Minutes of the
Georgia Figure Skating Club Board Meeting
June 5, 2004
(approved July 24, 2004)

Attendees:

  Board Members:
  Alicea Smith, President     Ginger Whatley, Test Co-Chair
  Lori Faris, Membership Chair    Ben Loggins, Treasurer
  Marianne Campbell VP Town Center    Rob Lichtefeld, Secretary
  Greg Corbitt, Test Co-Chair    Kristel Fuchs

  By Proxy:
  Nancy Anderson, VP Duluth     Matt Brenenman

  New Board Members:
  Cece Landress
  Libby Turner

  Visitors:
  Teresa Loggins

Alicea Smith called the meeting to order at 9:28 at the Wachovia Bank meeting room.

Minutes:
Rob submitted the minutes from the May board meeting and made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Marianne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nomination Committee
Rob reported that the following people have been elected to the Board for terms from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006:
  Kristen Bartlett
  Jonathan Bechtold
  Matt Breneman
  Greg Corbitt
  Gary Jones
  Alicea Smith
  Libby Turner

Resignations:
Debbie Richardson tendered her resignation from the board. She and her daughter are not renewing their club membership.

Alicea made a motion to have Cece Landress server out the term of Debbie Richardson. The motion was seconded by Kristel. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report:
Ben distributed summary reports from Quicken. He says that currently the balances look fine. We need to plan activities this summer that supports our skaters. Also, anyone making deposits needs to send him an email, so that he know how to allocate the income.
Rink Updates:

Duluth:
Alicia reported that the Membership drive was awesome. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The ice rink seems to be making lots of improvements. They’ve added TV monitors, IceForum surface was redone, the employees seemed to be more courteous, etc. This seems to be because of the work of Bob Nylen and Eric.

Town Center:
Marrianne reported that there was very good attendance at the Membership drive. They played lots of games on the ice. The ice will be down the first week of August.

South Lake:
Ben reported that there was not any new information.

Membership:
Lori reported that the drives went great. There seemed to be more applications filled out and paid for at the drive, than last year. She wanted to thank the rink VPs for all their hard work. The Town Center drive was on June 3 and the Duluth drive was June 4.

For the end of 2003-2004 year, there was a total membership of 375 with 338 members reported to US Figure Skating.

Testing Update:
Ginger reported that there will be a test session the June 6 at the Duluth rink from 11:50 to 1:30pm. The next test will be July 11 at Town Center. It may be a small test because a lot of skaters at TC will be at the Charleston competition.

Newsletter:
Greg reported that he planned on working on the newsletter this weekend, so be sure to get any articles to him by Thursday, June 10

Governing Council Update
Ben, Ginger and Greg attended the 2004 US Figure Skating Governing Council in San Diego. The major items decided were;

- The 12/4 regional/sectional plan was rescinded – we will be staying with the current 9/3 plan
- The ISU events will only be televised on ESPN/ESPN2
- US Figure Skating is renegotiating its TV contracts, and will not be as good as in the past. There will be financial changes.

Peach Classic/Peach Open
Rob reported that the announcements are printed. We are just waiting on the official sanction before mailing them. Ginger reported that the list of officials is good. Alicia reported that the hotels have donated the rooms for the officials. The next Peach meeting will be at a Breakaway Grill at the Duluth rink on June 8.

Election of Officers
President - Greg made a motion to nominate Rob. Alicea seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
First Vice-President - Lori nominated Alicea. Cece seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Vice-President (Town Center) – Rob nominated Marianne. Greg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Secretary – Marianne nominated Cece. Ben seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Treasurer – Marianne nominated Ben. Ginger seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appointed Officers
Rob appointed Ginger Whatley as Test Co-Chair to serve the 2004-2005 year.
Rob appointed Lori Faris as Membership Chair to serve the 2004-2005 year.

Summer Clinics:
Marianne reported that the coaches at Town Center would like to get Bobbi Shire back this summer. Alicea recommended that we get her for a full week this year. Alicea will contact Bobbi about her schedule. The club will hire Bobbi and then collect fees from her students during the week.
Mirrors
The Duluth rink has given the club a quote of $544.48 for installing mirrors and ballet barres in the party room. The board wants to get more quotes. Also, they want to be clear about who would be responsible for the repair and upkeep. Marianne suggested that we also install mirrors at the Town Center rink and that we get the rinks to allow us to have an all night skate to raise the money. Rob will contact Bob Nylen about these items.

Rink Liaison
Alicea had contacted Honey Burton about the upcoming Board meetings to see if she would like attend on behalf of the rinks.

Synchronized
Greg reported that the Peach Frost teams may be reorganizing. Patti is thinking of fielding a Novice and a Preliminary team.

2006 Eastern Synchronized Sectionals
Greg made a motion to have the Georgia FSC to bid to host the 2006 Eastern Synchronized Sectionals, and if the bid is successful, to form a 501(c)3 corporation to be the LOC with the club to loan the LOC up to $2,500 for start up expenses. The motion was seconded by Ben, and was passed unanimously.

The event would be held at the Gwinnett Arena, with the IceForum providing additional practice ice. The dates are tentatively January 26-28, 2006. Practices would start the 25th.

Next Meeting:
The next board meeting will be July 17 at Rob’s house to hold the planning meeting. It will start at 9:30. Kristel will arrange who is to bring what.

The August meeting will be August 7. The following meeting dates will be tied to the Test Sessions, which have not been released yet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

Submitted by:

Rob Lichtefeld
Secretary
June 10, 2004