Georgia Figure Skating Club

Minutes – Annual Meeting @ Hudson Grill

Date: 7/16/16

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00

Meeting Dismissed: 2:30pm

Attendance:

Annette Florance, Andrea Rafanelli, Susie Boustead, Bobby LoebL, Sinead Cochran, Rob Lichtefeld, Pat Shields, Suzanne Nagbrt

Absent – Ginger Whatley, Maria Zaccagnino

**Introductions were made**

Officer Reports:

1. **Minutes** – approved
2. **Treasurer’s Report** – Presented by Annette – report approved; please see report
   
   Discussed there are two reports - one for each month and one for a year at a glance.
   
   USFSC – dues is paid to USFSC @ $60 per each full membership and $24 for each additional member in the family
   
   New bank charges/ requirements may lead to a change in banking.

3. **Rink Reports/VP:**
   
   A. **Town Center** – Presented by Sinead
      
      Rink has been relatively empty due to summer break and vacation schedules
      
      Club ice has been monitored regularly
      
      Testing will occur at the end of the month; Sinead is handling hospitality for the testing session.
      
      Peach Open exhibitions will be held 8/25 and 9/1. A Sign Up Genius has been sent.
      
      Dance classes have been cancelled by the rink the day before the class due to the rink’s desire for the class to be run directly through the rink and not independently. 10% would go to the rink however, the classes must go through the front desk and follow the learn to skate, eight week program guidelines. Per discussion Duluth rink operates differently and they have a fee of $20 a month activity fee paid to the rink with an 18 week unlimited class schedule.
      
      New member event was held. It included a membership drive, question and answer session and exhibitions. Current members invited prospective new members to skate after exhibitions. It was well received.
   
   B. **Duluth** – Presented by Bobby
      
      Club ice needs further monitoring. Sign Up Genius not as successful or being used. Bobby has been comparing membership report to those skating during club ice time. Parents have been monitoring and assisting.
Need to set up exhibitions for the Peach Open/Classic; this may require 3 club ice sessions; can have critiques if set up.

Bobby to purchase new arm bands for skaters to use during their lessons. Arm bands will allow all skaters to note who is in a lesson to improve the right of way during freestyle ice time. Each coach would receive one arm band and be responsible to hold onto it. If it is lost, a new band can be purchased from Bobby to replace it. The first arm band is free to each coach. This is being re-started to help decrease issues that have occurred during lesson and freestyle sessions.

Suzanne Nagbrt is the new volunteer coordinator at Duluth

Laurie Sanii – Has a flat screen television she would like to donate to the rink to be mounted and used for figure skating videos. Sinead has a television mount that can be used. Bobby has a DVD player that can be added.

Showcase Extravaganza – Skaters enjoyed it! More advertisement in the future. Figure skaters must be a club member in order to participate.

Theatre On Ice – skaters did not need to renew their membership for their last competition because the last membership year covered the skaters for this event.

Committee reports:

1. **Membership** – Presented by Annette
   
   318 members and counting
   
   Discussed the various membership plans available. We would like to invite the coaches who are not currently GaFSC members to join the club through the Associate Membership which costs $25 a year. This would allow coaches to receive emails from the club and stay abreast of what is occurring.

   Please see website for information concerning membership.

2. **Newsletter** – Presented by Annette
   
   Need more photos for the newsletter. Please email them to Annette

3. **Testing** – Ginger Whatley absent; Presented by Annette
   
   Duluth testing session cancelled due to low sign up; Town center session still occurring.

4. **Competitions/Peach** – Presented by Rob
   
   Date: 9/2-9/4 at the Duluth rink
   
   Set up begins 9/2 with events 9/3-9/4 and clean up 9/4; no test sessions this year.
   
   List of committee chairs will be available via yahoo groups
   
   Goodie bags – water bottle, snack, tissues, pin
   
   Videographer – will give each skater a thumb drive with all their programs
   
   15% of sales from all vendors will go to the club.
   
   Hotels for the event are being established but right now – Hampton Inn and Homewood suites
Annual Planning Business:

- Suzanne Nagbrt was nominated to become a member at large of the club. Pat made the motion and Sinead second.
- Reminders for upcoming meeting will continue to be sent via yahoo groups. Please respond with regrets only. If attending, no need to respond. We will try this method to decrease the amount of emails.
- Regionals – dates for qualifying: 9/29-10/1; non-qualifying: 10/5-10/9

Meetings for the upcoming year:

- 8/13 Duluth
- 9/24 Town Center
- 10/22 Duluth
- 11/12 Town Center
- 1/7 Duluth
- 3/18 Town Center
- 5/13 Duluth
- 6/3 Town Center

Reimbursements
1. Competition – pre-preliminary well balanced; juvenile test track, Bronze and above adults: first event paid for by the club.
2. Jackets - $20 reimbursement for club jacket; order through A La Bing; must have given volunteer hours to be eligible. This does not include TOI or Basic Skills

Misc:
1. Parent Meetings – To occur at each rink to help increase volunteerism
2. Requesting a picture and thank you from TOI for $600 donation made from GaFSC.
3. Testing Schedule – Need to coordinate with other rinks in the area to decrease conflicts and difficulty securing judges.
4. Facebook – Tag pictures; may add more admins
5. Synchro Nationals & Skate America – short term goal to host SN- lots of work but will bring in some money; Need to put in a bid for SN; then we can host SA which will have amazing skaters but minimal money for the club and will need numerous volunteers.