Georgia Figure Skating Club
Date: 1/7/17
Meeting Adjourned: 9:00am via web conference
Meeting Dismissed: 10:55am

Attendance:
Annette Florence, Andrea Rafanelli, Susie Bousted, Bobby Loeb, Rob Lichtefeld, Ginger Whatley, , Suzanne Nagbrt, Pat Shields
Absent – Sinead Cochran, Maria Zaccagnino,

Officer Reports:
1. Minutes – approved: Motion by Susie.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Presented by Annette – report approved; please see report
3. Rink Reports/VP:
   A. Town Center – Presented by Andrea
      Christmas show – solos went to skater of the year and qualifying skaters; decent amount of volunteers from the club helping
      
      Need date for Basic Skills competition

      Need more new volunteers for fun events at the rink; Halloween party – many parents did not help;

   B. Duluth – Presented by Bobby
      Wendy – trainer at the rink; in charge of the STARS program in this area; MRI shows masses and we are waiting on the diagnosis; families and coaches want to help Wendy financially and with whatever else she may need; considering GoFundMe or gift cards; all on hold for the moment as we wait for more information.

      Christmas Show – Basic Skill skaters had fun; had good feedback from parents; lack of volunteers to work behind the scenes but things went smoothly (except curtain)

      Christmas party- held on a vacation day in the morning; some families could not make it; was put together by one parent

      I Tonya – started production; forms for the USFC were turned in;

      Need date for the next Basic Skills competition so we can send it out to the club.

Committee reports:
1. Membership – Presented by Annette
   
   Up 22 members from October; 412 members; more members will join as competition season starts.

2. Testing – Presented by Ginger
   
   Towne Center – A lot of pre pre moves did not pass; This test is supposed to be an encouragement test and let skaters pass if possible but many skaters were not prepared. It has been addressed before with Mindy last year. One coach is not teaching the moves correctly.
Andrea to address this situation with Mindy. Overall, things went pretty well. Sinead’s daughter, Keara helped run music; There were nine judges.

Duluth – needs help with hospitality in February; last test session Ginger ran the entire event herself. Officials desire hot foods and good coffee; Ginger to type up a list for what is desired by the officials. Ginger needs heads up about needing dance judges;  

3. Banquet – Presented by Annette

Need to hand out information/brochure about where the dues goes to.

Sign up for volunteer events/party – templates may be helpful to encourage volunteers. Bobby and Suzanne to put together calendar of events from Duluth. Andrea and Susie will pull dates for Towne Center.

Hudson Grill in Sandy Springs 1-5pm (Our meeting is at 11-12 and 12-1 set up) Kids 5 and under are free; Members $5; all others is $10: Coaches are free; Will add this to entry eeze to pay online – We have the space and picked the food. Andrea has ideas for decorations and games. Cake is ordered; skater of year points have been tabulated for both rinks; We need door prizes for raffles; We can sell magnets and blankets at the banquet; Sportsmanship awards will be sent out by email for membership voting with survey monkey. Trophies will ordered; Each rink needs to make their own fun awards can be reimbursed for ink and paper. Annette will take care of The Ice; Maria and Andrea with older skaters to help with Towne Center; Bobby to head up the Duluth with older skaters. Annette will ask for pictures for the slide show. Will do an AV check before the banquet. Rob has an extra cable to try out for slide show. Will try a photo booth.

4. Volunteers

AFSC – has hours and if you do not want to volunteer you can pay a fee and opt out.; Our club does not have mandatory hours;

Need to keep board informed; board members cannot run all the events- we are not in charge of all the activities; will speak at the banquet about needing more help and being more involved. Need to come up with a calendar of events and pass this on to the members to run. Parents may think their dues is for the club to run everything. They do not realize where the dues goes to- club ice time ($325 and hour), testing sessions and the USFC; We make more money from the Peach Open than dues. The dues does not mean they do not have to volunteer.

5. I Tonya

Filming in Duluth and practicing at Towne Center. Auditions for the 3 year old Tonya was held at The Cooler and many parents came with their skaters that were not in the age range desired. Maria’s niece was cast as the 3 year old Tonya pending work permits. Andrea has been helping the main casting Director, Chase with finding skaters. Andrea’s daughter, Mia auditioned for the role of 12 year old Tonya.

6. Extra

Peach Open – Will we hold it on Labor Day Weekend? We only get a discount on the ice on this weekend. Adult skaters (43 this past year) need to take time off for work and have counted on Labor Day weekend. Need to look at the amount of skaters that have attended and what the cost breakdown is; need to make decision on by the next meeting.