year, the costs need to be lower to skaters.

  *A new addition to club ice was discussed. Other clubs offer off-ice as part of their weekly club ice time. We talked about different skill areas that our
skaters would benefit from such as ballet, jumping, and pilates among others. Club ice would be 40 minutes and then 30 minutes of off-ice work would follow. We would hire people skilled in various areas and the club would pay for their time. This may work at Town Center, but Duluth was concerned because of their club ice taking place on Friday afternoon. Gloria was going to check with a friend of hers to find out more about how other clubs do this type of activity.

- **Adjournment** – A motion was made at 10:55 a.m. by Maryann to adjourn. Ginger seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kristel Fuchs for Lionel J. Postic, Secretary