Minutes of the GAFSC Board Meeting  
March 9, 2002

Attendees:

Board Members:
Alixea Smith, President       Lori Faris, Membership Chair
Ben Loggins, Treasurer        Rob Lichtefeld, Secretary
Nancy Anderson, VP Duluth     Mike Aiken, VP Town Center
Ginger Whatley, Test Co-chair Greg Corbitt, Test Co-chair
Marianne Campbell
Carolyn Schwab
Cheryl Kohser

Visitors:
Andrew Austin, Henry Smith, Theresa Loggins, Randy Trabing

The meeting was called to order by Alicia Smith at 9:10am in the meeting room of the First Union bank branch just north of Perimeter Mall.

Minutes:
Rob Lichtefeld submitted the February minutes and made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Ben, the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:
Ben reported that the balance of the bank accounts is $6,231.80, as of March 8, 2002. The majority of this is earmarked for ice time. However, Peach Frost just turned in several items this morning.

Augusta Update:
Greg reported that they are having a Test Session on March 23rd. They are going to train the people there during the session. The Augusta Club is also doing 2 exhibitions before the hockey games.

Duluth Update:
Nancy reported that the Skate-A-thon was a great success. They raised about $2,000, and are ordering the harnesses. The Duluth IceForum is putting on a Spring Show and are asking the club to obtain a Performance Sanction. Mike said that he would get with them to make sure that sanction rules are followed. The next Parent’s Meeting will be March 15 to coincide with the election.

Alicea read a letter that she wrote to Jack Burton concerning the Spring Show and how the soloists were being chosen.

SouthLake Update:
Ben showed copies of the front page of the News Daily in Clayton County, where several of their skaters were featured. He also said that he had several new applications to turn in to Lori.

TownCenter Update:
Mike reported that they had been covered in a 3/4 page spread in the Marietta Daily Journal about SkateWeek. Andrew reported what the IceForum had done during SkateWeek, including passing out new-member packets to the "crossover" group classes. The next Parent's meeting will be March 15.

Election Update:
Marianne reported that the ballots are due this Friday. She will be at the TownCenter meeting to collect the ballots turned in there, and Rob will be at the Duluth meeting. Because ballots can be mailed as late as March 15, the ballots will be counted on March 23.
**Governing Council:**
Rob ported that since the last meeting, the USFSA had contacted him to let us know that Patti Van Den Eynde was not eligible to be a delegate. The USFSA needed a replacement delegate. He had called Alicea to let her know. Since the synch team was at the sectionals, and we had no way of contacting Ms. Patti, Alicea asked Rob to give them Marianne Campbell’s information as a delegate, with Marianne conferring with Ms. Patti before the meeting.

Since then, Ms. Patti has asked that Renee Lipscomb be the delegate instead of Marianne. Alicea will ask Renee to see if she can go to the meeting.

Greg made a motion to allocate money to help offset the travel expenses for the attendees. The motion was tabled until next month, when hopefully the bank balance would be better.

**Membership:**
Lori reported that the current membership is 443 members. She and Andrew have put together the new member packet and have it ready for the membership drive. She wants to thank Mike Aiken, Ben Loggins, Gail Horwitz, Dave Bechtold and Vicki Steiner for providing information for the packet.

She is considering when to start the membership drive. No definite dates, but possibly the week after Memorial Day. She should have the new application form finished by the next board meeting. She reminds everyone that the special application forms for Skate Week must be postmarked by March 31.

She also needs assistance at each rink. Someone needs to work with her during the membership drive. Each VP was asked to identify some at their rink.

**Peach Frost Update:**
Cheryl showed the video she taped of the Peach Frost performance at the 2002 U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships held in Lake Placid, N.Y. (It was fantastic!) The Peach Frost earned the Silver medal at the Intermediate level. The board applauded them and thanked them for all their hard work.

Ms. Patti is thinking of moving the Intermediate team to Junior level. This is due to the age of the skaters. Also, according the Andrew, they were better than some of the Junior teams at Nationals!

There is a rumor that a new coach has been hired at Duluth whose focus is synchronized skating. Because the club wants to make sure that there is not a dilution of skaters available to Peach Frost, we need to make sure any synch activity at Duluth works as a feeder program.

**Peach Classic Update:**
Rob reported that the next meeting will be Wednesday March 13 at the Duluth rink. The announcement should be finalized at that time. Amy Bryan will be the event Treasurer and he will be the Secretary. Mike said that he has contacted the Regional Vice Chair for Sanctions. He has not heard back yet.

**Year End Party:**
Ben reported that the year end party will be held at Dixieland Amusement Park at 1675 Highway 85 North, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214 770-460-5862. It is approximately 10 miles south of the Perimeter. We have the meeting room from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. He will work up a flyer that can be sent to members and posted at the rinks. The price for people that want to have access to the rides and amusement will be $15.00, and for non player it will be $5.00. This will cover the amusement park costs and the costs for membership pins and other materials. Also each family will need to bring a covered dish.

The committee for putting together the schedule and organizing the dishes that are needed to bring will be headed by Deborah Rodriquez and Michelle Aiken.

**Testing Update:**
Greg reported that he is looking at the fees, especially the late fees. He also passed around a proposed schedule for test dates for the next year.
Publicity and Media Relations:
Alicea proposed that Jennifer Gladstone and Jennifer Silas work as co-chairs of a new PR and MR committee. Ben made the motion and Mike seconded it. The board approved the motion. We need to find other people at each rink to assist with the task.

Jonathan Bechtold:
Alicea read a letter from Jonathan addressed to the Board. Jonathan thanked the board for the monetary assistance for Sectionals, but since he was unable to attend, he was returning it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32am.

Submitted by:

Robert Lichtefeld
Secretary
March 12, 2002