

## **Wenatchee Figure Skating Club**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Location: Conference Room (2nd Floor) at Town Toyota Center

Attendees: Patrick Smith (President), Vicki Campbell via phone (Vice President), Miho Motoyama (Secretary), Brian Bolz (Member at Large), Jaime Pakinas (Member at Large / Co-Competition Chair), Jaime Poole (Member at Large), Ashley Tike (Skating Director), Judi Kuntz (Club Member), and Mark Miller (General Manager at TTC)

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 p.m.

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#### **1. President's Report**

##### **a. MOU Approval – Apple Ice Classic / PNIC 2026**

Patrick reported receipt of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 2026 Apple Ice Classic / Pacific Northwest Interclub (PNIC) competition. The Board, in consultation with Co-Competition Chair Jaime Pakinas, reviewed the document and found the terms acceptable.

Patrick moved to approve the MOU as proposed by Pam, President of PNIC. Brian seconded the motion. The motion carried. Patrick will sign and return the MOU to Pam.

##### **b. Town Toyota Center Construction Update**

Mark Miller, General Manager of Town Toyota Center, provided an update on upcoming construction. Permit submission and approval are anticipated by March 1, 2026, with construction potentially beginning in early May.

Mark addressed concerns regarding summer ice availability and assured the Board that community rink operations will continue as usual. Freestyle ice time will remain available to support club skaters' summer training and competition preparation.

### c. Promotion of Upcoming Events

Mark encouraged the Board to promote upcoming figure skating events, including Wizard of Oz on Ice and Stars on Ice in April and May. Increased ticket sales may create potential opportunities for club skaters, such as meet-and-greet experiences, depending on attendance levels.

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## 2. Apple Ice Classic / PNIC 2026 Update

### a. Competition Planning

Jaime reported on a recent coordination meeting with Pam regarding event planning.

Pam suggested removing certain events this year—specifically Inflatable, Compulsory, and Interpretive—due to the competition’s NQS designation and the anticipated increase in out-of-town competitors. The adjustment would allow sufficient time to accommodate qualifying events. The Board discussed the proposal and expressed no objection. Jaime will communicate the Board’s position back to Pam.

Jaime further reported:

- NQS medals will be provided and managed by U.S. Figure Skating.
- Medals for non-qualifying and showcase events will be managed by PNIC.
- Registration for all events (qualifying and non-qualifying) will be coordinated by Pam.
- Welcome bags will be assembled with assistance from PNIC and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).
- Brian confirmed that two sheets of ice will be available for the competition.

### b. Club Test Session

Miho reported ongoing coordination with Pam regarding the club’s annual in-person test session. Efforts are being made to secure adequate ice time—likely prior to the competition—and to coordinate the availability of test judges.

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### **3. Skating Director's Report**

#### **a. Seminar by Connor O'Grady**

Ashley proposed hosting a seminar by Connor O'Grady during his visit. The tentative plan includes approximately two hours of on-ice instruction and one hour of off-ice training.

The club would purchase the necessary ice time, with costs offset through participant registration fees. The Board supported proceeding with planning. Ashley will finalize details and present them to the Board prior to announcing the seminar to club members.

#### **b. April Exhibition Event**

Ashley proposed hosting an exhibition event in mid-April to provide club skaters—particularly those preparing for competition—an opportunity to perform full program run-throughs. She requested approximately three hours of ice time, noting that Junior Academy sessions do not provide sufficient time for this purpose.

Ashley also proposed inviting international judge Beth Crane to offer critiques for advanced skaters.

Brian suggested that the club consider covering the cost of ice time to reduce financial burden on families, emphasizing the importance of supporting and serving club skaters. The Board expressed general support for the concept and will review budget considerations.

#### **c. 2026 Apple Blossom Youth Parade**

Ashley has submitted the proposal for the club to participate in the 2026 Apple Blossom Youth Parade.

Teka and her husband have confirmed they will provide a truck and trailer for the float. Jaime Poole will coordinate secure overnight parking for the decorated float prior to the parade.

The Board discussed incorporating promotional materials for Stars on Ice on the float to increase visibility and potential benefits for club skaters.

#### d. Rink Music System

Patrick has been working to ensure music is available at the community rink for figure skaters to practice and train by utilizing a computer-based system. However, due to a broken headphone jack, the system is currently inoperable. Ashley and Patrick are actively working to repair the issue and restore functionality so that skaters may continue training with music. They anticipate resolving the matter in the near future.

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### **4. Vice President's Report**

#### a. Zoom Subscription Fee

Vicki reported that the club's annual Zoom subscription fee has increased from \$159.90 to \$169.90.

#### b. Delegation of Responsibilities

Vicki has transitioned a couple of responsibilities to other club members:

- Diana Jones will oversee website updates, including competition information and testing results.
- Jaime Poole will manage ordering of club jackets.

#### c. Treasurer Update

Karissa Gerber has requested a temporary leave from her role as Treasurer due to health reasons. No replacement has been appointed at this time.

Anna Hall offered to assist by training a volunteer in QuickBooks procedures to ensure financial records remain current during the interim period.

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### **5. Approval of January Minutes**

Miho moved to approve the January Board Meeting Minutes. Brian seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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## **6. Facility Operations and State Energy Mandate Update**

Brian reported that Town Toyota Center is among the facilities impacted by a Washington State mandate requiring a 48% reduction in energy usage. This requirement may potentially affect facility operations, including available ice time.

Mark Miller is actively working with state officials to advocate for continued regular operations in order to preserve training opportunities for figure skaters and hockey programs. The situation remains uncertain, and additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm