



# Minutes of the Georgia Figure Skating Club Board Meeting May 13, 2006 (approved June 3, 2006)

## Attendees:

### *Board Members:*

Rob Lichtefeld, President  
Ben Loggins, Treasurer  
Kristel Fuchs  
Greg Corbitt

Cece Landress, Vice President  
Ginger Whatley, Test Co-Chair  
Matt Breneman

### *By Proxy:*

Marianne Campbell, VP Town Center  
Lori Faris, Membership Chair  
Gloria Lewis, Dance Chair

### *Guests:*

Bill McConnell, Asst Mgr, Town Center rink  
Theresa Loggins

Rob called the meeting to order at 9:20 at the Wachovia Bank on Ashford Dunwoody Road. Rob welcomed Bill to the board meeting.

## **Minutes:**

Since Marianne was absent, Rob submitted the minutes from the March board meeting and Kristel made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Cece seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Guest:**

Bill McConnell then spoke to the group about his previous work in Syracuse NY, with the Florida Panthers, his accreditation as a CIT, etc. He also related how the refit at the TC rink went. He hopes to work with us in the future.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Ben submitted the balance sheet for the last 12 months. Our balance has gone up about \$3,900 over the past year, not counting the income from the Eastern Synch competition.

## **Governing Council:**

Ben Loggins, Ginger Whatley, Greg Corbitt, Marianne Campbell, and Terri Herron attended the GC in Orlando the weekend of May 6. Ben showed us photos. Ben made a motion to reimburse the attendees \$500 each for their travel expenses. Greg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **Rink Updates:**

### **Town Center:**

Kristel informed us that the refit of the TC rink took 6 weeks instead of the 4 that was planned. But, the ice is very good now. The Basic Skills numbers are very low due to the closure.

One of the things done while they were down was to throw out the cabinets that held our Test Session gear. So, she purchase some large plastic bins to hold everything. They are currently stored in the snack bar area.

Also, the rink wanted her to throw away all of the Peach Frost awards, but she didn't she stored them in her car until Jade Kohser could come to the rink and get them. Some of the awards will be going to Ms. Patty and the others will be split between old Peach Frost members. We thanked Kristel very much for saving these items.

She reported that Mindy and Vlad are the only main coaches there right now, and that Mindy is still out with an illness, but should be back soon.

The area for the ballet barres is small but is almost complete.

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**Duluth:**

Cece reported that Club Ice is going along as usual. We've had several new members join. Sherrie is evidently pushing GaFSC membership to her skaters.

**Membership:**

The fees for the next years was discussed. It was felt that since the club had a good balance and that we had made money on the Peach and the Synch comp, we should lower the fees to our members.

Greg made a motion to set the fees as follows:

Full skating member:	\$75
Second family member:	\$50
Next family member	\$25
1 <sup>st</sup> time member:	\$50
Test-Only	\$50
Team	\$50
Coach	\$25
Judge	\$25
Coach – Test and Compete	\$50
Associate	\$25
Social	\$25
Basic Skills	\$5
Special Olympics	N/C
Life	N/C

Ben seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ginger made a motion that we would also add the following items to our "package" to our skating members:

- 1) A \$20 off coupon for one test per year.
- 2) The club would refund the fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> event skated at Regionals.
- 3) The club would refund the fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> event skated at Adult Sectionals
- 4) The club would refund the fees for the 1<sup>st</sup> event skated at Adult Nationals

The refund would only be paid, if the skater actually attended the event and skated in the competition. It would be a refund of fees only.

Cece seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. We need to get this information out to our members and to potential members. We can put up flyers at the rink and we can put flyers in the boxes of the Group class instructors.

Ginger said that she would work with Lori to put a good spin on the new pricing and the member benefits, to play up the reason being that so many people volunteered, and that the reason we can continue to do this would be volunteering again, etc.

**End of Year Party:**

It was very poorly attended. We need to do a better job of promoting it next year.

**Newsletters:**

It was discussed that we need to get more newsletters out to the members, even if it is just a front and back. Matt and Rob discussed that doing the newsletter wasn't the problem, it was getting the content. Kristel offered to help.

**Testing Update:**

The June test session will be June 4 at the Duluth rink from 8:00am till 11:00am with a lot of skaters coming from Huntsville and Greenville. Ginger will contact Lone Barama and Suzan Miller about the hospitality.

**Champions on Ice:**

Ginger has a discount code that she will forward to Rob, so that he can email it out to all members.

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**Peach Classic and Peach Open:**

Rob reported that almost all the chairs have been filled. Many new people, so that is good in some ways, and is a little scary. It was decided to use the 6.0 scoring system for both events this year due to expense, time and the IJS still has bugs that are being worked out.

Gloria has invited the officials. We have a new referee: Leslie Giannelli. Most of the judges will be local, so airfare will be much less this year.

Rob and Jennifer Silas are working on the hotel and party room locations. It will probably be the LaQuinta since it is cheaper, but Rob needs to see if he can get a better deal.

The announcements are just about ready to go to the sanction chair. We had to wait for Governing Council to get the final rules for the event. It has been decided to cut out the Jumps events at the Open.

**BoD Elections:**

Rob reported that the following members have been elected to serve on the Board of Directors for a 2 year term starting July 1.

Greg Corbitt  
Marianne Campbell  
Christine Wooten  
Maryann Surratt

**Clinics/Exhibitions:**

Kristel discussed that instead of clinics, we should do more exhibitions and critiques. She will schedule an Atlanta Open exhibition soon at TC.

**Meeting change:**

Our July board meeting was scheduled for July 1, but since that is Independence day weekend, we are moving it to July 8. It will be a retreat again this year. The location is to be determined. Probably one of the board members' house. If anyone has a recommendation, please let Rob know.

**2008 Synch Nationals:**

Greg reported that Terri and others are putting together the information for a bid on the 2008 Syncho Nationals. It will be held at the Gwinnett Arena, with unofficial practice ice at the IceForum.

**Next Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be June 1 in the Wachovia boardroom at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Rob Lichtefeld  
(*Standing in for Secretary, Marianne Campbell*)  
May 14, 2006