

Minutes of the GAFSC Board Meeting

February 9, 2002

(Approved March 9, 2002)

Attendees:

Board Members:

Alicea Smith, President
Ben Loggins, Treasurer
Marianne Campbell
Michele Aiken
Carolyn Schwab
Greg Corbitt, Test Co-chair

Mike Aiken, VP Town Center
Rob Lichtefeld, Secretary
Matt Breneman
Honey Burton
Lori Faris, Membership Chair
Ginger Whatley, Test Co-chair

Visitors:

Andrew Austin

The meeting was called to order by Alicia Smith at 9:15am in the meeting room of the First Union bank branch just north of Perimeter Mall.

Minutes:

Rob Lichtefeld submitted the January minutes. Matt Breneman made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Carolyn Schwab. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Ben reported that he has finished all the financial reporting necessary for the 501(c)3 application. He has forwarded the information to the lawyer. The balance of the club's accounts is approximately \$7,500.

Augusta Update:

Alicea reported that Augusta should be receiving their probationary status very soon. According to the USFSA, we should proceed with out elections as if their members will not be a part of our club. They will probably get the status before the membership drive. The only stumbling block is the name. Currently they are using the name Augusta Figure Skating Club and the initial AFSC. The USFSA will probably require them to change the name to The Figure Skating Club of Augusta. This will eliminate the problem of the use of the AFSC trademark that belongs to the Atlanta FSC.

Duluth Update:

Matt Breneman reported that on Friday night 2/8 the LOC used the Club Ice for a "Bring a Friend" night. Members brought non-member friends to Club Ice and there were events as a limbo contest, Macarena, etc. organized by Jennifer Silas. Also there will be an All Night Skate-a-thon on March 1.

Southlake Update:

Ben reported that this month he had his Junior Board member, Tristin Carney, write the newsletter article. He had also tried to get a college class, but the rink management wouldn't approve the arrangement. However, the board recommended that Ben contact Jack Burton, to see if it could be worked out before the next semester.

Town Center Update:

Mike reported that both Peach Frost teams did extremely well in the Eastern Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships in Lowell, Massachusetts on February 1-2. Both won their events. The Intermediate team will be going to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Lake Placid, NY.

The next parent's meeting will be February 22. They are recruiting for the local advisory council

Membership Update:

Lori Faris reported that since there had been so many calling posts to the different rinks, it was sometime hard to keep up with the charges. To make sure that there is enough money to cover the post, an email should be sent to all board members when a Calling Post message is sent. The email should include the text of the message.

Lori is working with Andrew Austin to create a New Member Packet. This will include a club history, where to buy skates, how to care for skates, USFSA, costs, testing, etc. Email Lori if anyone has suggestions as to what should be in the packet.

National Skating Week begins March 4. She just received her packet from the USFSA. The intent is to get new members. Please send her any ideas on what to do to attract new members during that week.

The USFSA requires that we return to the the amount the club will charge new members during that week. The new members that join will have their membership continue until the end of the 2003 skating year.

Marianne made a motion that the fee for a new Full Skating member will be \$125.00 and that the new Non-compete (formerly Junior) member fee will be \$85.00. The motion was seconded by Michael Aiken. The motion passed.

There are currently 428 total members in the club:

Skater	120
Junior	20
Synchronized	25
Parent	211
Spouse	12
Judge	10
Coach	21
Life	1
Social	2
Associate	10
Parent of Associate	2
Synchronized Teams	2

Peach Frost Update:

Carolyn informed us that both teams had all first place ordinals except for one judge. The Intermediate team is leaving for the Championships on February 27. They will be competing on March 1 in the afternoon. They will be giving an exhibition at the Duluth rink on February 23 at 1:00 pm. The send-off party will follow the exhibition. They are also trying to exhibit at the Magnolia Open and use that as a recruiting effort.

Greg Corbitt made a motion for the club to give \$1,500 to the Peach Frost to help defray the transportation costs. Marianne Campbell seconded. The motion passed.

Adult Nationals:

We have two members attending Adult Nationals this year: Gloria Lewis and Rob Lichtefeld. Greg made a motion to give a gift of \$50.00 to each competitor to help defray costs. Carolyn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Peach Classic Update:

Flyers were distributed at the Washington DC Adult Invitational. The next meeting will be February 13 at 7:15. The announcement should be completed very soon to be ready to apply for the sanction.

Year End Party:

Ben reported that Dixieland amusement park has a room available that will hold about 200 people. If we purchase park passes they will provide the room for free. April 29 is the tentative date. Marianne and Michele will work to investigate pricing and other details.

Skate-a-thon:

Alicea reported that the All night Skate-a-thon will be Friday night March 1 from 12:00am to 6:00am. The purpose is to raise funds for a new harness. Each skater is required to get \$50.00 in donations to get to skate all night. All skaters from all rinks are invited. If a skater from another rink attends, the funds that they raised will be applied toward expenditures at their rink.

Bylaws Amendments:

Michael Aiken submitted a slate of 11 possible amendments to the club's bylaws. After some discussion, some of the amendments were deemed to require more study and some could be accomplished with board motions and would not require an amendment to the bylaws. However, there were some amendments that were deemed necessary. The amendments that were addressed are below:

Amendment 3

Remove the first sentence of Article III, Section 9. The USFSA no longer has a definition for Professional in Figure Skating.

**ARTICLE I
MEMBERS**

Section 9. Membership Restrictions. ~~Professionals (as defined by the USFSA) in figure skating may be members of the Club but cannot vote or hold office.~~ A member in good standing shall be one who has been duly elected to membership and has paid all required dues. Only members in good standing may participate in activity sponsored by the Club or USFSA.

Marianne made a motion to accept amendment 3. It was seconded by Matt. The motion passed.

Amendment 11

Change wording in Article XI to not restrict Officer representation on the Local Advisory Councils to a Vice President. And to remove the requirement for elections.

**ARTICLE XI
LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS**

Every active club facility ~~shall~~ **may** have a Local Advisory Council consisting of five (5) members as follows: The ~~First Vice President or Vice President Officer~~ representing that facility as elected in accordance with Article V of these Bylaws, one (1) Assistant Membership chairperson, ~~elected by the members of the active club facility and~~ approved by the Membership Chairperson, one (1) Assistant Test Chairperson, ~~elected by the members of the active club facility and~~ approved by the Test Chairperson, one (1) coach, appointed by the coaches at the active club facility, and one (1) athlete representative, appointed by the other (4) members of the Local Advisory Council. Each Local Advisory Council shall provide counsel and advice to the Board of Directors regarding the active club facility. Members of each Local Advisory Council (in such capacity), with the exception of the ~~First Vice President or Vice President Officer~~ representing that facility, shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity, and shall have no right to manage or otherwise direct the affairs of the Corporation, and shall have no right to vote on any matters related to the Club.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Advisor Trustees shall have powers as granted to it by specific written resolution of the Board of Directors. Members of the Local Advisory Councils (in such capacity) shall not be personally liable for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the Club or the Board of Directors or of any members of the Board of Directors. Each member of each Local Advisory Council shall be ~~elected~~ **selected** annually, no later than five (5) weeks prior to the beginning of the membership year of the Club, as set forth above, shall take office upon completion of elections, must be 18 years or older, a registered members of the USFSA who have designated the Club as their home club, have been a member of the Club in good standing for the entire preceding membership year and of a Club membership classification eligible to hold office. Each member of the Local Advisory Council, with the exception of the ~~First Vice President or Vice President~~ **Officer** representing that facility, shall hold office for a period of one (1) year and until such member's successor has been elected or appointed and has been qualified, or until such member's earlier successor or removal from office or death.

Mike made a motion to accept amendment 11. Matt seconded. The motion passed.

Amendment 5

Add wording related to Vice Presidents to remove ambiguity.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. Titles. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, a Vice-President from each active Club facility not represented by the First Vice-President a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Testing Chair, and a Membership Chair. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. All officers must be 18 years or older, registered members of the USFSA who have designated the Club as their home club, have been a member of the Club in good standing for the entire preceding membership year and of a Club membership classification eligible to hold office. **If there is only one board member representing a particular Club facility, and that board member holds an office other than Vice President, the office of Vice President will be open at that facility until such time as representation is available on the board.**

Marianne made as motion to accept the amendment. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Amendment 7

Change wording in Article IV, Section 8 to make the timing for the election of Officers dependent on the deadline for reporting to the USFSA instead of the beginning of the membership year.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 8. Election of Officers. The Officers of the Club whose terms are expiring shall be elected annually from the incoming Board of Directors, ~~no later than three (3) months prior to the first day of each membership year~~ **prior to the deadline for reporting new Officers to the USFSA**, by the incoming Board of Directors of the Club immediately after the election of such incoming Board of Directors, and newly elected Officers shall take office no later than the first day of the membership year of such election. The election of Officers shall be supervised by the Secretary or such other person as the Board of Directors shall designate. Nominations for Offices to be filled shall be submitted by incoming Board Members to the election supervisor. Upon receipt of all nominations, the election supervisor shall announce all nominees for a given office and call for a vote for that office. Balloting may be conducted by a show of hands or in writing. The Secretary shall preserve all records of such election for at least one year.

Mike made a motion to accept the amendment. Greg seconded. The motion passed.

Amendment 8

Change the term of office for Officers in Article IV, Section 9, from 2 years to one year.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 9. Term of Office. Each such officer shall hold office for a term of ~~two (2) years, one (1) year~~ and until such officer's successor has been elected or appointed and has been qualified, or until such officer's earlier successor or removal from office or death.

Mike made a motion to accept the amendment. Marianne seconded. The motion passed.

Amendment 9

Change wording in Article V, Section 1 to make the timing for the election of Officers dependent on the deadline for reporting to the USFSA instead of the beginning of the membership year.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Time. Elections for the upcoming membership year shall be held at least prior to the deadline for reporting new Officers to the USFSA ~~four (4) months prior to the first day of the membership year for which such directors are chosen.~~

Mike made a motion to accept the amendment. Ben seconded. The motion passed.

Amendment 10

Remove the phrase "in the mail" from Article V, Section 3, to allow ballots to be delivered in person and not make un-mailed ballots invalid.

ARTICLE V ELECTIONS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. Voting. Ballots shall be mailed to all members at least one (1) month before the date set for counting votes. Members may cast their ballots by mail addressed to the Secretary or in person at a meeting held solely for the purpose of counting the ballots. Ballots not received ~~in the mail~~ by the date designated on such ballots shall not be counted and shall be invalid. The meeting to elect the Board of Directors shall be open to all members, though the actual counting of the ballots shall be conducted under the supervision of the Secretary or such other person as the Board of Directors may designate.

Mike made a motion to accept the amendment. Greg seconded. The motion passed.

Greg Corbitt made a motion to add the amendments to the ballot for the Board Member elections that is going out to the membership. Michele seconded. The motion passed.

Nomination Committee Report:

Marianne Campbell reported that the committee had received nominations for the following members:

Mike Aiken, Nancy Anderson, Gary Andonian, Andrew Austin, Matt Breneman, Greg Corbitt, Linda-Jo Saunders, Alicea Smith, Shelly Taylor, and Ginger Whatley. The committee has verified that the members are in good standing and are willing to perform the tasks of a board member.

Marianne made a motion to accept the slate of nominees. Ben seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Governing Council:

Rob reported that he had received a request from the USFSA to specify our delegate for the 2002 Governing Council. The deadline is February 15. Due to the club's number of members, we are allotted six (6) delegates. Alicea submitted the following names to represent the club as our delegates: Ginger Whatley, Patti Van den Eynde, Ben Loggins, Lori Faris, Greg Corbitt, and Andrew Austin.

Matt made motion to accept the list of delegates. It was seconded by Mike. The motion passed.

Alicea announced that Kathy Trippe will chair the Merchandise Committee. Her phone number is: 770-917-9170.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53am

Submitted by

Rob Lichtefeld
Secretary
February 9, 2002