

# **Great Falls Figure Skating Club**

Monthly Board of Directors meeting

February 10th, 2026 Sip'n Dip Gibson Room 7pm

## *Attendees in person:*

Stephanie Kazior, GFFSC President

Jill Ahlbrecht, GFFSC Secretary

Michal Gondeiro, GFFSC Vice President

Mary Bowe, GFFSC Treasurer

Kathy Weaver, GFFSC Fundraising chair/skater/volunteer

Christian Johnson, skater/member

Gabby Straub, Associate member

Laura Detrick, LTS instructor/member

## *Attendees on zoom:*

Stephanie Benson, parent member/volunteer

Megan Heimel, parent member/volunteer

Sally Anderson, parent member/volunteer

Gabby Anderson, skater

Janean, parent member

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm

**January 2026 minutes review:** Michal moves to approve January minutes, Kathy seconds. Minutes approved.

## **Treasurer/Expenses report:**

- January Ice 2025 ice bill: \$4,368.75 (not invoiced yet)
- Checking/Savings accounts in good standing

## **Competitions open for sign up:**

1. Missoula's Glacier Challenge - registration deadline THIS Friday 2/13. Who wants to do Team Compulsories? Jill will take care of sign up for those interested. Emily, Charlotte, Gabby, Lyrah, Serenity..?

2. State Games of America (sign up soon as registrations are limited!) FLAG BEARER application - want to carry the Montana flag at the Opening ceremonies? You can apply (Steph sent it out via the signal chat) to be the flag bearer! Emily Weaver was our flag bearer in 2024 and Ellie Weaver did it in 2022.
3. Lake City Classic (Coeur d'Alene, ID) deadline 4/11. LCC is using the EMS registration system which is a lot less user friendly so please check it out sooner than later in case you have issues

### **Great Falls Open tasks/needs:**

1. Welcome/Goody bags for 63 competitors - what do you enjoy getting in a goody bag? That's the kind of stuff we want to put in there. Kathy suggests print outs of the schedule (yes, will do!); we already have socks, tissues, coupons, and from USFS's *Leave Your Mark* campaign we have towels, pins, stickers...any ideas welcome
2. Volunteers needed - Jill will make a draft schedule and send out to all who indicated they could volunteer - if you don't mind helping out and you're not on this list, please just text or email Jill! We need multiple people for all of these jobs so nobody is stuck in one place all day.
  - *Registration table* - Kathy, Mary (need curtains to hide the Americans' booze coolers)
  - *Awards table* - Kathy, Mary
  - *Foods-for-donation table* - Stephanie Benson
  - *Official's hospitality* - Megan
  - *Ice Monitors* (must be SafeSport certified) - Janean, ...???
  - *Locker room monitor* (must be SafeSport certified) - ???
  - *Runners* - Gabby S, Jude, Christian, Megan, skaters?
3. Skate Swap - Kathy asked if skaters can sell their stuff at our competition (old skates, dresses, equipment) Jill will email competitors to let them know to bring items they want to sell with instructions on how to label items and preferred payment method. We discussed where this will go (near registration) and how to set it up. Kathy has agreed to take on this project. Thank you Kathy!

4. Raffle baskets for a fundraiser - Mary, her mom Terry, and Kathy offered to make baskets we can raffle off during the competition.. If anyone else wants to make a raffle basket, we would take them! Many other competitions do this as a fundraiser, often with great success. Mary will take on this project. Thank you Mary!

### **Other news/events:**

Sports Mixer 4/8 - The Ice Plex did this last year and we are doing it again. It's a very beneficial fundraiser for the Ice Plex and helps fund things all Ice Plex users need like keeping the Zamboni functional. GFFSC will purchase two tables again and we would like the GFFSC to attend! We do have show rehearsal that evening. Please save that evening after show practice to attend the mixer (dinner and drinks available) Tickets are \$20

**Spring Ice Show:** Registration deadline is Saturday 2/14. We will print out more applications for Friday LTS. For Club members doing the show - we only need your packets by 2/14. You do not need to pay now, unless you want to. The exception is solos/duets/trios - those do need to be complete by Saturday 2/14.

**Competition announcements** - Every competition must (prior to opening registration) submit an announcement for their competition to either US Figure Skating or LTS USA (or both) for approval. Local organizing committees (LOC's) spend a lot of time making sure these documents contain all pertinent and important info for their competitors. The announcement governs how the competition must be run. Jill learned a valuable lesson about this this year. Important take away is that we should all read competition announcements.

### **New Business/Rink Updates:**

- Club renewals - Jill and Steph are leaving the country for 3 weeks this summer. We manually process club renewals and

send to USFS, which takes a little time, so this year we will open this in May and they will all be due by June 1 instead of July 1st. We will not be able to process memberships while we're out of the country so anybody renewing after June 1 will not be able to skate until we get back.

- Stars on Ice - There's a show in Spokane 5/21. We applied for a promo to get two free tickets to the show and our wishes were granted! We will give those tickets to the skater who sells the most tickets to the ice show. All we have to do is take a photo of the flier they send us hung up at the rink.
- Sam and Alex quit. Their last day is 3/31. No more Sam, no more skate sharpener. Jill and Steph are trying to convince him to come in once every 2 months and pay him to sharpen a bunch of skates. TBD.
- Summer Ice - we know the rink will close 5/14, but we don't know the reopening date yet. Steph will send out via email the ice times we have reserved for the summer so far. We reserved a **lot** of ice time from the reopening date until Jill and Steph's departure; regular ice time during their absence, and extra time after their return until State Games. Still working with the Ice Plex to ensure these times/dates are added to the calendar.
- 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.

Meeting adjourned 7:52pm

NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS: Sip n' Dip Tuesdays 3/10, 4/7, 5/5 all at 7pm