Georgia Figure Skating Club  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes for Annual Planning Meeting  
(Approved Sept 28, 2013)

Sunday, July 28, 2013  
Duluth Ice Forum  
Reports referred to available on Yahoo Group Board page, attachments  
*Text in blue indicates post-meeting email decisions/discussions

Attending:  
Rob Lichtefeld, President  
Annette Florence, Membership Chair & Treasurer  
Vivian Heeden, Secretary  
Laurie Dayvault, First Rink VP  
Deirdre Russell  
Stephanie Lukens  
Lori Goodwin  
Christy Dunn  
Absent:  
Ginger Whatley, Test Chair

Annette motioned to approve June minutes, Deirdre second, approved minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**  
Annet reviewed flow of funds, general expenses for the year, two accounts (GA figure skating events, and club)  
Noted mileage reimbursement 14 cents for volunteer miles  
Submit vol hours for USFSA: Board hours only

**Rink Report—Duluth:**  
Harness is up and all equipment inspected/upgraded by zip line company.  
Exhibitions for Peach are the 16th and 23rd of Aug on club ice  
Proposed exhibition schedule: Use club ice for most, have 2 per year with judges comments  
rented ice: one in September for Regionals and one in March for adults  
*Board took an email vote 8/23 to purchase a refrigerator for $300. Will be housed at Duluth in the Coaches room and will be used by the club for Peach and/or other events. Will create stencil/sign to mark it as club property.*

**Rink Report—Town Center**  
Aug 15 exhibition for Peach  
Ice show deferred until next year

**Newsletter**  
First edition of newsletter under Deirdre Russel has gone out.
Will be published quarterly (DEIRDRE: DID I GET THIS RIGHT?)

**Membership:**
Membership numbers are higher than last year (refer to membership report)
18 coach, 10 collegiate, 100 test/compete

**Club reports:**
TC received permission to pursue club show for TC skaters, August 3 date
Duluth: Exhibitions for Atlanta on club ice in two sessions. Went well.
17 on first (May 31), 14 on second (June 7). No critiques.
PJ Scafidi will act as social chair

**Testing:**
Annette will create testing jobs description

Saturday, August 3rd – TOWN CENTER
Tentative Time – 7am-9:45am
Registration Deadline is July 12th

Sunday, November 10th - DULUTH
Tentative Time – 6am-9:30am
Registration Deadline is October 17th

Saturday, December 7th – TOWN CENTER
Tentative Time – 7am-9:45am
Registration Deadline is November 12th.

**PEACH** (includes info updates after the board meeting)
- Hospitality Chairs: Laurie Dayvault / Christy Dunn
- T-shirt logos approved, vendor EagleSportz
- Photo: Deavers; Video: Elite Media
- Discussion of options other than goody bags (pins/towels, etc.)
- Club will sell “tossies”, possibly club logo car magnets
- Planning meeting scheduled for 8/24 at Duluth
- Later decided too expensive b/c we have to pay for programs printing this year.
  Ellen handling goody bags.

**JACKETS:**
- A’la Bing will offer Premium Mondor Jacket, $80, bling available at extra cost
- Members must show proof of purchase and apply for $20 subsidy, form on Web site
  Annette Motion, Deirdre second, approved
- A’la Bing provided a bag of sample try-on jackets, shared between rinks
- Continue to offer Standard Jackets from Caliber

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**Meeting Dates for 2013-14:**
- August 24 – Duluth
- September 28 – Town Center
- October 26 – Duluth
- November 16 – Town Center
- January 25 – Duluth
- February 8 – Banquet
- March 22 – Town Center
- April 26 – Duluth
- June 7 – Town Center

Annette motion, Deirdre second, Accepted calendar

**General Business:**

Need one more board member. Annette will confirm with Janet Kloor if she will fill in

Approved “Letter from the President” to go out after planning meeting

- Jackets, volunteers, scholarships, Regionals reimbursement (letter attached)

Appointed Stephanie Lukens as Scholarship Chair

SafeSport: Mostly for coaches and avoiding appearance of impropriety in skater/coach relationships. Need 3 board members to take the online course

- Annette Florence, Stephanie Lukens, Lori Goodwin
- Annette to write club policy

Club to consider creating a communications chair: Keep up with FB page, have yahoo list-serve group, possibly, do club email blasts

**PRESIDENT's LETTER:**

President’s Message

This email is quite long, but it contains quite a bit of information for our club members. Please take the time to read all of it. I have information about the Newsletter, Member Benefits and Volunteering opportunities.

