

Wenatchee Figure Skating Club Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2026

Location: Conference Room (2nd floor) at TTC

Attendees: Patrick Smith (President), Vicki Campbell (Vice President), Karissa Gerber (Treasurer), Miho Motoyama (Secretary), Brian Bolz (Member at Large), Jaime Pakinas (Member at Large), Jaime Poole (Member at Large), and Anna Hall (Co-competition chair)

The meeting was called to order at 5:53pm.

1. Holiday Ice Show 2025

The Board reviewed the 2025 Holiday Ice Show and agreed that the event was highly successful. Members noted strong performance across all areas, including advance planning and preparation, costumes, program development, and day-of operations. On-site activities such as bake sales ran smoothly, and the overall quality of the performances was well received.

Ticket sales were also reported as successful, with slightly over 1,100 tickets sold through a combination of online sales and paper tickets. The Board acknowledged that reduced spending on staging and props compared to prior years resulted in meaningful cost savings for the club.

2. Freestyle Ice Schedule

Patrick expressed concern regarding a projected reduction in available freestyle ice time, particularly on weekends. Brian explained that both rinks are expected to be heavily scheduled due to hockey-related activities, including practices and tournaments.

Patrick indicated his intention to speak with Alexis, the rink manager, to explore whether additional freestyle ice time could be allocated to better support club skaters' training needs.

3. Storage Facilities

The Board discussed whether consolidating into one larger storage unit (10' x 20' at \$248 per month) would be more cost-effective than maintaining two smaller units (two 10' x 10' units totaling \$296 per month).

After discussion, the Board agreed to continue using the two existing storage units for the time being. While slightly higher in cost, members felt that having separate spaces provides greater convenience, easier access to frequently used items, improved organization, and reduced time spent searching for equipment, costumes, and event supplies.

4. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Miho made a motion to approve the November Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Vicki.

Motion carried, and the November minutes were approved as presented.

5. PNIC / AIC (NQS)

A zoom meeting was held with PNIC Board members, Pam, Dottie, and Sanju during the board meeting.

Pam shared that a significant change is planned for the upcoming National Qualifying Series (NQS).

Pam reported that, due to the expansion of the National Qualifying Series (NQS) to include levels from Preliminary through Senior, she anticipates increased registration numbers for NQS events nationwide this season.

Pam confirmed that several key officials have already committed to attending PNIC this year, including the Chief Referee, Accountant, and Technical Panel members. She provided an overview of how the expanded NQS structure will be implemented across all levels.

It was noted that PNIC will assume all upfront costs for the event under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with all income and expenses to be shared between PNIC and Wenatchee figure skating club. Because NQS events must be

registered through the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS), PNIC will utilize EMS for the competition registration as well.

Miho inquired about the possibility of hosting an in-person test session either before or after the NQS event. Pam responded that this may be feasible depending on the finalized NQS schedule, availability of officials and ice time as well as availability of a dance partner if dance tests are offered.

Pam also explained that NQS events require designated medical personnel, with one medical professional assigned per rink. As both the community rink and the event ice will be in use, two medical personnel will be required.

Pam expressed openness to offering a Showcase competition on the final day of the competition week, most likely on Sunday.

Pam further clarified that the PNIC Basic Skills Championship will be held on a separate date and will not take place concurrently with the NQS event this year.

Brian noted that rink renovations and construction work are planned for the summer. He emphasized the importance of identifying those dates as soon as possible in order to properly plan for hosting the PNIC/AIC competition.

6. Coaching Update

The Board confirmed that Coach Paul will be leaving Wenatchee and stepping down from his coaching position with the Wenatchee Figure Skating Club effective February 1, 2026, due to relocation.

Board members agreed that the club should formally recognize and thank Paul for his nearly 30 years of dedicated service and contributions to the development of club skaters.

7. Financial Report

Karissa presented the monthly income and expense report to the Board.

Anna requested that Karissa reconcile all accounting-related matters associated with the club's AIC from last year to ensure records are accurate and up to date.

8. Club Membership Fees

Miho reported that one of coach Cinnamon's students has expressed interest in joining the Wenatchee Figure Skating Club mid-year and inquired about the possibility of a reduced membership fee.

Vicki explained that the club is unable to offer discounted or prorated membership fees for skaters joining mid-year. This policy is primarily due to U.S. Figure Skating requiring the full annual membership fee regardless of the time of enrollment.

The Board confirmed that the available options are for the skater to pay the full membership fee and join the club immediately, or to wait until June to join at the start of the new membership year, allowing the fee to cover the full season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.