

Wenatchee Figure Skating Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Location: Conference room (2nd floor) at TTC

Attendees: Patrick Rizzs-Smith (President), Vicki Campbell (Vice President), Karissa Gerber (Treasurer) via zoom, Miho Motoyama (Secretary), Brian Bolz (Member at Large), Jaime Poole (Member at Large), Jaime Pakinas (Member at Large) via zoom, Anna Hall (Competition Co-Chair), Cinnamon Jinotti (Skating Coach), and Melissa Rizzs (Club Member)

The meeting was called to order at 5:48pm.

Coach Report

(Per Cinnamon)

- 1) Cinnamon was approached to be a designated club SafeSport Compliance Chair, and she wanted to find out more about it in detail.
- 2) Brian has explained what it is and offered some guidelines of what/how things need to be done at sanctioned events such as Apple Ice Classic competition and the annual holiday show.

President Report

(Per Patrick)

- 1) Pam (President of PNIC/Wenatchee FSC member) has approached Patrick about considering to make AIC competition a US Figure Skating National Qualifying Series event to host in 2026.
- 2) The board needs to vote on it in order for Pam to put in a bid for the 2026-2027 season.
- 3) Melissa (Ryan's mom) had general questions about NQS events, and Brian explained the overview of how NQS events have become what it is today and how they have changed before and after covid.
- 4) Hosting a NQS event will certainly attract more skaters to Wenatchee, however, Anna was concerned that the club may not have enough volunteers to cover all the necessary sections (Ice monitor, medical, and etc.) for a bigger event as NQS which is expected to go extended days. Brian then mentioned that if we host a NQS event, our club should be able to get more volunteer assistance from other local clubs in Washington state such as Everett FSC and Seattle SC.
- 5) Melissa had some suggestions as to how the club members can get more involved in helping club related events. (Making a club handbook for

skaters/parents, and it clearly states that volunteering would be one of requirements as a club member. If they are not able to do that, they are given “a buyout “ option by paying certain fees to the club)

- 6) Cinnamon also suggested that the club may organize a fun event to socialize, especially for those new skaters and families so that they get to know more about the club and what we do. A mentoring system could be another good idea that a new skater/family would become more familiar with the club functions, and the more they know, the easier it is to start getting involved and helping.
- 7) Brian and Patrick moved the motion to approve to host the AIC/NQS event, and Vicki seconded the motion. All remaining board members voted in favor.
- 8) Patrick will let Pam know and she will put in a bid for next year’s NQS competition.

In-Person Club Testing Session

(Per Miho)

- 1) Everything went really well with the test session on Friday, August 15. 29 various tests were taken by a total of 12 club skaters this year, and Miho was pleased to report that all the skaters passed their tests, adding that it has been several years since the club last achieved a 100% passing rate in an in-person test session, which she described as a significant achievement.
- 2) Ashley, Lily, Caleb, Alexis (rink manager), and parent volunteers all worked together to help this year’s test session be another success.
- 3) **Addendum:** Miho has spoken with Alexis (rink manager) and Michael Cole (TTC accounting department) on August 20 to ensure that the \$1,265 credit from the ice usage regarding the virtual test filming session back in March will be applied to the test session/AIC ice time invoice. Michael confirmed he will process the credit, and Anna (co-competition chair) is also aware that it will be reflected in the final AIC profit/loss report.

Apple Ice Classic Competition 2025 (Review)

(Per Anna)

- 1) AIC this year had 14 more skaters and 39 more starts than last year.
- 2) Although Anna is still waiting from a few places to give her financial information, so far she is expecting that this year’s AIC will have a revenue between \$6,000 to \$7,000 which is substantially better than last year (\$4,000)
- 3) Both competitors and judges/officials had positive experiences.
- 4) The only drawback was that it took a long time (1~2 hours) for the results of IJS events to come out. It was similar last year and a slow wifi system was added to the problem, however, the wifi system in a TTC building was working effectively this year.

- 5) One of suggestions to improve the above situation was to discuss with Mike Otis (a chief referee) to seek guidance, and the other option was possibly to find another accounting team to invite to AIC next year.

Holiday Ice Show 2025

(Per Vicki)

- 1) Group practice has tentatively been added on the club calendar to start in mid-September. Vicki will finalize it to officially announce it to all club members soon.
- 2) The club may need to raise the registration fee this year due to the increased cost of ice time and the potential raise for coaches.
- 3) Instead of one person being in charge of a holiday show task (costume, art design, props, advertising, bake sale, and etc.) which can be overwhelming, Vicki strongly recommends 2~4 volunteers can team up to co-lead each task. This will help prevent burnout from one person taking on too much, and also ensure that if one volunteer is unavailable, the rest of the team can still complete the task.
- 4) Each family is expected to contribute volunteer time, however, Vicki will also propose a buyout option for parents who are unable to volunteer their time before, during, or after the holiday show.
- 5) Before the holiday ice show, the club's two storages need to be cleaned and organized, as they are currently filled with old costumes and holiday show related props and items from years back. Melissa (Ryan's mom) has volunteered to help with the storage organization.

Secretary Report

- 1) A motion was made by Miho to approve the July board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicki and carried.

The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:40pm.