Minutes of the
Georgia Figure Skating Club Board Meeting
September 11, 2004
(approved Oct 16, 2004)

Attendees:
- Rob Lichtefeld, President
- Alicea Smith, VP
- Marianne Campbell, VP
- Cecelia Landress, Sec
- Ginger Whatley, Test co-chair
- Gloria Lewis
- Kristel Fuchs
- Jonathan Bechtold
- Gary Jones
- Libby Turner
- Ben Loggins, Treasurer

Minutes: Ben made a motion to accept the minutes of July 24, 2004. Marianne seconded. All approved.

Treasurer’s report: Some expenses for Peach Classic are still out, but it looks as if we will be able to cover expenses.

Membership: Numbers were reviewed. Membership is down from previous years. We need to encourage those who want to learn how to skate to participate in the learning to skate program. Honey Burton is moving to Florida. A new skating director is being hired.

Jr. Board Member needs to be appointed from each rink to improve input from the younger skaters. The bi-laws state that each rink may have one Junior member without voting rights. Jennie Chun was nominated for Duluth and Lauren Arnone for Town Center. Rob will ask Jennie and Marianne will ask Lauren.

Test Session: The October 3rd test session at Town Center has been moved to the 17th from 11:50 to 1:50. Remind applicants to get their test applications in early. The test sessions during the Peach were very successful.

Peach Report: The numbers for the Peach 2004 were as follows, the numbers in ( ) represent the numbers from 2003.

Open:
- 80 competitors (100)
- 156 starts (215)
- 35 events (42)

Classic:
- 106 competitors (119)
- 276 starts (288)
- 75 events (69)

53.75 hours of ice

A thank you was made to all volunteers who put in many hours. Especially to all the runners and the Gwinnett county Students with service organizations. The volunteer help for the Peach Open was very light. Need to plan better for next year. Perhaps contacting local school service organizations for interested students. Also need to plan
so skaters will not have to miss school in order to participate. This should increase participation and apply less burden on skaters to keep up with their studies.

Refunds for the Peach. The application stated no refunds, but due to the storms many skaters could not make the competition. After discussion of possibilities of what could be given in place of a refund. Ben motioned 25% discounts be given for 2005 competition along with one practice ice and a party ticket. Coupons would be sent to those who could not show due to the storms. To be used the Coupons would have to be mailed in with the 2005 application.

Rob announced that he will not be able to co-Chair the event next year. New Co-chairs would need to be appointed.

Eastern Sync Competition 2006: We were selected to be the host club. A chair will need to be appointed. A large number of volunteers will be needed.

Newsletter: Greg Corbitt is working on the newsletter. Please send information to him. We would like to see an article by the new Jr. Board members on rink and/or skaters news.

Clinics: After the success of Bobbe Shire’s Spin Clinic, skaters would like to have more clinics. Alicea will handle the setting up of clinics. Jennifer Silas will handle the finances.

Activities Chair: To be appointed by VP of each rink. Marianne appointed Krystal Fuchs to Town Center. Alicea will appoint at future parent meeting at Duluth.

Vice President’s reports:

**Duluth:** Alicea said with the Peach over, she was looking forward to establishing Parent meetings during Club Ice. Members were giving a going away party for Honey Burton. Plans need to be made for Halloween. Two members were going to regionals as non-qualifying. NO one was going as qualifying.

**Town Center:** Planning a send off for regionals. 12 skaters were going as non-qualifying. They are planning a Halloween party. Krystal will purchase gifts approved by the board at the last meeting. Ben made the motion, Marianne seconded, all approved.

**South Lake:** No longer a rink at this time.

New Business:

**Red Cross:** Town Center Skaters are collected funds for the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

**Club Ice Rules:** At Duluth club ice is not a freestyle ice session so passes are no longer valid. All skaters have to be paid by GaFSC. Guests are abusing the earlier guest policy.
Guests who skate regularly with the GaFSC are more than welcome to be Georgia Figure Skaters. Ben moves that guests are no longer allowed. Libby seconds. All agree.

State Games want GaFSC to host the games. No one has the time available for this event. It was suggested to let the new skating coach know of this event in case the club would like to pursue. The State Games provide opportunities to new skaters that the Learn to Skate Program might be interested in supporting.

Be checking your calendars for end or year party and elections.

Last board meeting, the decision was made to order rulebooks for club coaches. 20 rule books will be purchased

To pull in more skaters:
  Syncro is being pursued with Carol Berg
  Theater on Ice: Alicea bought the CDs of all team levels. Sherlyn and Davin are planning on looking in to a Theater on Ice.

Paula Wagner Clinic was suggested on Choreography to be held at Town Center. Alicea suggested putting the clinic together and checking for LOC educational funds.

All night skate-a-thon is being put together at Town Center. Suggested date Oct.29

Ballet Bars: Are being put up by the rink. First at Duluth. Once happy there, the Town Center would receive the same.

Christmas Show: Town Center will be on Dec. 12

  Rink News: Judges stands are being stored in the far corner of the thrasher ice. Bob is very interested in working on increasing figure skating at the rinks through learn to skate, synchro, and other ideas. At Peach, skaters were very complimentary on the shape of the locker rooms. A big thank you goes out to the employees of the Ice Forum Duluth for all of their support on making the Peach a success.

Next Board meeting has been moved to Oct 17 to coincide with the test session. It will be from 9 to 12 at the Wachovia Bank location.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 noon.

Submitted by:
CeCe Landress, Secretary