**Newsletter**

We have a new newsletter editor – Deirdre Russell – and she has finished with her first issue.

You can find it on the website at: [http://www.gafsc.org/newsletter.htm](http://www.gafsc.org/newsletter.htm)
If you have any photos, ideas for columns, skating results, etc, please forward that information to her. Since she skates early in the morning, she can’t know all the fun and interesting things that all the members are doing. We need to feed her the information for the newsletter. Her email is: ldyemma@gmail.com

Member Benefits
This past weekend, the new Board of Directors held our annual Planning Meeting, to decide on dates for activities and also to decide on to the extent of benefits we can offer to our members this year.

1) Club Ice

All Skating members of the club can skate for free during Club Ice sessions. The session at Town Center is held Thursdays from 5:20pm-6:00pm and the session at Duluth is held on Fridays from 5:20-6:00pm. This does change from time to time, depending on the ice rinks’ schedules, and also sometimes we use the Club Ice sessions for exhibitions and show practice.

2) Club Jackets

We are going to offer 2 different types of jackets to our members this year and are going to subsidize both. However, there are 2 different procedures for ordering and receiving the subsidy.

Standard Jackets – need be ordered via a paper order form which can be printed from the club website: http://www.gafsc.org/jackets.htm

These are the same jackets we have had the past few years and are very affordable. They are manufactured by Harrington and embroidered by Calibre Embroidery. To keep member prices down, we only order the standard jackets a few times each year.

Premium Jackets – need to be ordered online via the vendor’s website: http://www.alabing.com/Georgia-Figure-Skating-Club-Jackets-s/1827.htm

These jackets are quite a bit more expensive, but some of the skaters have found that they fit better than the standard jackets. The jackets are manufactured by Mondor, and embroidered by Ala ‘Bing. To receive the subsidy, you must submit a form to the club’s Treasurer.

If you have any questions about the jackets, or to find the forms, please review the information on the club’s website: http://www.gafsc.org/jackets.htm

Or, contact Laurie Dayvault - lld4457@yahoo.com - 404-788-7323

3) Qualifying Competition Reimbursements
The past few years the club has been reimbursing skaters for their first events fees for Regionals, Adult Sectionals, Adult Nationals, National Showcase or National Collegiates. This year, we plan to continue to do this with one change: the club will only reimburse the first event fee for Pre-Preliminary Freeskate or Adult Pre-Bronze Freeskate or above.

To apply for the reimbursement, there will be a form on the club’s website that must be sent to Ginger Whatley after the event, with a copy of the score sheet attached.

4) Exhibitions

The club will use Club Ice to host exhibitions before major local competitions, such as the Magnolia Open, Atlanta Open, Peach Open and Peach Classic. We will also attempt, depending on ice availability to have exhibitions – with critiques – before Regionals and before Adult Sectionals.

5) Scholarships

The club is currently offering Scholarship money to current club members, who have been members of the club for at least 2 years who currently attend an accredited college. The member can only receive the scholarship once. The form, and more information about this award, is available on the club’s website: http://www.gafsc.org/scholarship.htm

6) Ice Award

The club presents an annual Ice Award for one skater at the Duluth and one skater at the Town Center rink. The award is for a one month unlimited skating on freestyle sessions. The Ice Award requires an essay and a minimum number of volunteer hours. The deadline for this is December 31, and the award is presented at the Annual Banquet. The information can be found here: http://www.gafsc.org/scholarship.htm

Volunteering

Speaking of volunteering, there are several ways that you can help out your club. We need volunteers for Test Sessions, Exhibitions, Activities and Competitions.

The club’s annual competitions are scheduled for Labor Day weekend – August 31-September 1. The competition brings in money that helps the club be able to afford all of the above benefits. US Figure Skating takes most of all the money that a member pays to the club.

We will need volunteers in the following areas. Most of these cannot be scheduled until after the Chief Referee has finalized the schedule, but you may want to figure out where you could help the club.

  * Setup/Tear Down: adults and teens, Friday and Sunday
  * Goody Bags: all skaters, Friday afternoon
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