

# **Sk8 Bay Figure Skating Club Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 26, 2026**

*Mission Statement:* To provide a friendly, supportive, and healthy environment to foster one's love for skating.

*Attendance:* Heidi Helgren, David Dent, Janet Karr, Nancy Morrow, and Melanie Black.

## *Old Business:*

*Treasury Update:* Our fiscal year runs along with the regular skating year – July 1st to June 30th. Financials are sent by email each month to all board members for review. Please contact Heidi if you have any questions.

*LTS Update:* A variety of lessons and opportunities are being offered for the LTS students during the summer to enhance their group LTS lessons.

*Bylaws:* Bylaws are being updated to remove Associate membership with the goal that individuals who wish to join will do so as full members and therefore be more involved in the club.

*Spotlight Showcase:* Jan has been updating the Spotlight Showcase. Current spotlight is of Broadway on Ice, our spring show.

## *New Business:*

*ISI Membership:* Heidi made a motion (with a second by David) and the board approved researching ISI membership. Melanie presented ISI during the annual meeting and stated that it might provide additional opportunities for our skaters and be a better fit than USFS in their focus on local clubs and different skill levels.

*Assistant Director LTS:* Katie has ideas for us about fundraising and possible grants. This new skating year we will investigate all these different possibilities. We may also want to look at EntryEeze vs. Sports Engine to weigh coordination, costs, and feasibility. Katie will be invited to a board meeting at a future date to help us in this regard.

*Coach Compliance:* Melanie explained the cost for coaches in being approved by USFS to coach privately. Currently that expense is roughly \$700. Instructors can be under the LTS umbrella if their students are not testing or doing competitions. Melanie will meet with instructors to discuss their skill levels and interest in coaching vs. the costly yearly expense requirements of USFS and liability insurance, etc.

*Ice Rules:* Our club ice rules will need to be updated for the summer to maintain safe activity on the ice. Some changes will include the following: skaters will not be able to play their own private music, music needs to be approved by the board, skaters are limited to two attempts of a

“run through” of their programs. As discussed in the annual meeting, Fridays are closed to outside skaters due to the heavy numbers already on the ice for hockey and skills classes. Tuesdays and Wednesdays we are planning to have Mt Pleasant and Tawas join us, so we may need to close the ice on those days to other outside club skaters to maintain safe numbers. David is writing a letter to Teri in Midland to let her know about Fridays and give her advance notice that Tuesdays and Wednesdays may also be closed to Midland skaters.

Board positions: Heidi made a Motion, (second by David), and board approved - Jan Karr serving a second term. Current VP board officer position is open, and the board will make attempts to fill that position after the new membership year starts in hopes that a new club member will want to join.