Georgia Figure Skating Club
Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 2016
Atlanta IceForum, Party Room

Attending:
   Andrea Rafanelli, President
   Bobby Loebl, Vice President - Duluth
   Annette Florence, Treasurer/Membership Chair
   Rob Lichtefeld
   Suzanne Najbrt
   Pat Shields

Not Attending:
   Sinead Cochran, Vice President – Town Center
   Susie Boustead, Secretary
   Ginger Whatley, Test Chair (out sick)
   Maria Piera Santoro

Annette was stuck and traffic and gave her initial reports via phone.
Pat had to leave early due to a flight.

Minutes:
   Rob Lichtefeld submitted the September minutes via email on September 24.
   Suzanne made a motion to approve the minutes. Bobby seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous.

Membership:
   Annette reported that we are now up to 390 USFS members. She expects more around January when we give a discounted first year membership, and also before the Magnolia Competition in March.

Treasurer’s Report
   Annette submitted the full report via email. The finances look strong for this time of year.

Rink Report—Duluth:
   • We now have access to the bulletin boards again. He had to drill out he locks and install new ones.
   • Halloween party this Friday, Oct 28, right after Club Ice.
   • The male dancer who was to come in for the November Test Session had to cancel. So the partnered pattern dance tests will need to be rescheduled.
   • The rink will hold their Holiday Show on December 18 at 5:00pm
   • We discussed the Axel Club, and how to make the confirmations timelier. We discussed having any USFS judge be able to confirm an Axel, or to have several
board members plus a coach, etc. After Annette arrived she suggested that we send all the applications to her, and then she’ll forward them to a judge and get confirmation back - since she needs to compile the list for the Awards Banquet. She will email the club and have everyone that has already submitted their proof to send it to her again, and she’ll also update the Axel Club submission form to have her email address.

**Rink Report—Town Center**

- Andrea Reported that Club Ice is doing well
- Their Halloween Party will be during Club Ice, this Thursday, Oct 27, with activities afterwards.
- The Holiday Show will be December 17 at 5:00PM, with the Club organizing it. Any skater who went to non-qualifying Regionals will be in a duo number. And, skater who went to qualifying events at Regionals will get a solo number. Also the Skaters of the Year will get solo numbers. There will be group numbers for the Learn to Skate groups and the club skaters who didn’t go to Regionals.
- The rink is trying to organize off-ice instruction like there is at the Duluth rink.
- Some of the early morning and late afternoon freestyle sessions are quieter, since more of the skaters there are now home schooled, and their schedules are more flexible.
- Mia Rafanelli was in Skating Magazine in the Skaters Corner section.

**Other Rinks:**

- Annette reported that The Ice is holding their Holiday Show on December 10.
- If any of the holiday “pop-up” rinks want our skaters to perform exhibitions, we need to have Performance Sanctions submitted to USFS. If we submit them more than 30 days out, there is no charge. If we submit within 30 days, then there is a $25 per sanction charge. Bobby and Andrea are going to put together a list of rinks and send them to Rob and Annette.

**Testing:**

Rob checked the Entryeeze site, and even with the pulling out of the partnered dances, it appears that there are 32 tests scheduled for the November Test Session.

**Newsletter:**

- Annette put out the older newsletter where she was waiting for photos. And, is working on the latest one. The last newsletter had a long write up on how to interpret 6.0 scoring. And, the next one will have information about using Entryeeze for Membership and Competitions – and the differences.
- Rob discussed the website, and how he is removing older newsletters to make room for newer ones Suzanne will forward him information on the service she uses that has unlimited room.
Peach Open and Peach Classic competition:
Annette is still compiling the P&L report with deposits and expenses by category to help us with planning next year and to compare with previous years. She hopes to have it completed and distributed soon.

Awards Banquet:
The date is February 11 at the Hudson Grille on Roswell Road. Annette will contact them for 11:00-5:00 time frame. Since no one had complaints about the food, the menu will be similar. She is currently compiling points for Skater of the Year, while putting together the Newsletter. We’ll also have door prizes/drawings for skating related items, gift cards, etc.

Non-Qualifying Regionals:
Andrea reported that the Washington FSC had used a third party group to host the event. And, that group had never hosted a skating competition before. She and others from our club volunteered extensively to fill necessary slots such as announcing, music, ice monitor etc. She sat down with the group’s chairperson while there to help him reassign his workers to the most needed slots. She also contact Bob Dunlop with USFS right after they returned, and he got back to her and made sure that they had all the slots filled during the Qualifying events.

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2016-17:
November 12 – **Town Center rink**
January 7 – Duluth rink
February 11 – Hudson Grille - before Banquet
March 18 – Town Center
May 13 – Duluth
June 3 – Town Center

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Lichtefeld
October 23, 2016