Minutes of the GAFSC Board Meeting
February 1, 2003
(approved May 3, 2003)

Attendees:
Alicea Smith, President      Marianne Campbell, VP Town Center
Ben Loggins, Treasurer & VP Southlake  Matt Breneman
Ginger Whatley, Test Co-chair      MaryEllen Minyon
Lori Faris                        Rob Lichtefeld, Secretary
Linda Sanders                     Nancy Anderson, VP Duluth

Visitors:  Theresa Loggins

The meeting was called to order by Alicea Smith at 9:20am at the First Union meeting room.

Minutes:
Rob Lichtefeld submitted the January minutes and made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Matt seconded. Marianne and MaryEllen found a couple typographical errors. The motion passed unanimously. Ginger is still preparing the minutes of the October board meeting.

New Members:
Alicea welcomed Linda Sanders, who is filling Andrew Austin’s term, and introduced her to the board members.

Treasurer's Report:
Ben reported that the club’s finances were in much better shape now and we have enough in the bank to handle the upcoming ice fees. Ben reported that the 501(c)3 filing is proceeding.

Rink Updates:
Duluth:
Lori reported that Aren Neilsen is not teaching half days at the Cooler. Helen Ross is bridging eight of her new private lesson students. The rink seems to be focusing more on the Basic Skills classes. Two new coaches have joined the club. Helen wants to bring back the Agility and Intro to Private Ice sessions. The rink is hosting a Basic Skills competition in May and the club needs to have a presence. Bobbie Davis is now coaching on Fridays and Saturdays. Theresa Dale is also assisting him with choreography. Attendance on this past Friday’s Club Ice was 12 skaters. Lori and Nancy met with Sharon at the rink to offer help. Sharon said that this year she is focusing on figure skating and that she is actively searching for coaches.

Town Center:
Marianne reported that the Parents Meeting would be Tuesday night. The All-Night skate will be Feb 21-22 from 12:00am-6:00am. $50 in donations is required of each skater to attend. She delivered the harness to the rink this week. A new member, Jennifer Gerlach, has offered to help with the newsletter.

South Lake:
Ben reported that there are about 100 students in the rinks Basic Skills classes for this next session. The Chamber of Commerce is having an event there on March 13.

Synchro Update:
Marianne reported that Peach Frost competed at Eastern Sectionals in Charleston, SC. The Youth Intro team won Bronze overall. The Junior Classic team took Silver overall. Congratulations!

Testing Update:
Ginger reported that the session at Southlake on February 2nd has only 10 skate. The next test will be in Duluth on March 1. Since both Ginger and Greg will be out of town for the March 30th Test, Gloria will be in charge. We still need more trial judges.
Membership Update:
Currently we have 356 members. National Skating Week went well. Lori presented proposed fees for next year. Ben also talked about offering early signup like last year, with the intent that they would not be full members until July 1, but could use club ice until then. Ben made a motion to accept the following fees for next year:

- Full member: 160
- Full member (2nd family member): 80
- Full member (3+ family member): 25
- Non-compete: 90
- Synchronized: 90
- Judge: 25
- Coach (requires PSA membership): 30 (includes a rule book)
- Coach – Compete (requires PSA membership): 100 (includes a rule book)
- Social: 25
- Associate: 50

Marianne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
Lori will work on the application and explanation of membership categories.

Peach Classic/Open Committee
Rob reported that the organization of the event is proceeding ahead of last year. They are still looking for a referee. He asked the board to allow them to offer a Logo Contest to club members with the prize being a sweatshirt from the official vendor. Ben made the motion with Lori seconding. It passed unanimously.

Rob also asked the board to allow the committee to offer skaters a commission on program ad sales. Ben made a motion that for every $100 in ad sales a skater will earn a $10 commission that may be used at the official shirt vendor. Linda seconded, and there was a unanimous vote.

Rob also informed the board that Helen was approached about a hotel being the sponsor of the event. He wanted to know what the board wanted as sponsorship. Ginger indicated that we would have to clear any sponsorship with the USFSA, so that it didn’t conflict with their official sponsors. Ben said that in other events, sponsorship meant that that they covered the cost of ice and medals.

2006 Eastern Synchro Sectionals:
Ginger reported that Greg Corbitt was working to see if the event could be hosted at the Gwinnett Civic center and Duluth IceForum.

Nominating Committee:
Since the last meeting, it was discovered that MaryEllen could not be the chair of the committee, since her term is up this year. Therefore, Alicea asked Linda to chair the Nominating Committee. Nancy, Ben also agreed to be on the committee. Marianne will contact Kristen Bartlett to see if she would serve. A couple of other people were recommended to Linda. Ballots must go out to the club membership by April 1. Ballots must be counted by May 1.

Newsletter:
Rob offered to put out the next newsletter to cover the Peach Classic/Open information, Nomination/Election information, End of Year Party, and results since September. All articles must be in by Friday Feb 7.

Delegates to the Governing Council:
Rob received the information from the USFSA indicating that we have seven delegates for this year’s council that will be held in Norfolk, VA from May 6-10. Alicea suggested the following people be our delegates for this year: Alicea Smith, Ginger Whatley, Gloria Lewis, Greg Corbitt, Lori Faris, Ben Loggins, Rob Lichtefeld. Marianne made a motion for these delegates, with Linda seconding. This was approved with a unanimous vote.

Year End Party:
Ben will be organizing the event again this year. It was suggested that Gloria work to make the awards ceremony more official. It will be held at Dixieland Park on April 26. A tentative time would be 1:00pm-5:00pm.
Website Domain renewal:
Rob reported that the domain name registrations for the websites were up for renewal. If we continue to register them with DotEasy, we get free web hosting. It was decided to renew for 1 year each domain.

Bridge Program:
Lori reported that Helen Ross has suggested a plan. Invitations are going to be sent to potential members. They will be invited to a Club Ice session, and assigned to a current member who will be responsible for them during the session. In addition, the parents will be assigned to a current parent to answer questions, etc. The potential skater’s parents will also be invited to the next Parent’s Meeting at the rink.

Upcoming Events:
Ginger mentioned the two upcoming shows in Atlanta:
Stars on Ice March 29 Gwinnett Civic Center
Champions on Ice May 6 Philips Arena

Next Meeting:
The next board meeting will be March 1 at the First Union meeting room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm.

Submitted by:

Robert Lichtefeld
Secretary

February 5, 2003