Georgia Figure Skating Club Minutes
12/11/10
(approved 1/8/2011)

Attending:

Rob Lichtefeld - President
Annette Florence - Treasurer
Julie Pierce - Secretary
Ginger Whatley - Test Chair
Ling-Ling Gu - Member at Large
Vivian Heeden - Member at Large

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve minutes of the last meeting on November 6, 2010 was made by Kristel, seconded by Vivian, passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report
Annette has spent between 20 and 30 hours with the accountant trying to reconcile the books. The accountant has recommended changing from Quicken to Quickbooks, as when we send them a file in Quickbooks and they convert it, data is sometimes lost or incorrectly recorded. The accountant needs an estimate of the amount of hours club officers are donating, and how many volunteer hours are donated. Annette needs these before the next club meeting. Julie motioned to purchase a copy of quickbooks, and the motion was seconded by Kristel.

There is no treasurers report as the accountant has all the data.
There are 3 skaters who have not turned in reimbursement requests for regionals expenses. Rob will send a reminder out. The August Duluth ice bill needs to be paid.

Rink Reports:
Duluth:

Moe held a parents meeting at the rink and was disappointed in the level of support from parents. The take away is that we need to educate parents on what the club does, vs what is rink responsibility. Some parents were happy to assist, but none were willing to chair specific responsibilities, such as birthday parties, or hospitality for judges during testing. A general discussion was held on how to involve more parents, and we thought a list of dates where parents could assist with specific responsibilities would be helpful.

Club ice is running about 18 skaters. There are lessons and rehearsals for the holiday show.

Town Center:

Kristel has a brochure she has done for the TC rink. She is sending her brochure to Rob for use at Duluth. Rob will look into color copy printing.

A test session was held on 12/4 and it went well, with several new volunteers.

The holiday show is coming up 12/18.

There is a group going to the Holiday Ice Spectacular on 12/17. Those going are getting a before the show tour, a complimentary program and an after the show meet and greet.

The holiday party will be after club ice on 12/16, with a crazy sock exchange planned.

Club ice numbers are fluctuating between 20 and 8 skaters. There are 6 new members at the TC rink.

Jackets have been very well received and continue to sell well at the TC rink. Kristel will talk to Mary as there have been some sizing issues.

Membership:

We are currently at 296 members.

Newsletter

The next newsletter will cover through March, 2011. Items to include in the newsletter are the 2/19 year end party, Ginger’s change of address for testing applications, which is: PO Box 78914, Atlanta, GA 30357, and a list of those who passed tests this year.

Testing:

A Basic Skills test is planned at TC on the first Saturday in February. The November test date at Duluth was cancelled. The TC December 4th test went
well. April is planned for TC and February 12/13 for Duluth. Ginger is working with Al to schedule dates. Ginger would like to change her address online for testing applications. Tests on the new moves are going well. The test application needs to be updated to reflect the ‘make up’ tests available since the moves in the field tests have changed.

Competitions/Peach:

The Peach Open/Classic will be Labor Day weekend. Ginger will not be able to referee the event.

Other Business:

A general discussion was held about bidding on different events, including adult sectionals, regionals or working with the Gwinnett Civic Center to host Skate America or other events of that type.

Lone Barama has resigned from the Board, and a new Board member is needed to co-chair hospitality.

Rise: The movie Rise will be live on 2/17. This is two days before the end of the year party, and a week before Nationals. More publicity information is available from US figure skating if we want it.

National skating week: getting ice time for an exhibition during the busy season is not possible.

Year End Party:

A suggestion has been made to hold the dinner at Champs. A call has been made to see about pricing for hosting a buffet. Moe is looking into hosting a buffet instead of potluck. A decision on that will be made at the next meeting. Moe is looking into Champs.

next meeting is January 8, 2011.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Pierce