


Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club
Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday April 8th, 2025


Present: Leigh Deprez, Michelle Erickson, Prisca Benson-Fittshur, Melissa Hongisto, Maureen Rasmussen, Carl Black, Inga

Absent: Nicole Frank

Minutes: Carl made a motion to approve the [March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes](#); Melissa seconded. The motion passed.

Minutes for Publication: Leigh made a motion to approve the  Copy of March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes for publication; seconded by Michelle . The motion passed.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to approve the [April 2025 Consent Agenda](#) by Carl ; seconded by Melissa. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The ending account balances for the month of February are : \$46,753.06, \$44,939.69 for Money market Savings, Share \$0.  March Balance – Greatergreenbayfsc – Stripe.pdf

The Raffle license is due June1st. Michelle will send out in time for next raffle (for Kicks). There was some confusion this year with 3 Kicks coaches 1099 forms being missed. Michelle will make a list of questions to help with record keeping and separating Club and Kicks raffles.

Fewer checks have been reordered this year due to ACH.

Melissa made a motion to approve; Prisca seconded. The motion passed.

Independent Skaters and our Club: We strive to encourage participation in our club and minimize loss of members. Going forward we will not accept associate members who are not a full member of another club. In our Handbook under Membership Types and Fees we will update the Associate category to prevent any misunderstandings. In the Notes section it will read “Available to **Full** members of other clubs only. Must provide USFS membership number from home club” Inga made a motion to approve the verbiage; Michelle seconded. The motion passed.

Handbook Updates: (see above) There are many open volunteer spots for ice monitoring and we are considering increasing volunteer hours requirements. But there will be no changes at this time.

Safety: Multiple accidents on ice over the past months have been noted requiring greater attention to filling out the accident report. “Injuries sustained in the rink on club ice or off ice during club sponsored events need to fill out an accident report by the ice monitor, a coach and signed by a parent/guardian for those under 18.” Carl made a motion to approve the additional verbiage; Michelle seconded. The motion passed.

Bylaws: no changes

DePere Rink Ongoings: Recognition that our people and resources are miniscule compared to hockey. We are in good standing with Don and are updated about the rink despite an uncertain future. We are waiting for updates and will be in communication with the city in May.

Virtual Testing: Multiple parents have voiced their frustration regarding virtual testing impeding lessons and taking over much time on club ice, as well as coaches needing direction for our virtual test rules.

Virtual testing on club ice will follow USFS guidelines at the following link [Virtual Testing Handbook](#)

One approach to decreasing this friction between virtual testers and skaters practicing would be to offer special ice specifically for recordings. We will open up extra club ice as time for on demand “recording” ice availability that skaters could use for virtual needs; Thurs April 24 rink 2 for about 8 skaters for \$33 per session (2 dances or 1 moves test) the coaches will schedule. Carl made a motion that we approve an ice recording session on April 24 with future dates as an option for \$33 per skater and max of 8 skaters per session; Inga seconded. The motion passed.

Dean Timmins Application to our Club: Interested in becoming a club coach and asking us to be a sponsor on his Visa application. Carl also reached out to Alan Wolf who was doubtful about the visa approval. He needs to be a USFS member with all coaching credentials, certifications and insurance before we can approve him or even consider him. We don’t think that we can support what he is asking even though we would love to have him. Carl made a motion that we do not act as a Visa sponsor for Dean Timmins; Maureen seconded. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee Recommendations: We are at 8 board members. Voted to increase the number of board members to 9. Motion by Melissa: seconded by Michelle to have 9 board members. The motion passed. We will move forward with our list. Michelle approves the list as presented; seconded by Leigh. The motion passed. We will also open to the general membership to suggest nominations.

LTS Director and On Ice Coordinator Position:

Carl will approach Sarah and Molly about their interest before we open it up. We will address the contracts through email and have a final vote at the next meeting.

Summer Ice Punch Price: We don't know when prices will increase next, however we will proactively be increasing ice punch prices knowing ice continues to increase in cost and often sessions aren't breaking even. The current member price is \$16. Leigh made a motion to approve club ice punches to be \$18 for members and guest skaters at \$25; seconded by Prisca. The motion passed.

Memorial Day DePere Parade: Melissa and Maureen will organize if there is interest to do a float. Will send out information to check interest.

Report from Weekend Girl Scout Event:

Maureen said it was a better year than last year. \$544 total profit. Really good feedback. New skates were great!

Individual Skater/Coach Issues: A skater has been approached by a parent multiple times about wearing earbuds. It is noted that other skaters also have been wearing earbuds.

Coaches: Input / Questions / Concerns:

Open Forum/Additional Agenda Items: Maureen would like to go through the rental room to get rid of old skates. Leigh was approached about booking ice for LTS skaters and their families in May.

Adjournment: Inga made a motion to adjourn; Carl seconded. The motion passed.

*The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday May 13th, 2025
at 5:30pm at the Cornerstone Community Center Ice Arena*

*Submitted by Prisca Benson-Fittshur, Secretary Greater Green Bay Figure
Skating Club*