

Great Falls Figure Skating Club
Monthly Board of Directors meeting
March 10th, 2026 Sip'n Dip Gibson Room 7pm

Attendees in person:

Stephanie Kazior, GFFSC President
Jill Ahlbrecht, GFFSC Secretary
Mary Bowe, GFFSC Treasurer, instructor
Charlotte Bowe, skater/LTS assistant
Kathy Weaver, GFFSC Fundraising Chair
Megan Heimel, member/volunteer
Christian Johnson, skater/volunteer/music wizard
Sally Anderson, member/volunteer
Gabby Anderson, skater/instructor
Julia Anderson, skater

On zoom:

Michal Gondeiro, GFFSC Vice Present
Janean Dahlstrom, member/volunteer
Anna Christensen, member/volunteer
Stephanie Benson, member/volunteer
Kandi Sampson, skater

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm

February 2026 minutes review: Kathy motions, Sally seconds approving February minutes. No discussion or opposition; minutes approved

Treasurer/Expenses report:

- February Ice 2025 ice bill: \$6,018.75 paid 3/9
 - Checking/Savings accounts in good standing
- We spent 1,977.15 on show costumes and colored curtains today.

Upcoming competitions:

- Missoula (registration closed): 9 skaters, synchro
- Cody (registration closed) April 10-12: 5 skaters
- Big Sky State Games in Billings, MT. Registration closes 4/8 (Cody weekend): 2 skaters entered so far...
- Lake City Classic in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Registration closes 4/11. This competition is NOT using Entryeze. They use EMS, USFS's 'Event Management System' which is considerably less user-friendly. We are happy to help with this but PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until deadline weekend to sign up as we will be in Cody and busy with that! 5 skaters going so far
- State Games of America in State College, PA July 29-August 1. Registration is open now but will close when they have met capacity. If you are already

qualified, don't wait to sign up! We had people get waitlisted for San Diego *after* they had already purchased plane tickets! 8 skaters registered so far (including Jill and Steph)

Jill and Steph asked the members present if they would allow the GFFSC to pay their travel expenses to make it more affordable for the skaters. After some discussion, **Michal moves, Megan seconds a motion to have the club pay the coaches' expenses (flights, hotel, car rental expenses already purchased are just under 2K) all in favor; motion passes**

Other news/events:

Great Falls Sports Foundation Mixer is Wednesday, April 8th starting at 5:30pm and they have decided to support the Ice Plex again. GFFSC bought two tables (10ppl each) and we would like to fill them. The event raised nearly 10k in funds for the rink last year, which goes towards fixing zams, edgers, glass, stuff that keeps the rink running.

Please save that evening after show practice to attend the mixer (dinner is provided, drinks are available for purchase) Tickets are \$20 (pay on zeffy or give Jill or Steph cash or checks to GFFSC)

Kathy will take on assembling a skating-themed gift basket (Thank you Kathy!) for the silent auction and we would love contributions from our club:-)

Spring Ice Show:

- We have 26 group skaters and 26 running numbers currently.
- We discussed having decade-themed gift baskets for a raffle, maybe a 50/50 raffle? We NEED a raffle stall for costume changes during the 2020's.
- We also discussed décor for the show and how much time we have to set up. Currently there is nothing scheduled before us the entire day so possibly we could get there early to do so.
- We're hoping for more show sponsors. The form was e-mailed and printed copies are available on LTS table. Some club members who did not sell raffle tickets will NEED to sell show ads to fulfill their club dues. We need these by April 1 to put in the program
- Henry, our guest skater, confirmed and his plane tickets have been purchased. He is contracted with Disney on Ice but will be on a break during our show. He will teach a seminar on Sunday following the show from 9am-11am and sign up will be on EE soon.

New Business/Rink Updates:

- End of year gathering discussion - it could be Saturday June 6th or June 13th and members present seemed to favor June 6th. Where to host this? We are too large for the previous venue. We all seemed to like the idea of having it at the rink on the 6th and renting the ice for some fun skate and games time.

Unfortunately it is currently uncertain if the ice will be back up and functional by that date.

- Club renewals/ membership packet - Jill and Stephanie are going to Spain in June so we will need to process club renewals before we go
- Rink Update - We are hoping Sarah from Cody will take the job offer from the Ice Plex to be the new rink manager. She would not relocate until the end of the school year, so we will effectively be without rink staff March 31-? Hence not knowing when summer ice will begin
- Summer Ice: Stephanie passed around the ice time we are hoping to secure for the summer. We have already sent in our request to Pam, the rink VP and interim scheduler, but she has yet to honor our requests despite summer ice time being 'first come first serve'. Youth hockey had requested morning ice 5:30am-7am on Tuesdays, which has already been added to the calendar, though this is in direct conflict with freestyle, but Jill asked the youth hockey director at the 3/9 meeting if they would be willing to switch it to a Wednesday or even a Monday. He seemed agreeable. TBD.
- June 22-25 Whitefish has a summer camp - guest skater is Olympian Polina Edmonds. A few of our skaters attended last year and had a great experience. Jill and Steph will be gone that week so while we do have ice time (pending rink manager position) we encourage anyone able to go.

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS: Sip n' Dip Tuesdays,
4/7, 5/5 all at 7pm