Georgia Figure Skating Club Board Meeting
July 25th, 2015 10:00

In attendance
Sinead Cochran
Maria Piera Santoro
Courtney Kloor
Andrea Rafanelli
Patty Beelen
Annette Florence
Sarah Bolocan
Ginger Whatley
Rob Lichtefeld
Laurie Dayvault

Treasurer’s report-Annette Florence
The club had a net income of 5178.00 for the month, mostly from membership fees. Annette asked for reminders of any expenses due to anyone and explained the procedures for submitting expense reports.

Duluth rink report-Patty Beelen
July test session at Duluth was well attended and went smoothly. Patty asked for email addresses of Duluth members so she can set up a sign up genius for Duluth activities. Duluth needs to set up exhibition dates for Peach. Club will buy ice for exhibitions for both rinks; exhibitions for both rinks is tentatively scheduled for Saturday 8/22.

Town Center rink report-Andrea Rafanelli
TC held a new parent meeting that was well attended and response to volunteer requests was good. The meeting covered parties, volunteer opportunities and communications.
TC club ice experienced some confusion with members who have not yet renewed signing in, problem has since been resolved.

Membership-Annette Florence
Membership continues to rise, this year so far the club has 341 total members. In the last 2 years, 266 members have not renewed.

Newsletter-Annette Florence
Annette asked for results from out of town competitions for newsletter and SOTY tallying. She also needs pictures and stories from club members. The next newsletter will include an explanation of fees and where all the money goes.

Testing-Ginger Whatley
TC test session was canceled due to low application numbers. Instead four tests will be done on a Saturday 10 am freestyle.
In the future, sessions will need a minimum of 8 tests.

Volunteering
A point system will be put in place to track volunteer hours. Volunteer activities will have point values, a certain number of points will be required to receive reimbursements for jackets and regionals fees. Will be in place on a trial basis this year, completely implemented by 2016.

Communication
Despite the use of many forms of communication (email, Facebook, bulletin boards) some members claim they are not receiving club messages. After board members discussed alternate ways of getting messages to club members, it was decided that email and Facebook would be the primary
methods of communication and members would have to take responsibility for reading their emails and/or checking Facebook.

The Ice Award was discussed—does it still exist? Sinead will talk to Sharon about reinstating it for the 2016 banquet.

Deb Macy has decided to step down from the board, resignation procedures and a possible replacement were discussed.

Peach

New committee chairs:
Andrea Rafanelli-Announcing and Music
Maira Piera Santoro-Accounting

Goody bags will include a pin, bottle of water and program.

This year we will offer the tossies, to be sold by the kids. Also, Courtney will head up a school fundraiser for CURE, possibly will sell flowers. Also new this year: t-shirts for the runners, competitors’ names on paper stars to decorate the walls of the rink, embroidered blankets as judges’ gifts (a sample will be ordered).

The club is renting an IJS computer system.

Sinead talked about Gabrielle Photography, the company that provided still and video photography at Orange Blossom. They need a minimum of 300 skaters to attend a competition, might be a possibility for a future Peach. The club will stick with Elite Media for videography for 2015. A photographer has yet to be booked.
Also discussed:
Encouraging competitors to use locker rooms instead of bathrooms, officials transportation, the officials banquet (at Tin Lizzie’s, also possibly a location for a competitors’ party).

Meeting ended at approximately 1:45 pm