

ATLANTA FIGURE SKATING CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting, January 25, 2018 (Rescheduled)

President Kathy Shehee called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Attending the meeting were: Kathy Shehee, Judith Flair, Jane Jud, Jennifer Latham, John Millier and Heather Stables. Absent were Francesca Sichenze-Bryant, Sharon Hyre, Tea Junnila, Lori Malthaner, Tami Mickle, Soucci Taylor, and Victoria Williams.

OFFICER REPORTS

President: Kathy Shehee

Kathy circulated a thank you note from Bailey Snead for the vest.

1st Vice President: John Millier

John advised that USFS is revising the competition structure, implementation date TBD:

- Juvenile – Novice skaters will no longer compete at U.S. Championships.
- A National Qualifying Series (NQS) of competitions will provide a ranking of skaters that can qualify them with a minimum score for the Sectionals Challenge event. Sectionals will thus serve as Finals for these levels of singles.
- For pairs and dance, in addition to the NQS, the Sectionals Challenge events could be held with the Regionals competitions. Teams who advance would then compete at the Finals event, which would be held in one section rather than three.
- Top ranked skaters would be eligible for high performance camps and international assignments
- Rationale for new structure: (1) Allows IJS scores across competitions to count more toward advancements; (2) highlights the US Championships as a high caliber event that would make it more attractive to cities; (3) adds to fan and athlete experience; (4) increases the number of competitors at Sectionals

2nd Vice President: Jennifer Latham:

Report approved as written. Club Ice is averaging 10 - 20 skaters.

The next special event will be the Family Olympic ceremony party. We will serve chicken fingers and cake with Olympic rings, but no alcohol. Kathy agreed to request free skate rental from Herbert.

John suggested that we procure Delta Airlines gift cards for a raffle.

Secretary: Lori Malthaner (absent)

Minutes from the previous board meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Judith Flair

Report approved as submitted.

Test Chair: Tea Junnila (absent)

Report approved as submitted.

Membership Chair: Francesca Sichenze-Bryant (absent)

Report approved as submitted. We now have 408 members, qualifying us for 6 delegates at Governing Council.

Volunteer Chair: Heather Stables

No report.

Communications Chair: Jane Jud

Report approved as submitted.

Competition Chair: Sharon Hyre (absent)

- Jane advised that 60 skaters have registered for the Magnolia Open with a week remaining before the February 4 deadline.
- Jane advised Kim Rutter that we will include a flyer with a promotional item (lotion, lip balm type products) in goody bags for Magnolia. Her business is an online entity only, so presence as a vendor without product would not be beneficial.
- Kathy and Judith have submitted partial payment for the new IJS system. John asked if this system with include video replay; Sharon to advise.

OLD BUSINESS

GetUp Campaign

Jane has received information and photos from Georgia Bolocan and Amelia Marsh and will submit to USFS before the February 23 deadline.

Intro to Synchro

- More than 30 skaters signed up for a team after the two sessions offered in December and January; Jane compiled a list with contact information, skate level and age.
- Herbert will reserve 12 ice sessions for the 45 minute slot prior to Club Ice for the proposed Synchro Skills classes that will identify skaters' abilities
- Four coaches will direct these sessions: Nina Palermo, Gina Palermo, Emy Palermo, and Marie Bureau
- The cost for these skaters is \$120, which must be paid in advance via check to Judith with no refunds. Assumes participation of 25 skaters.
- As a next step, Kathy will confer with Nina regarding how we will communicate this information as well as a start date for the classes and a registration deadline. Jane will develop a registration form.

Update: Governing Council, Procedures Review Committee, Nominating Committee

- We have six delegates to Governing Council. Those interested in attending are Judith Flair, Sharon Hyre, Lori Mathaner, Tea Junnila, and Heather Stables. Dana Graham will be asked about possible attendance.
- Jane will chair the Procedures Review Committee.
- John Millier will chair the Nominating Committee. Heather agreed to service, and Kathy will contact Jennifer. Jane will forward the timeline to John.

NEW BUSINESS

- **USFS STARS Combine:** The Board voted not to host.
- **Susan Johnson Memorial:** Donations will be added to the SAOF to provide financial assistance to skaters and officials based on financial need, promise as a singles, pairs, ice dance or synchronized skater, contribution to the sport of figure skating, character and sportsmanship. The fund will be renamed the Susan Johnson Memorial Fund.
- **Atlantic Station Olympic Opening Event:** Skaters will be invited to demonstrate elements for patrons at Atlantic Station at an event on February 9. There will be two shifts from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Jane will notify the membership of participation criteria (at least 13 years old, passed at least preliminary moves or dance.) Members will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Spring Show Performance Criteria:** Revisions attached. This year's theme is "Broadway on Ice." Registration deadline will be March 2.

At 8:50 PM John moved that the meeting be adjourned Judith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Jane Jud
Date: January 27, 2018