

Booster Club Meeting

July 14, 2009

Incoming President Derrick Kitchens called the meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. There were 63 people present. Derrick thanked the previous Board members for a job well done and introduced the new officers, Chip Haklik - Vice President, Mary Anne Burdette - Treasurer and Christine Hart - Secretary who was unable to attend. He explained the difference between the gym and the Booster Club. The gym is responsible for training, hiring coaches, and providing our facility. The Booster Club is the financial support for the competition of the teams.

Outgoing Treasurer Carol Eubanks explained about the one time, per family membership fee of \$40 when asked to join the Booster Club. This is not to be confused with the yearly fee paid to the gym.

Jennifer Regan was introduced as our new Apparel Chairperson.

Mary Anne spoke about volunteering for our meets, Apple Classic in September and Mardi Gras in February. We are not hosting any extra meets this year. She asked everyone to consider working one session at Apple and two at Mardi Gras since it is the larger meet. There is a document on the website explaining the different areas available to volunteer. Sign up for Apple will be at the fall Booster Club meeting, and then posted in the gym. A sign in/out sheet and badges can be found at the Admissions table at the meet. The chairperson will need to initial that each person worked their session. There was clarification given that the sessions worked are per family not per gymnast if that family has more than one on team.

Meet Director Brian Dominy spoke about how much we depend on our families to make our meets run smoothly. They are the biggest fundraisers for our Booster Club and help keep our dues low. Gyms return to our meets because they are professionally run, there is good food and we always have great judges. Apple will be held at GAA and Mardi Gras will be held at Allatoona High School.

Karen Ramon spoke about the athlete membership application process for Levels 4 and up. If your gymnast will be competing this year, they need to fill out the form for a USAG number which gives them the right to participate in meets, a subscription to USA Gymnastics magazine and insurance for any sanctioned meet. The form will be in the girls' boxes later this week. Please fill them out, include a parent and gymnast signature, and then turn them into the folder at the front desk. You do not have to include payment since it is included in your quota. If you already have a USAG number and have moved here from another gym, please include the name of your old gym. If you are not sure what your USAG number is, Karen has it on record. Once she has entered you in the system, you will receive a card in the mail. Please attach this to your child's gym bag so that she has it available at meets. TOPs competitors do not need to worry about this since their number has already been renewed. Compulsories need to turn this in as soon as possible as they began competing in August. PrepOps will need to fill out the form also since they are competing USAG PrepOp this year.

Outgoing Secretary Beth Moffatt read the minutes from the last meeting. Beth explained that there has been a new email address created to communicate with the Booster Club. It is boosterclub@gymnasticsacademyofatlanta.com. You may send any questions to this address rather than directing them to the ladies who work at the desk at the gym. You should receive a reply immediately stating that a Board member will get back to you within 48 hours. An updated version of the Constitution Articles and Bylaws were presented. Chris C. moved that they be accepted. Stephanie T. seconded. Motion passed. A Family Fun Night at the gym has been planned for the Booster Club on July 25th. Paper products, hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Booster Club. Keystone Baptist Church will be cooking and serving us. Families are encouraged to bring a side item. The girls will meet their new Big/Little Sis.

Carol Eubanks presented the new 2009-10 budget. The due dates for quota are July 27th and August 24th for Compulsories and PrepOp. The due dates for Optional quota are July 27th, August 24th and September 21st. TOPS quota will be invoiced separately but they still need to pay the quota for the level they will compete. Statements will go out in the girls' boxes this week. There is a Booster Club box behind the desk in the gym where payments can be made. Checks must be made out to GAA Booster Club, with your child's name in the memo blank. Your account must be current in order to receive your apparel. Cathy K. moved to accept the budget. Victoria N. seconded. Motion carried.

Corporate Sponsorship Chairperson Daryl MacMillan explained the rules for participating in the sponsorship program. The banner will hang in the gym and at Apple and Mardi Gras. 93% of the money raised will go in your gymnast's account. The registration form is on the back of the brochure. Checks must be made out to GAA Booster Club, attached to the form and put in the Corporate Sponsor folder at the desk in the gym. Everything must be received by the end of August to go on the banner. Anything received after that date will go on the banner in January. If a sponsorship comes in after the quota due date, you will be reimbursed for the amount you have already paid. Anything collected over quota will carry over into the next year. The plaques for last year's sponsors are in the gym. When you pick yours up, please mark through your name. We were reminded that the Booster Club is a non-profit entity, not a 501(c)3 so a sponsorship is not a charitable contribution. A sponsor may claim it as advertising dollars.

Incoming Vice President Chip Haklik addressed any other fundraisers. You may come to him with any ideas you have. He will review it with the board and work with you as the chairperson to execute the event. There will be a Used Leo Sale this fall in the gym lobby to raise funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moffatt

Secretary