

Great Falls Figure Skating Club

Monthly Board of Directors meeting: Agenda

May 5th, 2026 Sip'n Dip Gibson Room 7pm

Attendees in person: Stephanie Kazior, Jill Ahlbrecht, Kathy Weaver, Sally Anderson, Christian Johnson, Brooke Pitman, Mary Bowe, Charlotte Bowe, Henry Bowe, Laura Detrick

On zoom: Stephanie Benson, Megan Heimel, Janean Dahlstrom

Meeting called to order: 7pm

April 2026 minutes review: Kathy moves, Christian seconds approval of April minutes. No objections or discussion; minutes approved.

Treasurer/Expenses report:

- April Ice 2026 ice bill: \$5,850 (not billed yet)
- Checking/Savings accounts in good standing
- Outstanding debts: Laura \$110 (paid at meeting), Shanda \$59.48, Sally \$8.98 (paid at meeting), \$212.61 to Kathy (paid at meeting) for competition goody bags and \$2,000 to Jill and Steph for travel expenses to SGOA (paid at meeting)
- Total paid out for last LTS session 6 and show: \$330 in Entryeeze Credits, \$780 in volunteer coaching, \$110 check

Upcoming competitions:

- Lake City Classic in Coeur d'Alene, ID: 6 skaters going, 2 associates
- State Games of America in State College, PA July 29-August 1. Registration is closed but the LOC is working through the waitlist right now. Steph, Jill, Gabby, Julia, Emily, Charlotte, Serenity and Jenny going. Emily, Charlotte, Jill waitlisted for dance events.
- Boots and Blades Showcase in Medicine Hat, CANADA: Saturday December 5th, 2026. It's not technically a competition, but skaters receive feedback sheets and medals. It was a very positive experience last year and we'd love more skaters to go this year.

Other news/events:

- 2026-2027 Calendar updated. Please check GFFSC website. We have afternoon club ice 5 days per week between the rink reopening (est. June 1) and Jill and Steph's departure for Europe.

Mary asked about Freestyle passes and whether the monthly pass will be available during the summer. The answer is yes. Scheduled freestyles at this time are Tuesday and Thursday 6-7 and 7-8am and Sunday 12;15. Jill will work on getting more, especially if they're well attended.

- PICTURE DAY: November 1st 3:30pm-5pm
- December 19 2026: Winter show

- 2027 Great Falls Open: Friday, Feb 26 - Sunday, Feb 28 dates are set. CJS update: 6.0 judging is going away as of July 1st 2026. We will HAVE to make our own competition CJS (component judging system, a simplified version of the International Judging System or IJS), and we have outgrown the Compete USA format. Jill and Steph are looking into options for doing IJS judging for the higher levels as this would attract many new skaters to our event, but with it comes a much greater cost (7-8 officials plus travel and hotels instead of the current 3). If we get a lot more skaters to come to our event, this may work itself out, but there's no way to know ahead of time. Hoping we can rally together to get some sponsorships for the competition.
- Saturday, April 24, 2027 will be next year's Spring Show
- LTS classes next year will be Monday and Sundays. Class times: Mondays 5pm-5:30 pm; Sundays 2pm-2:30pm, 2:30pm-3pm, 3pm-3:30pm
- Club Ice: Mondays 4pm-5pm, Wednesdays 3:45pm-5:15pm, Fridays 4pm-5:30pm, Sundays 3:30pm-5pm. We were able to add Sundays by negotiating with the various hockey groups who start tournaments on Fridays - instead of fighting over space on Fridays, we will give up club ice on Friday afternoons on big tournament weekends.
- Sunday public sessions will be *before* LTS: 12:00-1:30 (or 1:45)

It was asked when synchro will be - we will keep synchro on Wednesdays and TBD if it will have its own time slot or if it will be on club ice. Depends on the size of the team. Mary asked about Monday classes and what levels will be offered; right now we're thinking it will look much like it did this season with just the lower levels, but it depends on instructor availability. Steph will poll coaches and instructors in June for their availability for fall classes.

New Business/Rink Updates:

- End Of Year Celebration: JUNE 6th 2026, 12pm-4pm. 1pm-2pm ice time for club members and their family members (no skate rental). Steph asked for preferences on food - we landed on a taco bar with meat provided by Clark and Louie's and the accoutrements brought by the club. Steph will send out a survey for this.
- RENEWAL packets will be available at the party. We will continue to remind everyone that club renewals MUST be complete BEFORE Jill and Steph leave for Europe, as the new season starts July 1st while they will be away.
- Club swag/apparel forms will also be available at the party, but the forms won't be due until August 30th.
- JUNIOR BOARD - we hope to form our junior board at the party and assign some tasks. Ideas on the table are a competition T-shirt design, ideas for fundraisers, suggestions on how to improve our competition, etc. Skaters interested please come talk to Jill or Stephanie

Rink Update:

5/11 5:45pm GFCIF presidential elections. PLEASE ATTEND! Voting must be done in person and YOUR VOTE MATTERS! 3 candidates: Crystal Purdy (one of our own!), Corey Smith (Youth Hockey parent), Pam Stanczak (current GFCIF Vice President).

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd, 7pm at the Sip 'n' Dip