Georgia Figure Skating Club Minutes
March 24, 2012

Approved April 21, 2012

Attending:

Vivian Heeden - President
Annette Florence - Treasurer
Julie Pierce - Secretary
Rob Lichtefeld, Membership Chair
Jodi Morgan - Vice President, Town Center
Ling-Ling Gu - Member at Large
Elizabeth Isaacs - Member at Large
Also attending Terri Herron

Approval of Minutes
   A motion to approve minutes of the last meeting on January 14, 2012
   was made by Rob, second by Ling-Ling.

Treasurer’s Report
   The Treasurer’s Report submitted and discussed.
   It is difficult to compare current expenses to prior years due to the
   change in accounting software. In preparation for setting next year’s club
   membership price, we would like to compare:
Administrative expenses, jackets, social events including the Club banquet, testing, regionals reimbursement, club ice, and USFSA fees. Annette will work on these comparisons to have them ready for the next meeting.

Rink Reports:

Duluth:

There are about 15 skaters on Club Ice. There were 120 paid attendees, plus 5 and under at the banquet. The bill was within expectations of the contract and there were no problems.

Thurs 3/29, 129 tickets have been sold to Disney on Ice.

A public relations event for 20 skaters is available on 3/28 where skaters can sit in on principal ice practice and ask questions of the skaters, meet Mickey and Minnie, and ask about life as a professional figure skater. This option is available only to those who purchased tickets to Disney on Ice.

Elizabeth has been approached by one of the parents at the rink about a large scale consignment sale, that may include all the area rinks. There are a number of considerations with this matter, including how to handle rink percentages and other logistical challenges.

Town Center:

TC had a valentines party and send off party for Tim Dolensky as he went to Junior Worlds. Club Ice has been running 20-25 skaters.

Membership:

Rob has sent updated lists to the Board. There are 339 members, which is about the same place we were last year.

There has been an issue with a club member using the GaFSC list for a political campaign. Rob will be contacting her to inform her to cease using the names and remove these emails immediately, and not sell the names to other campaigns.

Newsletter

The next newsletter is planned for April.

Testing:
There is no testing report this month. The following test sessions have been scheduled:
April 14 - Town Center
June 5 - Duluth
August 4 - Town Center
August 5 - Duluth

Other Business:

Pricing: A general discussion was held as to whether to raise the price for next year vs. dropping some benefits to save club funds.

Eastern Sectionals: Terri Herron came to assist us with items to consider and preparing a bid for Eastern Sectionals. The Gwinnett Arena was not able to provide attractive pricing for this event.
Terri prepared a historical record of profits from 2001-2011. There is a wide variety of profits received, mostly nominal.
Eastern bid package is due next month. Volunteer chart, hotel and venue contracts negotiated, all have to be submitted with the bid. A discussion was held about the different volunteer chair positions that would be needed and how they would impact the event budget.
A general discussion was held as to whether to bid for Sectionals, or a different event. Given the very short time frame to have the bid in, the decision was made to look in to other events and bypass bidding on Sectionals.

Peach: The deposit on the ice has been paid, and the hotel is booked. The website is up to reflect the dates of the event.

Regionals patches: Monogram Mama has told Julie that the revised patches will be available to Julie by the end of next week (by 3/31/2012). One additional patch will be ordered for Louisa Barama for 2011 Collegiates. Julie has not yet received an invoice from Monogram Mama.

Scholarships: The College scholarship are ready for distribution. An email needs to be sent out to Club members letting them know this is available with a link to the website page. Distribution of checks will be discussed at the July planning meeting.
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Pierce