

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

Attendees in person:

Stephanie Kazior, President
Michal Gondeiro, Vice President
Jill Ahlbrecht, Secretary
Sally Anderson, Member/Volunteer
Gabby Anderson, skater, LTS instructor
Christian Johnson, Member/skater/music master

On zoom:

Mary Bowe, Treasurer/LTS instructor
Stephanie Benson, Member/Volunteer
Kathy Weaver, Fundraising chair/skater/member
Megan Heimel, member/volunteer/skater
Kandi Sampson, member/skater

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm

March 2026 minutes review: Michal moves to accept March minutes; Stephanie Benson seconds; no objections - minutes approved

Treasurer/Expenses report:

- March Ice 2025 ice bill: \$4312.50 just received today
- Checking/Savings accounts in good standing

One outstanding debt to Laura: \$90
Total paid out for last LTS session:
\$470 in Entryeeze Credits, \$585 in volunteer coaching
Up to \$2K approved to pay for Jill and Steph's travel expenses to SGOA (Jill will bring receipts next meeting)

Upcoming competitions:

- Big Sky State Games in Billings, MT. Registration closes 4/8 (Cody weekend): 3 skaters entered so far...
- Lake City Classic in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Registration closes 4/11. This competition is NOT using Entryeeze. 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)

Other news/events:

- Great Falls Sports Foundation Mixer is tomorrow, April 8th starting at 5:30pm and they have decided to support the Ice Plex again. We're hoping some skate moms will go early to grab our table and the kids can ride with Jill and Steph after show practice.
- Donation Basket put together by Kathy (thank you, Kathy!) has been dropped off.

Spring Ice Show:

- Guest Skater: Henry's ticket is booked!
- Christianna made our program and it looks AMAZING
- All skaters will get one physical program and one ticket - we invite everyone to bring markers to sign each others' books during down time before/after the show. We will not have a digital copy of the program.
- Decade-themed baskets update: may not be decade-themed but that's ok.
- SELL SHOW TICKETS!!!! Zeffy link is live
- Skate moms asked for a QR code we can display on the LTS table for people to buy tickets - Steph will take care of this
- Decorating walkway
- Locker rooms: Beginner/intermediate in LR 1, everyone else split between 1 and 2. NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED BACKSTAGE. Skate moms and instructors: please let your beginner groups to know to come IN COSTUME. We will use referee room, locker rooms 1 & 2 bathrooms (which lock) and Kathy's tent for changing clothes for those who need it. Hoping for coaches/instructors to help with tying skates.
- CLEANING PARTY - our rink is very low on staff right now so we're not sure who (if anybody) will make sure the rink is in good condition the day of the show. We're planning for a pizza/cleaning party one night the week of the show.

New Business/Rink Updates:

- End Of Year Celebration: JUNE 6th 2026 time TBD, location Iceplex if open, if closed Bowe cabin in Lincoln: Award nomination votes to go out soon!
- Club renewals/ membership packet - Sending out in May right after the Ice Plex scheduling meeting on April 27th.
- Rink Update - Jill, Ryan and Gary are facilitating ice cuts and publics. New President to be nominated at April board meeting.

- Summer Ice: Schedule is posted on the Ice Plex website and should be updated on our own website
- June 22-25 Whitefish has a summer camp - guest skaters include Olympian Polina Edmonds and pairs skater Timmy Chapman. 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.
- Mary asked about LTS numbers this year vs. last year. Stephanie gave a brief recap of the improved retention this year in particular with the lower levels. Megan asked about the Bridge to the Falls program and explained why it was a benefit to her and Mila. Jill and Steph to work out how to bring this program back without cutting into lesson time for current students.

Meeting adjourned 7:42pm

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