Georgia Figure Skating Club Minutes
07/16/11
Approved 8/13/2011

Attending:

Vivian Heeden - President
Annette Florence - Treasurer
Julie Pierce - Secretary
Rob Lichtefeld - Membership Chair
Jodi Morgan - Vice President, Town Center
Ling-Ling Gu - Member at Large
Amy Dempsey - Member at Large

Also attending was Moe Brooks.

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve minutes of the last meeting on June 4, 2011 was made by Vivian, second by Annette.
Minutes for May 5 were approved via email.
Also approved via email were a motion to replace the ad banners at both rinks, covering 3 sheets of ice. Rob will take care of this.

Treasurer’s Report
Annette has completed the year end accounting for the year ending June 30, 2011. A motion was made to request money from Ga Figure Skating Events to assist with reimbursements for Club activities such as jackets, Regionals reimbursement, etc.
A motion was made by Annette to approve the year end reports as well as request for money from Ga Figure Skating Events was made by Annette, seconded by Rob.

Rink Reports:
Duluth: There was a social outing to the lake after the Atlanta Open on Fathers day weekend. The turn out was fairly small, but a good time was had by all.
   Sophie Heeden is going to Showcase Nationals.
   The Summer show at the rink is August 13th.
   There is a Basic Skills Competition on the Sunday of the Peach Classic.
   Camilla Liao won the sheet of stickers at the Duluth membership drive.

Town Center:
   Club Ice has been running around 20 skaters. There was a membership drive 6/23 with a carnival theme. It was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Membership:
   There are currently 254 paid members (includes skating members, spouses, parents and lifetime members). There are 61 new members between the two rinks.
   We do not currently offer a collegiate membership. A general discussion was held as to whether we should add a collegiate membership level. A motion was made to offer a collegiate membership at the rate of $80 and if parents want to be a member, they will pay a separate fee of $20 per year was made by Moe, seconded by Rob and unanimously approved. Rob will change the forms as appropriate.

Newsletter
   The next newsletter is scheduled for August. It will feature results from Atlanta Open and Liberty, and the featured skater will be Louisa Barama and her trip to Collegiate Nationals.

Testing:
   Town Center is holding a test session 8/6. Ginger is looking in to when the next Duluth test session is needed. Tentative plans are for Duluth in November and Town Center in December, as well as February in Duluth, April at Town Center, and May at Duluth.
   Congratulations to Ginger for receiving her Regional Competitive Appointment.

Jackets:
   Kristel is preparing another jacket order. Jacket orders should be mailed to Kristel Fuchs at the Town Center rink.
Competitions/Peach:

Entry-eeze has given it’s share of challenges and frustrations. It is better than previous systems.
Numbers are low at the moment, but the deadline has not arrived yet. There are 82 signups so far. Rob has sent reminder emails to those who have competed at Peach before.
Committee chairs are in place.
The videographer is secured; we are still looking for a photographer.
A discussion was held about holding some of the Basic Skills events on Saturday. At least 6 coaches who are not putting skaters on the ice will be needed as judges. Ginger expressed that many judges would be delighted to judge some of the basic skills events when they were not busy with Peach events.

Other Business:

Louisa Barama is competing at Collegiate Nationals. A motion was made by Moe to provide Louisa with $150 toward expenses at Collegiate Nationals, seconded by Julie and passed unanimously.

Rink scholarship: Jack has agreed to sponsor a scholarship to provide one (1) month’s ice pass to a GaFSC skater. This will be one per rink, and will be done on an annual basis. Jack has requested that skaters who wish to compete for this scholarship provide an essay as to why they want it.
Suggestions for committee members to recommend criteria and judge applicants include Al from the Duluth rink, Sharon at the Town Center rink, Terri Herren. Moe is happy to assist with setting criteria, but declined to be on the judging committee.
A suggestion was made to include submission of a letter of recommendation from a coach, and be limited to a GaFSC member who is actively competing or testing. Competition and testing records should be submitted along with scholarship application.
Ginger offered to accept scholarship applications at her GaFSC post office box that she uses for testing applications.
The scholarships should be awarded at the end of year banquet.
Vivian will create a form for application. Deadline for submission will be December 31, 2011.

College scholarships: A general discussion was held about providing a small scholarship for GaFSC members who are going off to college. This should be for rising seniors who are going to an accredited university or graduate school. Since there are
several GaFSC members going to college this fall, we would like to make this one time only retroactive to cover those going to college this fall. GaFSC must be the skater’s home club.

Recipients must have represented GaFSC in testing and/or competitive events for the previous two years.

A maximum one time amount of $250.00
Vivian will work up an application form.

Peach exhibitions:
Moe will request ice for an exhibition before Peach. Jodi will talk to Kristel Fuchs about ice time at Town Center. A general discussion was held about whether to hold the exhibition during Club Ice, but since there are so many coaches holding lessons on Club Ice, we are looking for another time. If there is extra time at the exhibition, it could be opened up to Basic Skills skaters.

Future events/seminars:
A general discussion was held about bidding on Regionals, Synchro Sectionals or other larger skating events. We would like to pursue this. Ginger will talk to Terri Heron this week and see if we can get ice time.

Annual Banquet: A decision was held to keep the banquet in February. Elizabeth Isaacs has volunteered to coordinate it this year. Comments were positive about the event at Hudson Grill this year. A proposed date of February 25th was discussed.

Communications/Publicity: There is need for a volunteer to act as a liaison with local media, Skating magazine, etc. There is also a need for a volunteer coordinator position within the club, that could coordinate service projects for the club. These items are tabled until the next meeting.

Meeting dates:

August 13
September 24
October -virtual October 17th, 7-9pm
November 12
January 14
February -virtual
March 24
April 21
June 9
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Pierce