

**GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ATLANTA FIGURE SKATING CLUB**

September 11, 2018

President Kathy Shehee called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm. Attending the meeting were: Kathy Shehee, Francesca Sichenze-Bryant, Candace Goodwin, Jane Jud, Jennifer Latham, Tami Mickle, and Heather Stables. Absent were Judith Flair, Sharon Hyre, Tea Junnila, Lori Malthaner, John Millier, and Soucci Taylor.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Kathy Shehee

No report..

1st Vice President: John Millier (absent)

SafeSport report accepted as written.

2nd Vice President: Jennifer Latham

Report accepted as written. The first special event was a big success thanks to chair Nikki Edwards. Attendance is increasing, primarily among new members. Jennifer suggested that we send another reminder to skaters since relatively few have signed up for exhibitions. Tea is working with Marybeth Rathbun on the gifts.

Secretary: Lori Malthaner (absent):

Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Judith Flair (absent)

Report approved as submitted.

Test Chair: Tea Junnila (absent)

Report approved as submitted. All tests will be conducted on new scales and forms beginning on September 2. Jane will provide information for coaches on the new test protocol to Tami for distribution to coaches.

Membership Chair: Francesca Sichenze-Bryant

Report approved as submitted. All present agreed with Francesca's suggestion that we mail the Club Ice postcard as we did last year. Jane will provide the postcard to Francesca for printing and mailing once the special events dates are confirmed with Nikki Edwards.

Volunteer Chair: Heather Stables

Heather is recording volunteer hours as reported.

Dance Committee: Kathy Shehee

Kathy noted that Graham and Janet Payne have never been compensated for conducting classes for Ice Dance Weekend. After discussion, Tami made a motion to provide thank you checks. Jennifer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Competition Chair: Sharon Hyre (absent)

Jane reported that Sharon is interested in applying for the National Qualifying Series in conjunction with the Atlanta Open. The handbook and application will be available by December 1 with an application deadline of February 1. The NQS events will be determined by March 1.

Communications Chair: Jane Jud

Report approved as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Update: Website (Kathy Shehee, Jane Jud, Heather Stables)

Development of the new website is underway by Gaia Shamis; Jane is forwarding zip files of content as needed.

Update: Research results: Safesport/Background checks (John Millier)

USFS requires all compliance to go through their system for tracking purposes. Members can take the SafeSport training and complete a background check on the Members Only page. The annual fee for the background check is \$20, which the club will reimburse. The background check will be mandatory on an annual basis and the SafeSport training is valid for two years.

John requested all board members to complete their compliance requirements this week.

Update: LTS Synchro classes (Kathy Shehee)

The only consistently available ice time is Fridays at 5:00 pm, but the coaches are unable to participate. Kathy will continue to work with the rink regarding available time. Tami suggested that we consider forming a high school synchro team for the numerous skaters who are currently non-competitive. One of our local judges is also a former Miami of Ohio synchro team competitor.

NEW BUSINESS

Review/Sign: USFS required documents for Board of Directors (FrancescaSichenze-Bryant)

All board members present signed the documents.

Review: Selection criteria for Atlantic Station/Avalon exhibitions (Jane Jud)

Jane reviewed last year's participation rate based on the revised criteria. More than 40 skaters participated with 13 solos and 3 groups at Avalon and 10 solos and 5 groups at Atlantic Station in 2017 vs. 15 solos in 2016. Several modifications were approved. In a quest for transparency, Jane will post the requirements so that skaters will be aware of the requirements in advance of Regionals.

Review/Vote: 2018-2019 Proposed Budget (Judith Flair)

The majority of board members supported inclusion of a major production this year, but will require payment from all participants. Tami made a motion to accept the proposed budget; Jennifer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Coach credentials at test sessions

Coaches must be compliant in order to coach at test sessions, and non-local coaches should take a screen shot from the USFS compliance page. Francesca agreed to check all current coaches to ensure compliance, and Candace will check non-locals/non-club members at the sessions.

Disney on Ice Savannah, GA Performances (Tami Mickle)

Benita Williams has offered discount tickets on October 27 (same as test date) for shows at 11:00, 4:00, and 7:00. Tami will forward information to Jane.

At 8:13 PM Tami Mickle moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jennifer Latham seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Jane Jud

Date: September 12, 2018