Minutes of the
Georgia Figure Skating Club Board Meeting
February 28, 2015
Hudson Grille, Roswell Road.

Attendees:
- Rob Lichtefeld, President
- Laurie Dayvault, 1st Vice President, Town Center
- Patty Beelen, Vice President, Duluth
- Annette Florence, Treasurer and Membership Chair
- Ginger Whatley, Testing Chair
- Sinead Cochran, Member at Large
- Janet Kloor, Member at Large
- Deirdre Russell, Member at Large

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Annette made a motion to approve them; Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Annette sent out the report online. At this point in the year we are not getting many new members, so not much income, and our expenses are for club ice and other member benefits.

**Rink reports:**

**Duluth:** Patty asked about Social events at the rink. Annette verified that there is $80 per month in the budget for rink parties, activities, etc.

**TC:** ???? *I wasn’t there, I arrived a little late. Can Laurie or someone fill this in?*
**Membership Report:** Just a few new members. We won’t see much more until just before the Atlanta Open deadline.

It was suggested that we require volunteer hours before there is any reimbursement for Regional fees.

One idea was to have a “Volunteer Prize Lottery” at the Peach, that for every hour or shift worked, the volunteer’s name would go into a “hat”, and then have drawings for prizes. The more they work, the more chances they have to win.

**Testing:** March 22nd Test at Duluth, and April 18 Test at Town Center

**Newsletter:** Deirdre published the latest newsletter on February 6. She’d like to turn over the newsletter to someone else.

Annette said that her daughter, Rebecca would like to work on the newsletter. Deirdre will send the files to her and work with her getting the next issue out.

Rebecca has also offered to pull the results from the competition results.

We will still need to help get content for the newsletter. Since this is the most difficult part of putting the newsletter together.

**Other Business:**

**Banquet planning:** Everything has come together. Attendance is a little down from last year.

**Nomination committee:** Terms up in June 2015. There are 5 slots to be filled. The following board members terms are up: Rob Lichtefeld, Stephanie Lukens, Christy Dunn, Deirdre Russell and Lori Goodwin

Deirdre not returning; Lori not returning; Stephanie not returning. Rob plans to stay on the board, but not be the President again; Christy unknown.

Ballots need to go out by May 1. Votes counted by June 1.

The new officer election will be at the June board meeting. USFS needs the list officers by June 11.

**New Business:**

**Peach Open/Classic:** The dates will be September 4-6 (Labor Day Weekend). Rob has submitted a contract to the rink, has not gotten response yet. He will ask the same Chief Referee as last year to come back again.
Ellen Poulsen, who has run the Peach Blossom Basic Skills event the last few years, let Rob know that the rink would not be holding the event on Labor Day weekend, and would like us to include the Basic Skills events in the Peach Open. It was agreed that we would do this.

Patty will work up a sponsorship letter to ask for program ads, donations.

Sinead is planning on using SignUp Genius this year, instead of VolunteerSpot. Also, she is planning having central place to check in. She also has a few more ideas to make it go more smoothly.

**Axel Club:** Elizabeth Johnson, a coach at the Duluth rink, asked about starting an Axel Club. Annette will look into getting a plaque for each rink. Still need to come up with the rules. Is it Axel in program, landed in practice, seen by coach, etc.

**Seminars:** Deirdre brought up the possibility of having Jacqui White come to give a presentation about raising an Olympian. The board asked her to investigate the costs, dates, etc.

**Governing Council:** A few days after the meeting, Rob emailed the board as to who should be named as delegates to the 2015 USFS Governing Council. Due to our membership numbers last year, we get 6 delegates and votes at this years council. The list submitted to USFS was:

- Rob Lichtefeld
- Ginger Whatley
- Laurie Dayvault
- Patty Beelen
- Annette Florence
- Stephanie Lukens

**Other Dates:**

- March 6-8 Magnolia Open
- March 12-14 Adult Easterns – Pittsburgh, PA
- April 14-18 Adult Nationals – Salt Lake City
- May 1-3 Governing Council
- June 11-13 Atlanta Open

The meeting ended at 12:55pm

Submitted by Rob Lichtefeld