

Great Falls Figure Skating Club
Monthly Board of Directors meeting
January 13th, 2026 Sip'n Dip Gibson Room 7pm

Attendees In Person:

Stephanie Kazior, GFFSC President
Jill Ahlbrecht, GFFSC Treasurer
Kathy Weaver, GFFSC Fundraising Chair
Sally Anderson, parent/volunteer
Gabby Anderson, skater member
Christian Johnson, skater member, emcee
Mary Bowe, GFFSC Secretary
Michal Gondeiro, GFFSC Vice President
Laura Detrick, GFFSC instructor/board member

On zoom:

Kandi Sampson, skater member/instructor
Stephanie Benson, parent/volunteer
Anna Christensen, parent/skater

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm

December 2025 minutes review: Kathy motions, Mary seconds approval of December minutes. No objections; minutes approved.

Treasurer/Expenses report:

- December Ice 2025 ice bill: \$4,091.25 paid
- Checking/Savings accounts in good standing
- All instructors/staff paid for session 3

Old Business:

- Winter Ice Show Recap: Thank you to everyone who made this possible! We will do it again next year!!
- Competitions open for sign up: Helena, Great Falls, Missoula, State Games of America. Helena has imposed a late fee targeted at coaches to make sure all entries are approved by coaches, and quickly. The deadline for coaches to approve entries is only 12 hours after registration closes. So, PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SIGN UP because your coaches may not see it in time.
- New 'historical' vinyls (for John Misha Petkevich, Scott Davis, and Avery Bandel) ordered.
- New club vinyls ordered; \$634.02 spent, \$111.90 saved with discounts. 8 total banners/vinyls ordered.
- Still need new bulletin board vinyl as it was damaged by hockey pucks (need help fixing)

New Business:

GF Open volunteers - we will discuss in further detail at the February meeting - please attend!

- Steph working on ordering plaques for team compulsories
- We could use more Safesport compliant parents to assist with rink monitor and locker room monitor jobs during competition. Steph will send out a list of those who are currently compliant as well as those who will need to renew soon
- Test session scheduled for 3/1 (Sunday of competition)

- Performance at the Americans' game 2/13: GFFSC Electric City Skates performing at Americans Game 2/13 1st intermission. This will serve as a dress rehearsal for the Helena competition. ***UPDATE POST MEETING - we canceled this performance with the Americans after learning the competition in Helena will start at 6am.***
- Spring Ice Show preparations underway: Due to the many skating expenses we have right now, Full Club Members Only can sign up now by turning in the show packet (available at LTS table or online under the 'ice show' tab on our website) and pay later

Summer Ice

- Jill and Steph convinced the Ice Plex to stay open until we leave for Lake City Classic so it will shut down May 14th and open early June (date TBD)
- Jill and Steph will be out of the country competing in Spain from June 21 - July 13th. Working on scheduling LTS workshops or short series before they leave. We will have club ice during their absence, but morning freestyles will likely be canceled.

Learn to Skate Fridays to move to Sundays for 2026-2027 season

- Friday LTS often interferes with hockey tournaments and GFFSC is frequently asked to 'give up' their Friday ice time for hockey. If we move LTS to Sundays, we will (hopefully) have less conflicts with hockey. Surveying instructors to see about availability to teach on Sundays instead between 2-3pm. This would also be beneficial for LTS skaters to be able to stay and practice on the Sunday public session.

Rink Update:

- Sound system is now 100%. Anyone plugging in a device must ensure volume knob is turned all the way down before connecting
- Skate Rental/LTS - Jill and Stephanie convinced the rink board to let us hand out skates for LTS for free because staffing has been inconsistent and customer service lacking. This puts a little more work on our volunteer parents, as we also need to wipe off/disinfect/put away skates after classes. Thank you to our skate moms for being willing! Jill and Steph will help when possible.
- 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 we all 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)
- Marketing material for Americans' games - Jill and Steph acquired orange business cards with a QR code to hand out at public sessions, and there are some pinned to our bulletin board. We could also hand them out at hockey game performances so attendees know how to sign up for classes if interested!

NEXT MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS: Sip n' Dip 2/10, 3/10, 4/7, 5/5

Jill motions to adjourn 7:55pm Kathy seconds. Good night everybody!