

**Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM meeting of the  
Guildford Ice Figure Skating Club  
held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Present:        Julian Tedder – Chair  
                  Constantine Litvinenko - Treasurer  
                  Lisa Scott – Secretary  
                  Simon Worton – Vice Chair/Open Secretary  
                  Lizzie Cronin – Safeguarding officer  
                  Sandra Bland  
                  Matthew Corr  
                  Plus 4 club members  
                  Tal Rosen – Ice Rink Manager

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He explained the importance of the AGM and having members attend the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Katie Donaldson, Sarah Birkmyre and Sue Langham-New.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The Chair confirmed with the Secretary that minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were a true representation of the meeting and these were duly signed by the Chair.

4. **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported on the last year advising that it had been a very successful year with the highest number of members for years at 150. He also advised that the majority of members had all attended events. The Club once again held a very successful open with 450 skaters competing over the full 4 days. This is the plan for the 2019 Open. Julian explained that the plan is always to break even but this year the Club made a profit of around £4,000. Rosie Poullos once again ran the Open and has done for the past 3 years, however, she will be stepping down this year. Julian thanked Rosie for all her hard work over the past few years with the Open. Julian also thanked Rosie's husband, Costas, who also put in a significant amount of time into the organisation of the Open with Rosie and attended every day of the Open. Many thanks also go to the sub-committee (Lizzie Cronin and Lisa Scott).

Julian reported on all the club events that had taken place over the last year which included the Mark Naylor Masterclass, SSJ, Club free and Showcase event. Over the 4 events 113 different members had attended. Julian also reported on the Sunday summer sessions which had been aimed at all skating levels across the membership. Once again these were very popular.

The Club also organised a trip to Holiday on Ice and subsidised the coach, as well as a Halloween and Christmas party. We will continue to run similar events throughout the next membership year and will request as much ice time as possible.

Julian also advised the meeting that we sold flashies at last year's panto and have been told by the rink that we can do so again, bringing income for the club.

Julian went on to say that it was the first year the Club had introduced the Club Ambassador programme which gives skaters at Junior and Senior level representing GB the opportunity of becoming a Club Ambassador to inspire the younger members of the Club, help at events, hand out prizes/medals and represent the Club at competitions where appropriate. In return, the Club pays the Ambassador £500 towards their skating costs for that year. Kristen Spours and Anna Litvinenko had both met the criteria and have been excellent Club Ambassadors for the past year. The Club will run the Ambassador programme again for 2018/2019 season.

Julian also advised the meeting that it is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of GIFSC and the committee plans to look into the history of the club and put on a social event to coincide with the Showcase in May 2019.

Finally, Julian advised that Nicky Wong, one of our adult skaters, is stepping down from the committee this year. Julian thanked Nicky for all her help over the many years that she had been on the committee and to respect her dedication, the Club will give Nicky GIFSC Life Membership.

That concluded the Chairs report.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

The accounts report up until 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

Julian reported, on behalf of the Treasurer. The Club's accounts are in a very good financial state with a balance of £23,000 in the bank. Julian explained that the Club aims to break even every year but also ensure the Club has a buffer of £10,000 for any unexpected costs. This year the club made a profit of £2,250. This income comes from membership, flashie sales and a profit of £4,000 at the Open Competition.

The Club has subsidised all of our ice time, the coach for the trip to Holiday on Ice as well as paying for the Club Ambassador programme. The Club wants to reinvest money into the club. The Club will continue to subsidise the ice that we get and hope to get more ice time this coming membership year.

This concluded the Treasurer's report. The Chair asked if anyone had any questions. No questions were raised.

## **6. Election of Auditors**

In accordance with the constitution, JS2 (John Speed) was elected to audit the Club's accounts for the 2018/19 season.

## 7. **Nomination of Officers and Committee Members**

Nomination forms were received from members of the current committee to fill the various roles as follows:

Chairman	Julian Tedder
Vice Chairman	Simon Worton
Treasurer	Constantine Litvinenko
Secretary	Matthew Corr
Club Competition Secretary	Sarah Birkmyre
Open Competition Secretary	Simon Worton
Membership	Katie Donaldson
Welfare Officer	Lizzie Cronin
Webmaster	TBC
Trophy Secretary	Vacant
Coach Representative	Ruth Woodstock
Committee Members	Sandra Bland, Lisa Scott

The Secretary asked members to come forward to join the committee as there will be a number of committee members leaving in 2019 and we need to replace these in order for the Club to be able to operate. Anyone interested is welcome to come along to a committee meeting to see what it is all about.

The Chair thanked committee members for taking on their roles.

## 8. **Membership Fee**

The Chair advised that the Committee had agreed to keep the 2018/19 membership fee at the same rate as follows:

£10.00 per skater for the year. There will be no sibling or late joining discounts.

## 9. **AOB**

The Chair asked for any other business and particularly any questions from the non-committee members at the meeting.

The issue of social media and communications was raised. It was agreed that family email is the best way to communicate Club events/news. Social media is a good platform but often people do not look often enough and then the post has gone way down the list so often missed. This is particularly the case with Instagram. Julian advised that the committee will issue a newsletter after every committee meeting advising of future events. There will be a new Facebook page opening up for the new membership year (run on a similar basis to the panto Facebook i.e. only current for one year).

Sandra asked if the Club was going to enter the National Team Challenge (NTC). Julian explained the NTC competition to those at the meeting and advised that it is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NTC. GIFSC would be putting a team in for the show number. Details of this will go out to the members early 2019. The competition normally takes place early July.

Tal Rosen, the Ice Rink Manager, had joined the meeting and advised of changes in their staffing team with Nick Vowels having recently left. Tal advised there would be a dedicated ice duty manager rather than one shared with the Bowling. Tal advised of a new timetable in January which needs to go through the Council to be approved. He will try to give the Club as much ice time as possible with a possible regular slot in the future. Julian explained to those present that the Club had regular ice time a few years ago on a Thursday evening but this was taken away to allow for adult courses to be run.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.