

## MINUTES FROM 7-21-09

Members present: Angie Batchelor, Linda Beamon, Dawn DeCarlo, Judee Evans, Becca Guthrie, Kim Hardwick, Robin Lorenz , Heather Mumper, Beth Noble, Tracy Spradling, and John Walters

We need to add to last month's minutes that we did purchase the sound system. Heather told us that it had arrived. We have paid for half of it.

We are for sure having a test session with Magic City Classic. Sunday is our preferred day for the session. Beth shared that some of the judges for novice and above who were coming for Magic City are very tough. Beth will see how many judges and which ones that we will need. We have to look at cost. Karen Litwiniec and Betty Broswick will be judging the lower level test sessions. We will use the food left over from the competition for the test session.

Magic City Classic: We have 3 judges from Florida , 2 from Baltimore , 1 from Arkansas , 2 from Atlanta , 2 from Huntsville , and 2 from Birmingham . It will cost us \$300 to \$500 for plane fare for the judges that we have to fly into Birmingham. We also have to pay for meals that they don't eat at the rink and for hotel rooms.

Our contract with Pelham is for 18 hours of ice at \$225 per hour whether or not we need it. We can still have Sunday if we need it.

It is going to probably cost us \$30,000 to run this competition. We would need over 100 skaters to break even. The test session will help us on the cost of the competition. Robin thinks that we will only have 50 to 70 skaters this year. The competition should grow year to year. We could possibly lose \$10,000 to \$15,000 on the competition this year.

We need even more publicity. Becca is going to check on the adult skaters in Atlanta. She doesn't think that the adult skaters in that area are aware of the competition even though we sent out publicity to all the clubs.

The basic skills events will be on Saturday. We can share that if we have parents of basic skill skaters ask us.

The next social is Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. It is a pool party at the Chandalar Swim Club from 8: 00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. We will be paying the Chandalar Swim Club \$50 to use the pool. We will pay the life guard \$10 per hour. We will pay him directly. This event is only for members.

Linda is going to check and make sure that we are in compliance with USFA with only having socials as social, fun events as apposed to being educational.

Kim reported that we would be making a big push to support National Skating Month.

Dawn reported on new member applications. All were approved by the board. The following are our new members: Caitlin MacCary(skating). Mary Ruth Gregg(skating), Victoria

Hogg(skating), Heather Hogg(parent), Brenna Washburn(skating), Molly Washburn(parent), Jillian Daugherty(skating), Jennifer Daugherty(parent), Caitlin Pannell(skating), Cameron Pannell(skating), Lori Pannell(parent), Lane Schifano(skating), Peggy Schifano(parent)

Heather shared that Marissa Spector and her partner Chris were asked to come to an international competition (Canada) as a part of a USFSA developmental team. Although neither one is a member of our club, they train at our rink and use our coaches. Being asked to come to this event is a big honor. Dawn said that she would get her daughters Bonnie and Julia to head up making a congratulations poster.

Tracy and John reported that the Junior Board would begin meeting again soon. They are planning on having a sign up sheet at the Pool Social.

Kim, Robin, and Allen Spradling met with Eva Shephard, Pelham's marketing director. They feel that it was a positive meeting. We need to keep the lines of communication open with the PCC. Kim is going to start sending her our board minutes, which should be another positive step. Kim wants to keep sharing about the figure skating world with Eva.

We do need tables to sit at while our children skate especially during a competition. The tables were used a lot for kids during homework and for parents to gather and meet. We need to continue to try to keep the facility clean. We need to remind our kids to keep it clean especially the locker room. It is being left a really mess at times.

Eva would like to have an idea of the items that the club has purchased for the rink. In addition to the new sound system, we bought the harness and recently fixed it. (A new harness at this time costs around \$3000). We bought a \$1500 Dartfish, which is not being used at this time. The Mumpers are using their own system at present. It is a much more expensive version. Other items supplied to the rink...Howard Noble made a TV cabinet and a supply cabinet for the rink. We also purchased spot lights when the club skated at Alpine that were moved to the PCC.

We will be having a consignment sale Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. Judee is going to be "in charge," but she will need lots of help. Robin has come up with a form for each seller to sign to make sure that we have names and addresses so we know who to pay for consignment sales. This type of form is standard at most consignment sales. Hopefully people will be able to find their skates dresses for Magic City Classic.

Some former board members continue to contribute a great deal to our club. Jennifer Kenski is keeping the website updated. She is also putting together the newsletters. The current issue just came out and looks great. Carla Hardman is continuing to put up our bulletin boards. Megan Wyatt is adding a great deal to Magic City Classic.

We need to look at next year's banquet especially where we will hold it and how much it will cost per person. The cost of \$30 per person even all children was pretty high. Many people have shared that with different board members. Robin did report that the board in past years has subsidized the children's tickets.

Robin reported that there is check request form in the form section of the purple folder. She also said that the address on the checking account is now the rink address, so we don't have to change it every time we change treasurers. We will still have change the signature card.

Susie Smith, CPA, has volunteered to donate her time to complete the club's taxes. We did file our taxes for 2007. We did not file them in 2005, 2006, or 2008. The 2009 taxes are due Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Robin talked to the IRS. They have forgiven the 2005 and 2006 taxes. We have a month to complete and turn in the 2008 taxes. Even though we are tax exempt, the IRS could still charge us a penalty.

We voted on a \$25 limit on Sunshine committee activities, such as a member being in the hospital. John volunteered to help Judee find a good deal on flowers, etc. next time that is needed because Linda explained how expensive items were when she ordered something for Marilyn Evans. Deaths and other concerns will just be handled with a card. Judee ask that people e-mail her when they hear of a concern. Current concerns: Megan Jacobi broke her arm, Mary Elizabeth Lawton broke her thumb, and Lora Bishop's maternal grandma died.

Submitted by:

Judee Evans, secretary