Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Georgia Figure Skating Club  
July 24, 2010

Members Attending:  
Rob Lichtefeld, President  
Moe Brooks, Vice President - Duluth  
LingLing Gu, Vice President – Town Center  
Annette Florence - Treasurer  
Julie Pierce - Secretary  
Ginger Whatley – Test Chair  
Karyn Thomas – Membership Chair  
Jamie Angelucci  
Lone Barama  
Vivian Heeden

Also attending:  Kristel Fuchs

The meeting started at 11:30am

Minutes:  
Minutes from last meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Lone Barama was added to the list of Board members, and clarification was given that skaters going to Regionals being reimbursed would be both qualifying and non-qualifying. Motion to approve was made by Moe, with second by Karyn Thomas, and passed unanimously.

Rink Reports:  
Moe gave the Duluth rink report. Last night’s club ice was not that crowded. No one from the Duluth rink went to Liberty, although many going to regionals. There is a Basic Skills competition August 15th. The deadline is 7/24, and Moe will have a better idea of how many are participating in basic skills in the next few days. Moe has requested Al to put the bulletin board back up. The new weight room plans are on hold at the moment due to Gwinnett County permitting issues. Two skaters, Courtney Kloor and Madison Thomas, will be attending showcase nationals. Rather than having a send off party, we would like to have a welcome home party for Courtney and Madison. A discussion was held on when to have exhibition before Peach. Rob will check with Al to see if we can buy some extra ice after Club ice, or before the basic skills competition on 8/15.

LingLing gave the Town Center report. There is a test session 7/25 at Town Center. No one went to Liberty. Many are going to Regionals and the John Smith competition in Charlotte, NC. LingLing is planning a parents meeting soon, and a Regionals send off party. Not many parents are actively involved with the Club at the moment. Freestyle sessions are busier since the MIC closed. There is a rumor that some coaches who are planning to stay at the Town Center rink when the MIC reopens. There is some tension
with a coach and the Atlanta Club. Club ice is down to 6-7 members. A test session has been set up for Saturday, December 4th.

**Treasurer’s Report:**
Annette gave the Treasurer’s Report. The separate Georgia Skating Events account is up and running. A discussion was held about the type of account for GSE - it is currently in an interest bearing account. Some of this money needs to be transferred to the Club account to cover expenses for club jackets and Peach expenses.

**Membership Report:**
Karyn reported there are 18 new members, for a total of 117 active members and 51 skating members.

**Newsletter:**
Julie reported that she has several skaters to profile. Annabelle Woodard is being profiled soon as she went to skating camp in Lake Placid. A request was made to include Annabelle’s mother, Michelle for her extraordinary work. Michele has recently completed a mission trip and several other community projects. Julie needs a list of member birthdays to include in the newsletter. Olivia Gu has provided a cd of her recent summer in China while will be profiled in the next newsletter. Julie is to make contact with Ginger before the next newsletter goes out so the test results for 7/25 can be included.

**Competitions:**
Rob gave an update on the Peach. A discussion was held on the vendor issue with Sk8 Monkey and Sarah. Vendors approved include flowers, Sk8 Monkey, Reidell/Wilson MK skates, Donna Forsyth (skating dresses), Straw Productions (agreement not signed yet) and Northwest Designs. Oksana of Fine Designs has contacted but not signed.

Lori Faris is donating imprinted goodie bags for the Peach. Ellen has been told so she will not order shopping bags.

There are 48 skaters for the Open, 47 for the Classic. Numbers are about 10% down from last year. There are several events in the Open with only one skater.

Instead of ‘sk8gr8’ ads, consideration was given to selling a personalized item such as a sheet with Peach Open/Peach Classic logo and allow parents to select their own words of well wishing. Karyn will explore this further.

An idea was presented for 2011 to integrate Basic Skills into the Peach Open.

Ginger is looking for a place for the banquet. Instead of a competitor’s party, we are considering having it at the Breakaway Grill. It would be a dinner perhaps with dancing. Rob will talk to Jack about having the party at the Breakaway Grill.
2011 Planning:
Kristel brought information on the Artistry in Motion program from Paula Wagener. This is a program put together by Paula, Brittney Bottoms and Justin Dillon. Because Brittney is local and Paula visits Atlanta regularly, the only serious expenses would be travel for Justin. There is not ice time at the TC rink through March, so the possibility of hosting the event at Duluth was discussed. Moe will check with Brittney about the importance of having Justin there and then check with Al about ice time.

Testing dates: Duluth November 10/11 and December 4th at TC.

There are two new tests for skaters who have already passed tests under the old system to test the moves in the new system. There are new books for the new moves that are available from skatepsa.com. It is a book/dvd combo for $50. A motion was made to purchase these books for full member coaches by Moe and seconded by Karyn. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held about moving the banquet to February, with the reasoning that for most of our skaters, the season begins with the Magnolia in March. This would avoid conflicts with end of the school year events. We also explored various ways to have coaches attend the banquet, and the need for having a separate committee to handle the banquet. Moe made a motion to move the banquet to the first weekend of February and nominated Vivian and Jamie to be in charge from Duluth and Kristel and LingLing to be in charge from Town Center. Motion was seconded by Jamie. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held about increasing the size of the Board. Moe nominated Kristel, seconded by Julie. Motion passed unanimously. We may consider adding more Board members at a later date.

A discussion was held about the need for having a club banner posted in the rink with the names of skaters who attended sectionals, regionals or nationals. This would include both adults and youth skaters. This would expand into having a patch made for skaters who go to these events for his/her jacket, and a wall of fame for skaters who pass their senior tests. Rob will talk to Al to see what we will be allowed to post at the rink.

Next meeting dates:
9/11 (9am)
10/2
11/6
12/11
1/8
3/5
4/16
5/7
6/4
Atlanta FSC is bidding on Southeastern Regionals. We discussed the possibility of doing non-qualifying events at our rink. Moe will be the point person for speaking to Jack about this.

The Orange Blossom competition in Tampa was cancelled this year.

Ginger made a motion to pay first event fees for Adult Sectionals OR National fees. This would provide an equivalent benefit for the adult skaters in the Club. Annette seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned 4:40pm