Georgia Figure Skating Club Minutes
9/11/2010
(approved 10/2/2010)

Attending:
Rob Lichtefeld - President
Annette Florence - Treasurer
Julie Pierce - Secretary
Karyn Thomas - Membership Chair
Kristel Fuchs - Vice President, Town Center
Lone Barama - Member at Large

Approval of Minutes
A motion to approve minutes of the last meeting on July 24, 2010 was made by Annette, seconded by Kristel, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report
Annette has requested that all Board members notify her when they make a deposit, as well as when a check is written. Annette will be making some minor changes to the Treasurer's Report and will resend it out this week.

The Club’s main account has about $5000.00 in it.

Rink Reports:
Duluth:
Moe was unable to attend the meeting, and sent her report by email. The Next Step meeting was on Sept 1. It was well attended, attendance could improve. At least 1 new member joined as a result of the Next Step meeting. Packets of information from the USFS website were handed out and topics discussed
choosing coaches, changing coaches (pertinent to recent issues at the rink), the skating timeline (group classes-Jr. Club-Club ice) GAFSC member benefits, testing and competing. Moe would like to spruce it up more next time and figure out how to combine it with the skating academy more so we can reach more people then just JR. Clubbers. Moe thinks if she is promoting Jr.Club then it should not be an issue to approach those Basic 4 and above. Maybe next time have Karyn there to discuss member benefits, Moe to discuss timeline/coaching/ etc, another parent to discuss parent etiquette (also a topic I discussed), etc.

Duluth Regionals send off will be Friday October 1. Moe would like to see the competitors utilize the ice time between group classes and the 10:20 freestyle on Saturdays for exhibitions. It would cost the club nothing and help promote us to the younger skaters. We could fit 2 skaters each Saturday. Moe would need someone to help her run it as I have off ice at that time. She has looked into the patches with crown awards and the require a 50 patch min order. I was hoping maybe Julie knew someone else. Also, did we vote just qualifiers or NQ's too? Rob will provide Julie with artwork for the patches so she can see if it is something her embroidery source can do economically.

Artistry In Motion: Moe has been e-mailing Brittney about getting a date set, and has asked for it to be after Regionals or after the New Year as Paula may have people to work with for Sectionals. Moe will update information as she gets it.

We need to do a parents meeting in Duluth. Should we do it right before the Regionals send off? Moe does not usually coach on Fridays so she could do it, but if not she will coach that day.

An in-house Basic Skills comp on Oct. 17, if the application is approved.

Club ice is more than full. A discussion was held about whether to limit the number of skaters on Club ice. Priority should be given to those who are having lessons on Club ice. Since there are a number of skaters who only skate for a few minutes, no action will be taken at this time.

Town Center:
Club ice numbers are going up. There are good number of new members, and there are more people volunteering to help with club items. There is a test session scheduled for December.
There are a number of skaters going to regionals, send of party is 9/30 with an ice cream social. They will also make and decorate posters for skaters going to regionals to decorate the hotel room doors at regionals. there is one qualifying skaters.
There was a birthday party for July, August & September birthdays that was enjoyed and appreciated by skaters and parents.

The keys to the announcement board are missing now, and we are trying to figure out how to get a replacement key.

The parking lot at the TC rink is being affected by road construction on Big Shanty Road.

January 15-16 there is quite a bit of available ice. This is the weekend before Nationals. Would there be a possibility of having some type of event? One idea would be to coordinate with Ellen for Special Olympics. Rob will check in with Ellen on this.

Committee Reports:

Karyn reported we have 38 new members, including some parents. Of these new members, 18 are full time skaters, and 18 are Town Center. There have been many renewals, we have a total number of 286 active members, 272 regular members, and 120 are skaters.

Karyn is putting together an information sheet for all members and parents on how they can volunteer within the Club and who they should contact to volunteer.

Newsletter

The September/October issue will feature Peach wrap up and spotlight Olivia Wang from the Town Center rink.

Testing:

Ginger has set up the following test dates:

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Jackets:

Rob is turning the jacket ordering over to Kristel Fuchs. Jacket order forms are being modified to reflect Kristel’s address.

Vice President for Town Center

Ling-Ling has requested to step down as TC Vice President and Kristel take it over. Ling-Ling will stay on the Board. Motion to accept Kristel as Vice President was made by Karyn and seconded by Lone. Motion unanimously carried.

Budget for Social Events
Kristel had a parents meeting with a very good turn out. Some parents mentioned they wanted more social events to promote club membership and closer ties between skaters. An event has been planned for each month, and while many parents are volunteering to bring items, a request was made for a budget that the Club would participate with. Lone made a motion to allow up to $40 per month per rink for parties (annually $480), and it was seconded by Kristel. Motion was unanimously passed.

Holiday Ice Spectacular

A Holiday Ice Spectacular is going to be held December 16-24 at the Cobb Energy Center. A discussion was held about purchasing a group of tickets for the Club members. There was some reluctance to a group buy, as there are so many conflicting activities for families during the Holidays. Also, the rink Holiday parties are during this period (TC rink is 12/18 at 5pm). Rob will talk to them about pricing for a group tickets.

Peach

It looks like there will be a small profit this year - mainly because we didn’t have to buy medals this year. There are still some receipts coming in. Also, the programs were donated by Ben Loggins.

Next year we will have to purchase medals.

Several Peach Committee members received compliments on how well things were run.

There was a problem with the music room announcers. Rob spent a bit of time training announcers, so they will be ready for next year. His takeaway from this experience was that cross training needs to happen so that the next generation of volunteers are being trained.

A suggestion was made to limit the time block for runners, or allow them time for a break.

Moe had requested that next year’s Peach be primarily on the Ice Forum sheet of ice, instead of the Thrasher sheet of ice.

Given the numbers of the Peach this year, it does not seem sensible to split off the Peach Open from the Peach Classic, as it would be a problem to get vendors.

Numbers for the Peach were within a few of last year.

Registration: There was a challenge with practice ice. There needs to be a practice ice person at the registration desk, or a practice ice table next to registration.

There was a significant problem with skaters changing events in the days before the event, including the night before the event. A decision has been made
that a fee will be imposed for any skater changing events within 2 weeks of the Peach.

There was also an issue with the referee running the events up to 45 minutes early. Rob made repeated requests and finally an agreement was arrived that no event would be more than 10 minutes early.

The goody bags were a big hit.

Next year we should remember to post flyers at the rink a few weeks in advance to hopefully bring more people to the stands to watch.

Other Items:

Cheryl Faust is no longer coaching at the Duluth Ice Forum. She is now at the new rink, The Ice. Also, the Mic is advertising for a new skating school director.

A discussion was held about hosting 2012 Regionals at the Ice Forum. A large number of volunteers will be needed if we decide to bid on the event, and are successful with that bid. Jack needs to see some numbers on how the Ice Forum would benefit from this event. Rob will review the bid package.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm