



**ADDENDA**  
**2017 USA ROLLER SPORTS**  
**SPRING SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Orlando, Florida**

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## WORLD TEAM AGREEMENT

I \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Year and Sport

United States Amateur Roller Sports (USARS) World Team Member agree that I am financially responsible for all expenses incurred as the results of becoming a World Team Member. Failure to make complete payment for this event will result in a suspension of membership status for not being a member in good standing. Outstanding balances will be referred to a collection agency where all expenses for such agency will also be my responsibility. Per USARS World Team Travel policy, I am responsible for securing and paying all personal travel arrangements. USARS has reserved athlete rooms which are my financial responsibility. An estimated amount (TBD) is immediately due at this World Team meeting. This estimate is based on anticipated size of team and related expenses, and was previously published. The remaining balance will be due TWO WEEKS from today's date. Any remaining balance will be billed shortly following the World Championships. Any credit will also be refunded at that time.

I acknowledge that any incident or accident that should occur during this event is my financial responsibility and is in no way the financial responsibility of the Team Staff, USARS or Board Members.

I further agree to follow all rules set forth by USARS, FIRS and the Team Staff and will act in the best interest of the sport of roller skating.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

I acknowledge receipt of the rules of WORLD COMPETITION and USARS

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**Attending:**

Jon Roux, Chalie Sgrillo, Jeff Prime, Dave Marmorstein, Dave Inouye, Jeff Manning, Melanie Bogus

**Poland**

1. Players are currently making arrangements with the travel agent. They will purchase their tickets by 4/6/17.
2. We are waiting for Peggy/USARS to provide any documents.

**China**

1. Jon and Chalie will work on the budget. The budget supplied by Peggy does not closely match the figures we developed. The flight may be less than our original budget.
2. Dave M. looked into hotels in China and recommended the Renaissance Hotel, based on contacts that he has in the area. This is not on the approved hotel list. Players will be staying at the Hilton. All teams will stay at the same hotel. The Hilton is a 25-minute drive to the rink by car. By bus, this may be 30-45 minutes. Dave M. will check with his China contacts and try to gather more information.
3. Other teams from our federation may be staying at the Hilton.

**Uniforms**

1. Verbaro is working on the uniforms. When the final design is received, Jon will send it out.
2. Once the uniforms are complete, we will talk to Jon Mosenson about apparel for family and friends.
3. The designs for the Poland and China uniforms will be the same, with one exception. On the Poland uniforms, there will be a patch with the World Games logo. The China uniforms will have the China games logo.

**Flights**

1. Shelly is working on flights. We hope to have information in the next few days.
2. Dave M. does not want to practice in Los Angeles before leaving for China due to the extra cost that would be incurred by players to get there.
3. Dave M. looked at flights. Using China South Airlines, players can travel from JFK to China for \$600, LAX to China for \$700 and Phoenix to China for \$800. If a player on the east coast needs to travel to Los Angeles for practice, their cost would increase by \$500-600. He would like players to fly from the city nearest their home to Shanghai, China, where the team will meet and travel together to Nanjing. They plan to practice in May and July.

**VISAs**

1. Visas are \$160. Players must show their passport at a Chinese Consulate in order to obtain their visa. There is a consulate in New York and Los Angeles. There may be additional consulates in San Francisco, Chicago and Houston. Other options include the player sending their passport to the coach who can obtain the visas for the entire team. Also, Shelly may have a third-party agency who can obtain the visas for the team. Passports can be mailed to her. She can have them done in two days and mail the items back to the players.

2. This must be done early. Any delays could result in a player not being able to enter China.

### **Team Meetings**

1. Team conference calls will be held on 4/12/17. Payments and documents are due on 4/15. Players who have not supplied these can be reminded about the deadline during the conference call.
2. Conference call times are as follows:
  - a. Senior Women – 7:00 p.m.
  - b. Senior Men – 8:00 p.m.
  - c. Junior Men – 9:00 p.m.
3. A parent should be on the call for the junior team.
4. If someone cannot make the call, minutes can be sent out containing details learned from the call.
5. There will not be a junior women's team this year. Four players dropped out and only one goalie was available.
6. Another goalie is needed for the junior men's team. Partial funding may be available if a goalie is found, but is unable to pay the full cost. If anyone knows of a goalie, contact Jon, Charlie or Dave I.

### **Dates**

1. Dates supplied by Peggy indicate the junior team will check into the hotel on 8/25 and check out on 9/4. They would fly out of the USA on 8/23.
2. The seniors will check in on 8/30 and check out on 9/11. According to Dave M.'s research, flights leaving Phoenix would arrive in Nanjing on 8/31 at 10:15 a.m.
3. The dates have changed. Charlie will contact Peggy and get the dates organized. This must be done before the 4/12 meeting. Peggy is supposed to confirm the dates before booking the hotels and flights.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Players need to be aware of luggage fees. All sticks will be packed together when traveling together as a team to China, creating one piece of luggage for all sticks. When players are returning, separate from the team, their stick will incur the same luggage fee. They may wish to sell their stick before returning to prevent the fee.
2. Melanie should send an email to Dave I. containing names and email addresses of players on his team.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

## **USARS SPEED REPORT SPRING**

5/2/2017

SC Chair James N Ingram III (JAY)

**May 2017:** Janine Foster Protest against several USARS members has created a MAJOR uproar on social media. Much misinformation and several people feeding fuel to the fire on much they do not know on facts to the matter is not helping make USARS a favorite in the memberships eyes. USARS did not seek the protest but one of it's members did, understandably the office had followed protocol as set forth by USARS rules. Several members in good standing are stirring the pot. This is something that should not be ignored even though it should not have been common public knowledge. In today's age of tweets, FB, messaging and texts anything and everything can and will get out. Innocents depending on who lets the information out can become a guilty party and vice versa. I have just returned back into the Country from training and competitive events in Europe so I am still getting informed and seeking facts on the matter and putting out fires where I could based on what facts I know which is not much. There are several USARS Speed members to which I know are planning on being in attendance at this meeting maybe they can shed more light on this subject. We have our regional championships next weekend and my just returning back into the Country would have some 30 plus athletes and their parents pretty nmade at me if I was not coaching practices the week before.

There is more than meets the eye with this subject and those it has, can and will potentially affect. And it honestly does not come at a good time considering the threat of RSA and Speed Competitions. Get on FB and read what USARS membership is writing and what they are stating they may and may not do. It should not be taken lightly for membership with our organization cannot afford to go away. My arrival back home less than four days ago has been countless emails, text, post, messages and questions in all formats on what is going on, and why? Something I too would like to know?

### **April 2017:**

1. Officials Committee upgrades / none upgrades ( Kay Gallitin can give more information if needed.)
2. Updated lists of officials that can work IDN and ODN (Kay can give more information if needed.)
3. Further discussion from SC on late entries for IDN, PROS, CONS, ISSUES, added fee's yes no. that would be a FC decision. Will be subject matter next SC meeting.
4. Rules Committee to update, clarify / amend several rules that memberships in one part of the country has done/ read a certain way and another part has read / done another way. I.E. Substitution for relay,
5. I have heard from several athletes the USARS Speed Skating Clinic in Colorado Springs was very enlightening, professionally ran and "LOADS OF FUN" USARS should seek using this facility and the Florida Facility more in every aspect possible as what is done in Europe and South America, actually around the World on a daily, weekly, monthly agenda.
6. USARS 2016 and Prior National Team members and those wanting to someday be a USARS National team member that attended the training camp and competitions throughout Europe in the month of April created much excitement there and at home due to Live Streaming showing that the USA currently has many great Speed Skating athletes that have lots to offer currently and in the future for this sport at the international competitive level. The state of the art Facility in

Geisingen Germany has shown the World that INLINE Speed Skating is an Amazing sport bringing well over one thousand plus competitors from around the World.

7. Structure of The Tentative Indoor National Program Schedule . Awaiting Consensus approval from the rest of the SC.
8. North Eastern and Eastern Region issue, there maybe a letter sent to the board on this matter from one upset coach? SC in future meeting to amend this issue if it is within their rights.
9. Work on Grass root programs to gain membership, retaining the new membership. Compete in a more cost effective, friendly manner with against the potential threat of the RSA and their programs that right now are cheaper than USARS for it's members. ( Kelly Springer may or maynot want to elaborate on this it is still being worked on and considering the threat this may not be the right time to put the ideas out in the open to be used in another organization?
10. Uncarded / non USARS membered officials at USARS competitions. SC and OC beleive it is an eligibility issue based on general rules. But we all know from time to time events cannot be run properly without those volunteers in all capacity due to not having available carded officials.
11. SC USARS official Notice went out about Classic Two Lady Relay Change as per amount of Laps skate between relays.

### **MARCH 2017**

1. ODN Road setup to be directed by the Speed Committee, suggested by Officials Committee, falls inline to what is done at the World Championships.
2. EXEC Board approval of officials for both National Championships.
3. Jim Larson Red Light issue. USARS following USOC Safe Sports.
4. SC USARS official notice went out about the Pilot program for the 3 person Relay at the 2017 IDN.
5. Only one coach applied to be coach the Spring Developmental Clinic in Colorado Springs. By default that Coach Kelly Springer was selected at Clinic Leader for that Clinic the end of April.
6. World Championship discussion on athlete parent interaction, duties, responsibilities for speed. “ The Spanky rule did not work well for the Speed World Championships last year. There needs to be a happy medium, we have gone from one extreme to another.
7. Tentative IDN Schedule sent to official and people others to flush out potential issues that may have been missed and or forgotten.

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Finance Committee Webinar  
March 14, 2017

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Committee Members:

(MJ) Mike Jacques Committee Chairman  
(BS) Bill Spooner USA Roller Sports President  
(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports Treasurer  
(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(TH) Trace Hansen USA Roller Sports Chairman of the Board  
(AT) Al Taglang  
(SC) Scott Clifford  
(JP) Janet Pavilonis  
(AG) Arron Gogley

All Members Attending:

Meeting Started at 8:04PM EST

KG Report on QuickBooks and trip to Lincoln - Attended class on QuickBooks and visit with accountants

SC will coordinate with IT to put QuickBooks on the Server so it can be accessed remotely for admin use and controls

MJ report on the World Congress and new FIRS officers

MJ discussion regarding rooms for worlds

TH report regarding rental house repairs waiting on written proposals

AG proposed we sell the rental house – TH problem is how to divide the property vs. repairs and maintenance. - AT who's decision is it to sell the property. - SC description of the property of the house and the office. BS cost of re-plating the property. TH more information on the re-plating the property - MJ repairs need to be made to property in both cases rent or sell.

MJ report on financials to the Foundation and loan repayment and suggests we raise the principle payment on the loan. Discussion

**Motion** AG makes a motion that principle payments may be made to the Foundation loan on a semi-annual basis in April and October based on the recommendations of the committee. second TH **PASSED**

KG 250k target to transfer from general checking to Money Market

AG referred to manual regarding money movement.

BS to make 2 more 50K transfers

MJ KG audit is still being done and should be ready to file by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

MJ budget update and discussion

**Motion SC** to accept the budget as written second AT **PASSED**

MJ grassroots membership ramifications discussion regarding one discipline vs dual membership - This needs to be clarified before next season.

SC We should evaluate at the end of the season how many new members we had this season vs last season and determine if there was an increase in memberships.

MJ Nationals hotel contract should be drawn up for final review with the finance committee agreeing to the \$10 increase.

RFP – Venders bids. Expectations and timeframe for venders should be posted on website so the venders can submit their bids. KG suggests we send out an email to past venders.

MJ Spectator fees or increase entry fee discussion

SC IT Company working well with Ricci who manages the IT contact. IT is complete

MJ discussion regarding World refunds and collections

AT discussion on the best practice expense process policy and procedures for expense reports automatic expense reporting in the field - Transaction base price structure.

**Motion** KG for a subcommittee to look at a solution for electronic expense reports. AG second **Passed**

**Sub-Committee** for expense software AT Chairman, SC, and KG

AG Team app SC R Sports does the same type of things. BS Board has voted to go with R sports

TH request for Subcommittee for National bid

**Sub-Committee** to review the current Bid Criteria Packet AG JP AT assisted by MJ TH BS

**Motion** to adjourn by JP second by SC

Meet was adjourned at 10:50 PM EST  
Respectfully submitted  
Janet Pavilonis

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All Members Attending:

(GL) Gypsy Lucas attending as presenter  
(RP) Ricci Porter attending as Guest

Meeting Started at 8:39 EST

Gypsy spoke regarding proposal packet for vendors Discussion regarding live streaming and video, will make 2 packets one with video and one without. We need a map of where the vendors will be. What would local sponsors get out of it? Have Gold, Silver, and Bronze levels. Impact to Lincoln is 8 million. Bill will get heads in beds information.

MJ Discussion regarding our financial position he is encouraged by the numbers.

TH Question regarding revenue for membership. BS explained the calculation of current membership vs prior memberships. KG discussion regarding limited membership income. BS 245 limited members at this time.

TH Rental House contract signed. BS property manager visited will need up front money to start project and BS will approve any work. Escrow account to be about \$7000.00

SC limited memberships how are they being handled in the books. If membership is associated with an art club the funds will be applied to Art etc.

MJ Foundation payment discussion. Look at every quarter

KG **Motion** to make a payment of \$25,000 to the Foundation AT second. **PASSED unanimously**

MJ Information regarding tax return and extension. Audit to be done by May5. Bill to meet with them tomorrow.

MJ information regarding AAU Donation \$10,000 for Hockey uniforms and \$30,000 to general fund

KG QuickBooks update, almost ready. Hope to start by May1

SC R Sports is ready to go and test. SC and KG discussion on information needed for QuickBooks

MJ discussion regarding photography RFP. JP do vendors pay sales tax. KG the sales tax is included in the RFP. TH RFP on website. Today is the deadline.

MJ discussion on Concur for expenses. AT met with vender they have an app for small users to do reports online. Offered us a 3 month training period company will train us and help with the procedures. SC question regarding which expenses we will be using it for suggesting travel. AT volunteered to spearhead the implementation in getting the policies and procedures in place. KG has started writing policies and will work with AT on the policies. No risk or deposit needed.

**AG Motion** Put before the board to sign the contract with concur and get the policies and procedures started. Discussion **PASSED unanimously**

MJ Per Diems and Mileage. IRS 53.5 cents per mile.

**SC Motion** to go with standard IRS rates for mileage. Second by AA **PASSED unanimously**

**JP Motion** Effective with the 2017 World Championships USARS will fund, for all World Teams, the total participation costs of a coach, a manager, and a trainer or doctor. USARS will pay all entry fees, all bank/wire charges, and all postage associated with the World Team. Team members will be responsible for their personal travel, housing, food expenses. Second AG **PASSED** 2 abstain 2 against 5 for.

Discussion- AG what would the impact be financially.

**TH Motion** Any Worlds related expenses not mentioned above will be the responsibility of the athlete USARS will not impose any unnecessary apparel or other misc expense to the athlete. Second KG **PASSED** 1 abstain.

MJ Discussion regarding the error in deposited funds from the 2016 Nationals an email was received by all members with the attorneys legal advice. BS to discuss with Accountant.

MJ Discussion regarding fundraising

AT to add to future discussion world team structure

**SC Motion** to make a recommendation to the board to begin the process to hire an Executive Director Second AT Discussion **PASSED unanimously**

**Motion** to adjourn by AT second by SC

Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 PM EST  
Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pavilionis

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All Members Attending:

Meeting Started at 9:33 EST

MJ discussion of bank balances KG discussed payables. Rental house expenses need to be paid. \$25K to foundation did not clear the bank yet.

MJ discussion regarding the Adult Program Proposal. Conclusion that there will be no negative financial change in the National Championships. SC Adult proposal will have a Positive or neutral effect on the championships

SC **Motion** to move forward with Adult restructure AT second. **Passed** Unanimously

MJ discussion to increase the number of days that the World Judges are at Nationals.

AT **Motion** to fund additional days for overlap judges during the Elite events to have full panels, with an estimate cost of \$1,200. KG second. **Passed** Unanimously

MJ Income regarding world team payments. Kay is checking with Lindy regarding a due to account.

MJ RFP's discussion regarding bids. SC input regarding delivery times from past photo and video vendors. With Shots 4 Sports the streaming contract may be under estimated. KG Shots 4 Sports only paying if he has a profit we may be risking the profit we received from the photos last year. Question asked what is the additional cost of the internet streaming? KG The cost of internet is included in the contract with the venue as it also was last year so no additional cost to USARS. BS Tenacious has not honored his contract. Shots 4 Sports was informed by Aaron that he will need more cameras for figures and dance flights. MJ we made \$7,070.49 on the photos last year. TH typically generate 10-12K from still shots. SC we need to be sure that Ulises Shots 4 Sports understands the expectations.

SC **Motion** to except the proposal of Shots 4 Sports for 2017 Nationals streaming, video, and photography JP Second. **Passed** Unanimously

MJ Cricket Loft only bid received for apparel asking for two-year commitment. AG object to a two-year contract. Would like to see more proposals in future years. SC agree about 2 year contract.

AG **Motion** that we recommend that the board approve Cricket loft for 2017 with only a one year contract. SC Second. **Passed** Unanimously

Discussion regarding world team travel costs.

JP **Motion to Clarify** For the 2017 World Championships USARS will fund, for the speed, figure/artistic, and rink hockey World Teams, the total participation costs of a coach, a manager, and a trainer or doctor. USARS will pay all entry fees, all bank/wire charges, and all postage associated with the aforementioned World Teams. Team members will be responsible for their personal travel, housing, food expenses. USARS will revisit the issue each year. Second AG **PASSED** Unanimously

MJ discussion about motion regarding recommendation to begin the process to hire an Executive Director. BS discussed the job description for the executive director – possible committee for staffing. SC discussed the intention of the motion was for the board to define the process and requirements to hire an Executive Director. TH believes that the motion is requesting that the board approves the process financially.

MJ Accounts receivable is up to 90K may need to write off some old outstanding debt. KG backup information for outstanding balances needs to be reviewed by finance committee or chair and treasurer before being sent out. If we continue to try and collect money we need better accounting regarding what the athletes owe.

TH discussion of World Team past due balances will not be a problem in future if we follow our policies.

AG discussion regarding hotel booking through USARS. KG are speed rooms arranged. MJ made reservations for Figure because he is the team manager. KG thought MJ was handling rooms for all sports. MJ indicated that all managers were to make their own arrangements this is why they identify team managers and coaches earlier so arrangements could be made in advance. SC many organizing committees require one person to deal with.

**Motion** to adjourn by SC second by AA

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM EST  
Respectfully submitted  
Janet Pavilonis

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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**Conference Call January 2nd, 2016 – 8:30pm** (received by USARS 4-26-2017)

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Meeting called to order: January 2nd, 2016 – 8:35pm CST

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Christina Gerrish, Cheryl Cryer, Angella Hammel, Misty Greer, Vickie Urban, Sabra Bungler

Additional Attendees: Olivia Shelbourn

**Not Present:** Fernando Reguerio, Carrie Craft, Eric Hill

**Voting Order:** Carrie, Fernando, Christina, Vicki, Eric, Misty, Sabra, Angella, Cheryl

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No meeting called to order. Call ended at 8:59pm.

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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## Conference Call March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8:30pm CST

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Meeting called to order: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8:33pm CST

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Fernando Regueiro, Christina Gerrish, Cheryl Cryer, Angella Hammel, Misty Greer, Sabra Bunger, Danny Brown

**Not Present:** Eric Hill, Carrie Craft, Vicki Urban, Ricci Porter

**Voting Order:** Fernando, Christina, Vicki, Eric, Misty, Sabra, Angella, Cheryl, Carrie

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### Item #1 Roles/Responsibilities, Goals, Shared Docs (Cheryl)

- Continued to remind committee that there is a google doc for roles assigned.
  - The goal is to have every person on the committee an assigned role.
  - Refer to google doc for presently assigned roles.
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### Item #2 – World Roller Games (Fernando/Danny)

- Danny and Fernando had numerous meetings in China recently.
  - FIRS organized a Congress where every nation who has a federation under FIRS is invited to participated.
  - There was an attempt to change the voted process for the chairman of FIRS. The present of FIRS ran unopposed, and was ratified as president for the next 4 years.
  - Fernando was elected as chairman of roller derby for the next 4 years.
  - A new vice president from Argentina was also elected.
  - Fernando had meetings with FIRS – Roller Derby was removed from the event prior to the meeting, a few reasons include: issues, not enough participation from various countries. Fernando presented to FIRS and present to the Congress to reconsider the inclusion of roller derby. Several objected and provided support for Roller Derby. After a lot of work, there is going to be a small inter-continental championship.
    - Female championship confirmed. Male championship is in progress.
  - Additional conversation surrounding the need for education for anti-doping.
  - The above is to remain confidential until further information is available.
  - There was also a presentation from the IOC – Roller sports is included at least for 2020, and has the potential to expand outside of Skateboarding.
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### Item #3 – Team USA (Cheryl)

- Getting a lot of chatter regarding the women's team from people who do not live in proximity to the clinic.
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> clinic is being held in the same location. Making a financial burden for team members.

- This has been a great learning experience.
  - Cheryl and Danny have been discussing and suggested that the next time the team is decided by committee. National team selection is typically done in conjunction with people involved in the sport and coaching staff. Like a scouting team.
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#### **Item #4 – Nationals (Danny/Cheryl)**

- Dates have been presented.
  - There was a gap in the calendar for floor availability, for 4 days after women's tournament. We can utilize for additional clinics.
  - Floor will be the same as last year.
  - Vendors/Sponsors layout will need to be changed due to Fire Marshall regulations.
  - How many officials?
    - Already projected official rooms (compensation)
  - Committee will be responsible for running the event in conjunction with Danny.
  - Marketing brochure / advert like last year.
    - Danny to work with Ricci and get an update on status.
  - Will there be the apparel provider?
    - The board is responsible for this and is currently being worked on.
    - Ricci to send information to the committee for review.
  - How many teams will be allowed? What are the prices?
    - We should start a preliminary registration out this year.
    - Last year it was \$300 for a member league / \$500 for non USARS member team.
    - Men's tournament: Should we consider different pricing?
      - Need to consider gender equality.
      - Will unlikely see the same amount as women's teams, most likely a mini tournament.
    - Is there a benefit for sending two or more teams?
    - Suggested a higher pricing and offering a discount for teams who bring officials.
      - 2-3 Officials per team.
      - Officials who do come should work an adequate number of games.
      - Suggested: Offer \$100 off for 3 officials.
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#### **Item #5 – Fundraising/Sponsorships (Stella)**

- Finalize commitments from SISU mouth guards and BONT for both Teams.
  - Still in negotiation with Triple 8.
  - Receiving a lot of in kind donations, but few monetary contributions.
  - We need to build a robust package to offset the changes of the World Roller Games.
  - Sold many t-shirts, now making a profit on any sold.
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#### **Item #6 – Internal/External Communications (Cheryl)**

#### **Item #7 – FIRS Rules and Certs (Eric/Stormy)**

- Stormy working on certification process. Needs more information to move forward.
  - Stormy to reach out to Eric to get the information she needs.

- Fernando made a motion to transfer officiating subcommittee leadership to Stormy. Cheryl 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Committee Unanimously agreed to transfer sub-committee leadership to Stormy.
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### **Item #8 – Clinics (All)**

- Phoenix clinic was well received in February. Another team forming in East Valley, very helpful to the new team.
- Fountain City Clinic (35) Great turn out. One of the teams will be sending a team to Kansas. One official
- There will be another clinic in Milwaukee on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Camp scheduled tentatively scheduled in first part of April. Considering pushing it out later in the summer due to venue conflict. Still discussing issues.
- Think about time spot available at Nationals to use for an additional clinic.

Fernando motion to adjourn, Stormy 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:05 pm CST

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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## Conference Call April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8:30pm CST

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Meeting called to order: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 8:30pm CST

Attendees: **Committee Members:** Christina Gerrish, Angella Hammel, Misty Greer, Vicki Urban, Eric Hill

**Not Present:** Cheryl Cryer, Fernando Reguerio, Sabra Bunger, Carrie Conlee-Craft

**Voting Order:** Christina, Vicki, Eric, Misty, Sabra, Angella, Cheryl, Carrie, Fernando

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### Item #1 Team USA Women

- Team had final tryouts in the last weekend of March.
    - Team was told they would find out by the end of the week.
  - 4 skaters have quit since then.
    - Does not feel that USARS is taking it seriously.
  - Misty to discuss with Danny tomorrow, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - As we were discussing this matter on the call, Sassy began notifying team members.
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### Item #2 – Nationals

- Cheryl proposed registration parameters.
  - Number of teams:
    - max 8 women's teams
    - max 5 men's teams
  - Entry fees:
    - \$300 USARS Club members
    - \$500 non USARS club members
    - \$300 men's
  - Discounts:
    - \$100 for sending 3 or more officials
    - \$100 for sending more than one team
  - Membership:
    - On skate's players and officials must have USARS or WFTDA coverage
    - we will offer a one-time tournament coverage for \$35
    - off skates officials no requirements
  - 14-17 must have a Junior elite packet

- Committee discussion surrounding multi team discount.
    - Should specification be placed on women's / men's team.
  - Why only 5 men's teams? This could be difficult for brackets with an odd number.
  - How many games can teams be guaranteed?
  - Ongoing discussion within group page.
  - Decision to be wrapped up in next day or two so registration for can be created.
  - Need to get logistical information out to the public.
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### **Item #3 – Official Certification**

- Eric and Stormy had a few moments to meet re: certification
- Eric is kicking the idea around of an easier way of gathering game history.
  - They would like to get officials promoted to correct levels.

Angella motion to adjourn, Eric/Misty 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:55pm CST

## Figure Sport Committee

Minutes 2/15/17

Attending: David Adamy, John Cawly, Scott Clifford, Ed Harney, Janet Pavilonis, Kayla Rodriguez, and Jodee Viola

Non-voting guest: Bill Spooner.

Not attending: Tony Berger, Jessica Gaudy, and Jim Pollard.

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 CST.

1. Minutes from 1/25/17 meeting. Chair will entertain a motion for approval. Copy available upon request. Janet Pavilonis moved to approve minutes, seconded by Jodee Viola. Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstention, 0 no votes. Motion approved.
2. Content sheets distributed to Official's Committee. Thanks to all for their input. Forwarded earlier, and If no objections will forward to Mike Stieb for posting. Chair entertained a motion for approval and distribution. David Adamy moved, Janet Pavilonis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.
3. Music for Elementary/Youth Intl events. Have requests from Joe Delprincipe about not having 144 Waltz.
  - a. Was used at America's Cup in 2016 (2017?)
  - b. Question about availability of tempos to membership.
  - c. Suggested to share Dropbox of tempos and decide for selections for qualifying competitions (new business for March meeting.) Suggested posting by 3/1/17.
4. Officials committee met and rulebook revision is underway. Will keep you updated.

5. Jodee Viola asked to add an item to agenda regarding Intl youth team and solo events. Following discussion ensued: (new business – March 2017)

- a. Needs to be age divisions/structure leading to Intl competition.
- b. Combine Fresh/Soph (B) as “transition” event?
- c. Freshman and Sophomore then International Style?
- d. Options should include both traditional American style and International paths.
- e. How can we restructure events to accommodate the time difference in skating 1 skater/flight? (future business)
- f. Janet moved to bring this proposal forward and to include the coach’s regional reps sub-committee for their input.

Seconded by Ed Harney

- i. In discussion, an amendment was added to establish deadline for submission of proposal Jodee Viola. Jodee established self-imposed deadline of 2/22/17. Vote: Ayes – 6, abstentions – 0, Nays – 0 Motion approved.

6. Posed from membership: Does a "B" skater lose their "B" eligibility by skating in Large Show, Small Show, and WC Quartets?

- a. AR8.02.08 Any skater who has ever participated in CLASSIC, JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR or WORLD CLASS events in a qualifying championships is not eligible to skate in the same Level (B) or any Level (C) event.
- b. “Same” event would suggest like events. Since there are no “B” level show numbers or quartets, by current rule cited that would not affect eligibility of athlete to participate in “B” level team dance, solo dance, free skating singles/pairs, or figure events.

- c. Scott Clifford will research a point brought up about World Team members being ineligible to compete in any “B” level event.
7. Music authentication for Style Dance/Free Dance. (Sent via e-mail by Janet Pavilonis, but not received by all. Janet will forward e-mail containing details.) Chair will then forward to Figure Committee upon receipt. (Completed 2/15/17.)
  8. Janet Pavilonis provided the following information as it might pertain to any changes in the adult division events. These data were obtained from Scott Clifford’s spreadsheet. Some small number of members are not represented as they skate team dance, and only the male partner information was available.
    - a. 4% -- Novice – 19-24
    - b. 6% -- Classic/Novice A (25-34)
    - c. 7% -- Esquire (35-44)
    - d. 19%--Masters (45-54)
    - e. 26% --Veterans 55-64
    - f. 32% -- >65 – Golden

Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

John Cawly  
Chairman

## Minutes Figure Sport Committee–

Date: March 15, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 PM CDT

Meeting adjourned at: 9:52 PM CDT

Attending:

- John Cawly
- Ed Harney
- David Adamy
- Tony Berger
- Scott Clifford
- Jessica Gaudy
- Janet Pavilonis
- Kayla Rodriguez
- Jodee Viola
- Jim Pollard - *ex officio*
- Bill Spooner – *ex officio*
- Guest – Heidi Permatteo

The agenda items:

- 1) Minutes from last meeting approved by e-mail. Apologies to Mr. Harney for omitting his name.
- 2) Continuing Business: Janet Pavilonis – Adult divisions information. (40 minutes)
  - a. Adult program rules too confusing.
    - i. Too many limiting rules.
    - ii. Move-up/Move-down rules inconsistently applied (e.g. Roger Kissel)
  - b. Need clarity.
  - c. Simple for membership to understand.
  - d. Restructure such that we don't need to spend hours determining eligibility.
    - i. Entry level by age – minimum skill level (3 -Age-level events)
    - ii. Secondary skill level – challenge up for entry level) ( 3-age - Mid-level skill level)
    - iii. Advanced skill level – challenge up for secondary skill level (3-age – Advanced skills)
    - iv. Open
  - e. Look at a “original dance” type event.
    - i. Scott Clifford moved to proceed to sub-committee to place requirements. Groups I,II, & III suggested. Determined by sub-committee.
    - ii. Janet Pavilonis 2<sup>nd</sup>.
      1. Motion approved 6 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 abstained.
      2. Volunteers for the sub-committee are: Janet Pavilonis, Jessica, and Ed.
- 3) Scoring of Elementary/Youth International Compulsory (USARS) and Solo FD (USARS) and combined – lowest combined placements. (sent previously via e-mail.) (5 minutes)
  - a. David Adamy moved to approve/support the change.
  - b. Tony Berger seconded motion.
  - c. Motion approved 7 ayes and 2 nays

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- 4) Music selection for Elementary/Youth international Compulsory –
  - a. Music posted on USARollersports Office365 – shared. Link is: [https://usarollersports-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jcawly\\_usarollersports\\_org/\\_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?folderid=11133d63c5dc94bb59fec1710735d2956&authkey=Ad9VBgvG9ZKqBVHbP3xyRkM](https://usarollersports-my.sharepoint.com/personal/jcawly_usarollersports_org/_layouts/15/guestaccess.aspx?folderid=11133d63c5dc94bb59fec1710735d2956&authkey=Ad9VBgvG9ZKqBVHbP3xyRkM)
  - b. Folders have been named to be consistent with event names, and sub-folders include the individual selections available.
  - c. Deadline extended until 6:00pm CDT, 3/16/17 for submission.
- 5) Continuing Business: Jodee Viola’s proposal for International Juvenile Solo Dance and other younger-aged International team events. (Proposal working through Coaches’ Rep Committee) (10 minutes)
  - a. Scott moved to send to coaches’ regional rep committee for action/comment.
  - b. Jodee Viola seconded.
    - i. Ayes: 6, nays 2, abstention 1
    - ii. Motion approved.
- 6) Coaches’ regional representatives Office365 folder/e-mail being set up by Scott.
- 7) New Business – Proposal from Brandon Fisher/Jackie Cross – Duets and Trios for Artistic Skating (Currently being considered in Coaches’ Rep Committee.)
- 8) Updates from:
  - d. Coaches Regional Rep Committee – Tony Berger
  - e. Officials Committee – John Cawly
- 9) Heidi requested e-mail be directed to Coaches’ Rep when FSC directs any interactions.
- 10) Received minutes from Coaches Regional Rep meeting.
- 11) Finance committee meeting – 3/14/17 – World Team funding for Art? Do we need specific language in our rule book? Legal aspects? USOC guidelines for notifications in protected competitions?
  - a. Janet is going to provide the analogous arts rule.
  - b. Change will be made as needed to meet the above criteria.

John

## Minutes Figure Sport Committee–

Date: April 28, 2017

Meeting called to order at: 7:03 PM CDT

Meeting adjourned at: 7:56 PM CDT

Attending:

- John Cawly
- Ed Harney
- David Adamy
- Tony Berger
- Scott Clifford
- Jessica Gaudy
- Janet Pavilonis
- Kayla Rodriguez
- Jodee Viola
- Bill Spooner – *ex officio*
- Guest –

The agenda items:

- 1) Administrative details
  - a. Minutes from last meeting approved by e-mail.
  - b. No eligibility questions are to be answered without a written/e-mail request. All inquiries to be directed to [figure@usarollersports.org](mailto:figure@usarollersports.org)
  - c.
- 2) Eligibility – The following eligibility clarifications were received and addressed.
  - a. Dan Briner – Classic Skater CANNOT move down to Novice A figures.
  - b. Karyn Cormier –
    - i. If a skater placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Soph figures and is now 30 yrs old can he skate in the novice figure division or must he be classic?
      1. Sophomore national 3<sup>rd</sup> placement may NOT skate Novice A figures:
      2. May skate Sophomore A figures, Junior Figures, or Classic Figures
    - ii. Can a skater who is competing in fresh A fig and fresh A loops and the combined event, also challenge up to JWC figure division?
      1. Freshman A Figures/Fresh A Loops MAY compete in JrWC figures.
    - iii. If a skater is in the youth international solo dance event can that skater also challenge up to JWC solo? If so, Is that skater allowed to compete in any other freedance or creative solo event besides the JWC?
      1. Elementary/Youth International **compulsory dance skaters** MAY compete in JrWC (dance, style dance, & free dance). However, if they compete in JrWC Solo Dance they cannot also participate in International Solo Free Dance or other Creative Solo Dance event.
    - iv. Can a skater compete in both fresh/Soph C fig, fresh/Soph c loops & the combined event at the regional level and also compete in the Novice B figure event? Said skater is 32 yrs old.  
And if so, if she qualifies through the region, compete at nationals in the Novice B figure division?

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1. Yes, however if a placement is achieved, the skater cannot return to B, and must skate the age qualified A event.

- 3) Continuing Business: Janet Pavilonis, Jessica Gaudy, and Ed Harney– Adult divisions information.

Scott Clifford made motion to submit the new structure proposal to Finance and then for presentation to the Board at the May meeting. Ed Harney seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- 4) The chairman of Finance, Michael Jacques, contacted Chairman of FSC to seek support of FSC in extending the number of judges to include all CIPA/FIRS events to first partial and second partial judges. The anticipated effect on budget will be an increase of ~\$1,000. The benefit will allow CIPA/FIRS judges to officiate in both JrWC & SrWC events. All six judges involved stated their availability should the stay be extended. Janet Pavilonis made the motion to support the Finance committee's proposal. The motion was seconded by Scott Clifford. Due to time constraints, very limited discussion was available due to another webinar scheduled to begin. The motion carried with 7 ayes and 1 abstention.

John

# USA ROLLER SPORTS FIGURE SKATING

PROPOSAL FOR REVISED ADULT SKATING PROGRAM

# CURRENT DIVISIONS

DIVISION	AGE REQUIREMENT	AGE BRACKET	NUMBER OF SKATERS	
Novice B	19 and over			
Esquire B	35 and over			
Novice A	19 and over	19-34	43	10%
Esquire A	35 and over	35-44	32	7%
Masters A	45 and over	45-54	81	19%
Veterans A	55 and over	55-64	115	26%
Golden A	65 and over	65 and over	141	32%
Premier Silver	19 and over			
Premier Gold	19 and over			
Classic A	19 and over			

24 (6%) skaters age unknown

# PROPOSED DIVISIONS

AGE DIVISION	SKILL LEVEL	AGE REQUIREMENT	NUMBER OF SKATERS
Division 1	Bronze	19-49	104
Division 1	Silver	19-49	
Division 1	Gold	19-49	
Division 2	Bronze	50-64	165
Division 2	Silver	50-64	
Division 2	Gold	50-64	
Division 3	Bronze	65 and over	144
Division 3	Silver	65 and over	
Division 3	Gold	65 and over	
Open	Classic Silver	19 and over	
Open	Classic Gold	19 and over	
Open	Classic Loops	19 and over	
Open	Classic Gold Loops	19 and over	
Open	Original Compulsory Dance	19 and over	

Bronze - Easiest Forward Dances/Figures  
 Silver - More Difficult Forward Dances/Figures  
 Gold - Most Difficult Forward Dances/Figures

# PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D
Bronze Dance	Glide Waltz (108) City Blues (88)	Academy Blues (88) Skaters March (100 6/8)	Double Cross Waltz (138) Denver Shuffle (100)	Swing Waltz (120) Casino Tango (100)
Silver Dance	Criss Cross March (100) Carey Foxtrot (92)	Tara Tango (100) Dutch Waltz (120)	Pilgrim Waltz (138) Luna Blues (88)	La Vista Cha Cha (100) Rhythm Blues (88)
Gold Dance	Dore Foxtrot(92) Milonga Tango (100)	Golden Skater Waltz (138) Parade March (100)	Quickstep Boogie (100) Marionette Waltz (138)	Valse Adante (155) Century Blues (88)
Classic Silver Dance	Marionette Waltz (138) Do' Blay (100 Paso)	Valse Adante (155) Werner Tango (96)	Split Polka (100) Century Blues (88)	Kinder Waltz (120) Syncopated Swing (96)
Classic Gold Dance	Jo-Ann Foxtrot (92) Fiesta Tango (100)	Flirtation Waltz (120) Ten Fox (100)	Viva Cha Cha (100) Marylee (92) – Solo Collegiate (92) –Team	California Swing (138) Delicado (100)
Bronze Figures	1A 112B	1B 112A	2A 111B	2B 111A
Silver Figures	1 5B	1B 112A	2B 5A	2 111B
Gold Figures	2 105B	1B 105A	1 5B	2B 5A
Classic Silver Figures	7A 105B	7B 105A	5A 9B	5B 9A
Classic Gold Figures	19A 27B	12B 23A	10 34B	19B 22A
Classic Loops	114A 130B	114B 130A	115A 130B	115B 130A
Classic Gold Loops	14A 30B	14B 130A	15A 30B	15B 30A

# NOTES

- ▶ All age divisions shall skate TWO (2) requirements (dances or figures) for each round of competition.
- ▶ All dances are to be skated TWO (2) skaters/teams per flight. Bronze and Silver skill levels will skate FOUR (4) repetitions of the dance. Flights with ONE (1) skater/team are to skate TWO (2) repetitions of the dance. Gold skill level will skate 2 minute flights.
- ▶ Skaters MUST skate their age division (teams skate the appropriate age division of the younger partner).
- ▶ Skaters may ONLY skate one skill level (of their choice) within their mandated age division.
- ▶ Any Adult Division skater who is an Elite, Advanced, Certified, or Registered coach, and wishes to receive coaching credentials for the National Championships in a given year, MUST choose to skate the Gold skill level for that skating season.
- ▶ Skaters may skate ONE skill level from their mandated age division, AND either the Classic Silver OR Classic Gold division.
- ▶ Any Adult Division skater may ALSO skate the Original Compulsory Dance event.
- ▶ Any Adult Division skater may ALSO skate the Classic Loop OR Classic Gold Loop event.
- ▶ Groups are drawn May 1; One group will be drawn and skated by all skaters for regionals. A different group (but not the group drawn for regionals) will be drawn for each age division and each skill level for nationals. If there is a final at nationals, the final will skate the regionals drawing. (See example on next slide)
- ▶ At Regionals, all skaters in the same skill level (Bronze, Silver, or Gold) may be skated at the same time, but shall be judged separately according to their age division.

# EXAMPLE - MAY 1 DRAWING

AGE DIVISION	SKILL LEVEL	REGIONALS	NATIONALS
Division 1	Bronze	Group A	Group B
Division 2	Bronze	Group A	Group C
Division 3	Bronze	Group A	Group D
Division 1	Silver	Group A	Group B
Division 2	Silver	Group A	Group C
Division 3	Silver	Group A	Group D
Division 1	Gold	Group A	Group B
Division 2	Gold	Group A	Group C
Division 3	Gold	Group A	Group D

# PROPOSED ORIGINAL COMPULSORY DANCE REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **GENERAL RULES** - No spins, jumps, or hops. No use of toe stops. The dance cannot cross its own tracing. Maximum time 2:15.
- ▶ **BRONZE** - Forward steps limited to: Progressive steps (stroke, run, cross in front), chasses (raised, crossed, dropped, swing-dropped), swings, and changes-of-edge. Peanut shaped pattern or 2-lobe straightaways. Teams must maintain one dance hold position throughout entire dance.
- ▶ **SILVER** - All existing forward steps allowed. Multi-lobe straightaways and inverted corners allowed. Newly invented forward steps allowed. Teams may change dance hold position.
- ▶ **GOLD** - All existing forward and backward steps, including two-foot and one-foot turns. Multi-lobe straightaways and inverted or gabled corners allowed. Newly invented forward and backward steps allowed. Teams may change dance hold position.

# ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED DIVISIONS

- ▶ Ensures dances/figures selected for meets before May 1 will skate dances/figures being practiced for regionals and nationals
- ▶ Allows all skaters in same level (bronze, silver, or gold) to warm up at same time at regionals and other meets
- ▶ Exceptional original compulsory dances may be adopted for competitive use in later years

## Roller Figure Skating Coaches Representatives

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 Conference Call Minutes

The conference call started at 9:30pm EST. Those in attendance were: Tony Berger - Southern, Jody Harrah – Southwest, and Robyn Young - South Central. Janet Pavilionis also attended as a guest speaker.

Janet spoke with us regarding the adult events. She has started to gather information on our adult skaters regarding their ages and events they are skating. She noted that a large majority of adult skaters are aging up, but we are not seeing new adult skaters coming in to the events. We had a productive conversation and several ideas were bounced around on how to not only add new adults, but retain the ones that we have. Janet is going to provide the Coaches Rep's group with some age statics as well as a proposal for a new adult event. It was also discussed that we need to make some changes/clarifications to the Premier events.

Tony stated that the Figure Committee wants the Coaches Rep's to take an active role in proposing changes to the adult program. He also noted that they would like us to have the requirements completed and ready to hand out at the 2017 National Championships.

Robyn noted that we should take a careful look at how we arrange and word the age groupings for adult team dance so that retain as many team skaters as possible.

We decided that we need to have another conference call this month so that we can start moving forward with this task. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 EST.

Call ended at 11:02pm EST

Roller Figure Coaches Representatives  
March 9, 2017 conference call minutes

The conference call started at 9:35pm EST. Those in attendance were: Jody Harrah - Southwest, Janet Jordan - Eastern, Margaret Wilson - Great Lakes, Cindy White - Northwest, Heidi Permatteo - Northeast, and Robyn Young - South Central. Absent from the call was Tony Berger - Southern, Rachel Dols - North Central, and Cindy Schrader - Southeast.

Jody started the call by informing the group regarding the conversation that took place on the March 2nd conference call. FSC member Janet Pavilionis was also on the call. The FSC is requesting that the Coaches Reps come up with a proposal to restructure the adult events.

Heidi stated that on a conference call earlier in the year, the reps were requested to come up with teaching webinars that will help the coaching field. Over the past few years, the reps and other coaches have developed tools to help coaches (new and old). The reps think that until the website can support the already developed tools, there is no need to rush to develop webinars at this point.

The reps next went on to discuss Brandon Fisher's proposal for duets and trios. The reps feel at this time that this proposal should be worked on at a regional or league level to see if there is interest. The reps would love to see actual numbers that would support this proposal before bringing it to the FSC.

Lawaun Modrich and Jodee Cohen's youth dance proposals were discussed next. While reviewing both, the reps questioned if there is enough teams for having both A & B events any longer. If the FSC looked at both proposals and slightly modified and combined the two, it might help solve both problems. The FSC could lower the requirement difficulties for the domestic "team" (no A or B name anymore) dance event and add the international team dance events. Since there are more teams in the B events and no training for teams to enter the CIPA events, this might be a viable solution. There will still be 2 levels of team dance events for coaches to choose from.

While discussing removing the A and B status under the youth dance team events, Robyn added it might be worth looking into doing the same for pairs. By combining the 2 events, there would be more competitors, which in return will create stronger skaters.

Discussion went back to the Adult structure. The reps believe they need more direction from the FSC. This is a huge undertaking to work on without guidelines on rules and requirements. Heidi will put in a request to attend the next FSC conference call to get more guidance.

The reps worked on 4 questions that they hope will help them determine how the coaching field feels about changing any rules. The group would like to wait until the next conference call to discuss the questions with those missing before sending them out to the field.

Next call will be on April 6th. Call ended at 11:18pm EST.

Roller Figure Skating  
April 6, 2017 Coaches Rep Conference call minutes

The conference call started at 9:38pm EST. Those in attendance were: Jody Harrah - Southwest, Janet Jordan - Eastern, Margaret Wilson - Great Lakes, Cindy Schrader - Southeast, Cindy White - Northwest, Heidi Permatteo - Northeast, and Robyn Young - South Central. Absent from the call was Tony Berger - Southern and Steve Wojtowicz - North Central.

The call started off with Safe Sports. Janet stated that Safe Sports is good for 2 years and all coaches will need to have taken it before nationals. Reps have been reminding coaches to take the test for over 1 year now. All reps need to send out a reminder again to the field.

Heidi spoke to the reps about volunteers needed to monitor the door between Gravity and the sports arena. There will be 2 hour slots for volunteers to sign up for. Reps expressed concerns after trying to gather volunteers for the practice rink last year. Their comments and concerns were:

Who would be in charge of the volunteers?

Can parents that volunteer get in free for that day?

Why is the door even open? Is it just for food?

Last year we asked for volunteers to help with the practice area and volunteers did not show up for their times. How will it work?

Coaches and skaters are at the national championship to compete, not monitor doors.

Heidi will send an email to Bill to address these questions.

Jody had sent the 2016 addendum to her coaches since the figure rules book is still being worked on. She forwarded the addendum to the group and suggested they do the same to avoid any possible confusion on rules.

This is the month that the reps will need to reach out to the field for their proposals to vote on at the regional meetings. These proposals are to be sent to Heidi before next months call. All proposals will be reviewed and discussed on the next call.

The reps reviewed last month's 2 proposals from Jodee Viola's and Lawaun Runde Modrich's. The group felt that the the combined proposal that they came up with would be a great comprise of the 2 proposals.

Heidi was asked to send the reps a copy of the email that she is sending her coaches. It will include asking for this year's proposals, the 2016 addendum, and a reminder to take the Safe Sports test.

Next call will be May 4th.

**Minutes**  
**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday February 22, 2017**  
**10:00pm EDT**

**On Call: Tom Hughes, Don Allen, Brian Moyer, Bryce Robinson, Pat Ferguson, Kyle Hughes, Shane Enlow, Jim Jost**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

**\$1367.85 Balance**

**2. Referee Committee Report**

Duane is working on revising an updated checklist for on floor evaluation during testing. He has based it on the CERH model and will share with other members of the committee when he has a solid draft.

Nic Robinson wants to test for his next level. As long as two international referees are in attendance, we see no problem doing that at the Lubbock meet.

Duane is a 50/50 on the Lubbock meet right now. He must fly due to that being during the state standardized testing period and must work on Friday and Monday. Right now flights out of the four local airports average \$600. Jim was planning on attending.

Nick for Argentina has expressed interest in returning to help with our nationals. He has been in touch with Jim and has said he would cover his own flight. Jim will contact Nick and offer him a invitation.

Committee agreed to supply Nick boarding and some food reimbursement if he wants to attend. Tom said that we are in need of more qualified and commissioned referees for our local meets, but especially for Nationals. Our regional reps need to get the word out and possibly find people wanting to referee.

**3. 2017 National Championships:**

Fundraisers during the National Championships were discussed. Teams need to come with some ideas. WE need to get our World Team players from all of the Teams involved with this. We will revisit next meeting.

**4. World Team Camps (China)**

The Ladies Team is all selected with a possibility of players moving up into the bottom slots. Brian report camps are having issues due to finances. He does not want to have players financially burdened with extra camps. Senior camps have been planned but seniors are having the same issue with finances. Don Allen report ladies are experiencing similar issues. The deposit for China will be \$765 which needs to be at the USARS's office by April 28th. Total estimate for each player's trip is

**\$3000 including hotel (includes breakfast only), air and China visa. All back fees owed to USARS must be paid in order to participate in China.**

**5. 2017 World Roller Games: Nanjing, China, August 25 through September 10.**

**Current schedule is:**

**Juniors/Ladies Dates Arrival August 25<sup>th</sup> through Departure September 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Seniors Arrival August 31<sup>st</sup> through Departure September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Opening Ceremony September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Closing Ceremony September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6. Rink Hockey Awards: Meritorious Service, Bill Sisson, Rink Hockey Skater of the Year.**

**The nominations are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Committee members will get a final list done by the next Committee meeting.**

**7. New Business:**

**Tom brought up that we need to get our coaches certified and registered. He and Kylie worked on the reduction in cost for Hockey Coaches for quite a while with the USARS Board of Directors. We need to take advantage of the new reduced cost and get our current as well as new coaches certified. Brian suggested we have a neutral facility for training of all USARS World Teams. Olympic Training Center was suggested. Skating location could be an issue. Pat brought up that there was talk of a San Diego training center which could also be used. Tom will check on the status of these training centers and costs.**

**Brian suggest USARS floor be set up in a building to be used for training charging team fees to use it. It was also brought up that there was a used floor in California which was used for the "Gold Skate Classic" before and is no longer in use. Bryce will check into this.**

**8. Next Committee Meeting: March : Wednesday March 22**

**Minutes**  
**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday March 22, 2017**  
**10:00pm EDT**

**On Call: Tom Hughes, Bryce Robinson, Pat Ferguson, Brian Moyer, Don Allen, Kyle Hughes, & Jim Jost**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

**\$1367.85 balance**

**2. Referee's Report:**

**Referee committee:**

**1. Lubbock tournament and Nic's test. It's looking less likely that Duane can attend due to flight prices. If Mark and Jim are there, Nic Robinson could floor test.**

**2. Re: Nationals we need to make sure we have tape for the floor. We were running low last year.**

**3. Floor test form being sent to Jim and Mark today for review.**

**Duane McMinn, CMMA**

**Nicolas Tolomei, from Argentina said he would be willing to referee if we pay hotel and some food.**

**Duane McMinn will be the head referee for Nationals and Pat Ferguson, Jim Jost and Mark Brailey will be the other compensated referees for nationals, and Nicolas will also referee with hotel & food only compensated. Referees will arrive in Lincoln at the Speedway Sporting Village on Saturday 7/15, in the morning or early afternoon and will depart Lincoln on Saturday 7/22.**

**3. 2017 National Championships:**

**Some coaches have requested that all finals be held on the last day of nationals. We have also heard that some prefer to leave early. USARS will send out a survey to confirm what skaters/coaches really want. Pat stated we need to see how many teams we get in each division for scheduling purposes before we make a decision. Committee feels we need to see the entries and survey results.**

**Tom has a program for opening ceremonies and is in contact with a couple that can be announcers. He is going to meet with them and report to us next meeting on costs. Announcers work for the airlines so fare would be free.**

**4. World Team Update:**

**Sub 20 & Ladies roster is set.**

**Senior Men's roster must be in next week by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Roster to come to Jim Jost.**

**5. 2017 World Roller Games: Nanjing, China, Arrival August 25<sup>th</sup> departing September 10.**

**New scheduled has come out – no change for rink hockey teams. Tom reported Men & Ladies rink hockey will be played in Longjiang Gymnasium and Juniors at Nanjing Tech University. USARS is**

working on securing the Shuang Men Lou Hotel for rooms. The Deposit has been lowered to \$650 and needs to be to USARS by April 28<sup>th</sup>. Brian requested official packets be sent to all players that are going to the World Roller Games, emailed if possible, out by USARS requesting the deposit, where to send it and who to make the payment to. The packet e-mail will be sent to the coaches and managers of the Teams to forward to the players. Parents and guests requesting to go with team will have to make arrangements through USARS.

**6. Rink Hockey Awards: Player of the Year, Bill Sisson Award, Meritorious Service**

**Bill Sisson Award selected, Meritorious Service Selected, Player of the Year not selected**

**7. USARS New Business: Season**

USARS is allowing disciplines to set their own seasons. Art and speed are keeping the September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> season. After much discussion it was decided that for now, Rink hockey season will remain the same, September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Committee also believes new cards should not be required for the World Roller Games since the games start during the current hockey season and end after the new season has begun.

**8. New Business: New Committees**

Tom stated that two sub committees, a Grass Roots Committee and a Sponsorship Committee need to be organized. Members of these sub committees do not have to be committee members. He asked the committee to come up with some suggestions of people to Chair and populate these committees by the next meeting. Brian brought up the national \$50 fee that is to go for the World Teams. Tom stated that they did receive the fee for last year and the fee was used for the Ladies World Team. Jim stated that any money coming to rink hockey needs to go into the foundation account and then be dispersed out for accounting purposes. Tom said Bill had set it up to go directly to the traveling World Team, but this would be done in the future and that Melanie from USARS was in the process of cutting the Foundation a check for the past monies we haven't received. Tom will keep us posted on the progress. Brian suggested we start a rink hockey Facebook page for coaches' information including teams that might need players. Don said he has done this for the Ladies and that access needs to be monitored. Don & Brian will work on the project.

**9. Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Minutes**  
**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday April 19, 2017**  
**10:00pm EDT**

**On the call: Tom Hughes, Don Allen, Jim Jost, Bryce Robinson, Brian Moyer, Pat Ferguson, Shane Enlow, Kyle Hughes**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

**\$3467.85 Balance 4/19/17**

**\$2100 Deposited 3/31 (USARS PAYMENT FOR 2015 Nationals)**

**Monies for 2016 were dispersed to the Ladies World Team per previous agreement. Going forward all payments will come to the Foundation to be deposited and then dispersed as necessary.**

**2. Referee's Report:**

**Jim Jost reported that Nic from Argentina is committed to coming to Nationals to referee.**

**3. 2017 National Championships:**

- Tom will arrange for four dressing rooms. Players must dress in the rooms provided.**
- Warmup area for skaters still being discussed.**
- Astro Turf area cannot be used this year for players as venue has plans for that area.**
- Off floor cage will be available for pictures.**
- Committee will be responsible for policing the rink hockey area for issues. Repeat offenders will be handled by the meet director.**
- Fund raising ideas:  
Silent Auction, 50/50 drawing, Tom to get restaurants for donation on business they receive from rink hockey players. Social skate was suggested and might be possible once we see the teams attending nationals. Main issue would be scheduling a 2 hour session.**
- Tom to talk with University to see if they might have someone who would be interested in taking pictures. Currently no Video company has committed to doing nationals. Tom to keep us posted as it affects the operation of the score board.**
- Tom will send the booth and rental agreement he has made up to the committee.**
- Announcers are needed. Two who were scheduled cannot make it. Shane suggested we put it up on face book for volunteers.**
- It was agreed to set up the walls for National starting at 6am Saturday. We need help to get this done so anyone arriving to nationals early that can help please contact Tom.**
- Don will schedule Clubs official practice starting at 12:00 noon on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**4. World Team Update:**

Lists are into the national office. Tom stated that the player information packets should be sent to team managers to be dispersed to the players. Brian, Don and Jim stated they have not received them yet and Tom will check with USARS to insure they are sent.

**5. 2017 World Roller Games: Nanjing, China, Arrival August 25<sup>th</sup> departing September 10.**

Parents wanting to go can contact Shelley at AAA Travel or make their own arrangements. Tom will check on team transportation to see if spectators are allowed to ride with the team to & from the arena. Tom will check with Brent to see who has sent in deposits thus far. Don stated that visa requirements for minors going to China are very strict and players attending should start working to get their visas as soon as possible.

**6. Rink Hockey Awards: Player of the Year**

Committee vote ended up in a tie for three players. Tom will check with Brent for his vote for the tie breaker. Shane questioned his status on the committee as Tom informed him he was not a voting member of the committee. Minutes are attached where Bryce and Shane were welcomed on to the committee. Bryce is currently a voting member of the committee. Tom will check on Shane's status and report back next meeting.

**7. USARS New Business: Season**

USARS wants us to change our season from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30. Committee voted to keep season as is. Brain brought up that USARS support for things like updating the web site, getting paper work for sponsors being out of date as well as the current coach's form. Don stated that he has submitted a separate form for Rink Hockey but it was rolled into one all form with the other disciplines.

**8. New Business: New Committees- Grass Roots, Sponsorship**

Tom stated that he has been talking with John & Linda McNeel who might be interested in being part of the Grass Roots committee. Tom asked the committee to look for people interested in being on the grassroots committee and the Sponsorship committee.

**9. Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 17th.**

**MINUTES**  
**USARS HALL OF FAME AND HONORS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 5, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Bill Spooner. Committee members Tom Hughes, Annelle Anderson, and John Gustafson were present. Keith Noll was absent.

**ATHLETE HALL OF FAME:** The Committee unanimously approved the following for induction into the USARS Athlete Hall of Fame:

**Kyle Turley and Heather Menard** (active category) – Highly successful athletes as individuals, in 2004 they teamed up to skate Senior Team Dance, they placed three times at the Junior World Championships and six times at the Senior World Championships, 2000 - 2011. Kyle and Heather were not only great competitors, they were great role models on and off the floor, bringing recognition and honor to our sport.

**Angie Maffei** (veteran category) - Angie was an all-around skater, placing in team dance, figure and freestyle in her developmental years. She went on to become a member of the USA World Roller Figure Team for five years, 1992 through 1996. Winning Silver and Bronze medals at the World Championships, in 1996 she became the Ladies World Class Gold Medalist in Figure Skating.

Note: Jimmy Bray (veteran category) was carried over for consideration.

**COACHES HALL OF FAME:** The Committee unanimously approved the following for induction into the USARS Coaches Hall of Fame:

**Ken Shelton** (active category) – speed – Ken has been coaching since 1970, after a competitive career in speed, team dance, figures, singles and rink hockey. Ken has demonstrated excellence in his coaching career and worked to further the sport of roller skating, by providing training for skaters, beginners through World Class as well as giving seminars to coaches, judges/officials and athletes.

**Joe Noris** (active category) – inline hockey – Joe coached two Inline Hockey World Teams to win two Gold medals. As a coach of youth for more than 30 years, he has training hundreds of top inline players. As a former NHL/WHA pro ice player, Joe has been one of the most effective ambassadors for the sport of inline hockey.

**Shannon Gentile** (veteran category) – artistic – Shannon has champions in numerous divisions of skating, from the primary all that way to World Champion, resulting in many athletes who went on to become prominent in the sport. She was an innovator in what she did as a coach. She was kind and her concern for the athlete went beyond competition, helping to assure that her skaters had a well-balanced life. She supported them emotionally and at times even financially.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE HALL OF FAME** – The Committee unanimously approved the following for induction into the Distinguished Service Hall of Fame: **Danny Brown** – Danny became President of USARS in a turbulent time which resulted in significant changes. He devoted an enormous amount of time, taking him away from his family and business to build the skating family and renew confidence in the organization. He endured negotiations and interactions with government agencies for the benefit of US Roller Sports and its competitors. His direct support and supervision of the office during a period of transition helped the organization grow.

Note: Candidate Kay Gallatin was carried over for consideration.

**CHARLES WAHLIG LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – Not awarded in 2017

**M.M SHATTUCK DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** – **Jim White** – Jim has been a member of USA Roller Sports for 18 years and we are lucky to have such a person involved with our sport. He shows his dedication at all levels of speed competition whether a local, league, regional or national competition. No matter the task he is willing to take it on with pride and determination. As a Chief Referee for the Outdoor and the Indoor National competitions, Jim is willing to work on the surface of the track, run errands to and from the Olympic Training Center and help officiate all day. He is willing to show up early so that skaters are able to practice, and willing to stay late for clean-up, or tearing down of equipment. Skaters and coaches look to him for guidance and clarification of rules.

**RINGEISEN AWARD** – **Nicole Leonard** – Nicole has skated for many years during her development as a four-time World Champion. She comes from a skating family with a rich history of dedication and involvement. Nicole was a competitor who respected her competition and often assisted other countries and competitors by sharing her knowledge. Her willingness to be a good citizen of skating and a good practitioner of skating has made her the true champion she is.

**GORDON VAN ROEKEL LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD** – **George Kolibaba** – George has been involved in the sport of roller skating for many, many years in a variety of ways. In addition to being a coach, he served on the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors, and continues his involvement today as host to skating schools and competitions.

**ARTISTIC SKATER OF THE YEAR** – **Benson Kuan and Cassandra Seidel** – Gold Medalists in 2016 at the Junior Tam Dance World Championships.

**SPEED SKATER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Not presented in 2017

**BALL HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – **Kimberly Hughes** - She was not only the Team Captain for the 2016 USA Ladies Rink Hockey Team but she was also a rock when it came to defense and managing the team. She controlled the Team both on and off the floor and handled all of the problems that go along with the job as well as some that she didn't have to solve, but took it upon herself to correct. She gave the Team everything she had and then some. From her defensive position on the Team she was the play maker or quarterback of the

team. She handled the position with confidence. She never panicked or made any serious mistakes in her judgement. Even though she was a defensive player, she was also the second highest scorer on offense, and she played both ends of the floor very well.

**INLINE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR** – Not presented in 2017

**DERBY PLAYER OF THE YEAR** – Not presented in 2017

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD** – The following were unanimously approved:

**John Lehni** – John has competed as a roller figure skater for years, but in recent years his extensive knowledge of people and leadership has lead him to serve as a member of the Judges Selection Committee. He consistently looks at the processes that will help recruit new and younger judges as well as improve the outcomes of the existing judges. We are grateful for his dedication.

**Scott Clifford** – Scott is a computer techy in real life and CEO of a technology company. He has consistently provided hours of dedicated guidance to USA Roller Sports or electronic tools to enable the office and the disciplines to be more accurate and efficient. He serves on the Finance Committee and the Figure Sport Committee. Scott is a world certified judges, a national judge, a national referee and a tabulator. He is a jack-of-all trades and the master of them all.

**Roberta Jackson** – Roberta is a national roller figure skating judge and long-time USA Roller Sports official. She is also a former educator and superintendent of several school districts in the Midwest. Her knowledge of organizational review and strategic planning was key during a period of transition. She continues to donate her time and expertise to USA Roller Spots as it strives to become exceptional.

**Ron Thoms** – For nearly 30 years, Ron has maintained the interior of the USARS National Office, with his competent, reliable and dedicated service to assure a safe and functioning facility. Through his prior fulltime job for the Burlington Norther Santa Fe Railroad, he learned to be a jack-of-all-trades, and has willingly used that knowledge on our behalf whenever needed. He recently gave of his time to hang an antique mirror bell in the National Museum of Roller Skating, located in the USARS National Office.

**Christina Lewis** - Christina was one of the people responsible for developing a rink hockey computer program for scoring, statistics and the scoreboard control. She was instrumental in troubleshooting, fine tuning and adding all of the finishing touches to the program to allow the score keeper/statistician to easily keep track of all of the many statistics associated with rink hockey. This rink hockey program makes it possible to more efficiently track the statistic of competition.

**Scott Ferguson** - Scott has worked extremely hard in his Northeast Region to help build not only his hockey club, but his enthusiasm has excited other clubs in his area to start to build their

membership and participate in sanctioned hockey tournaments. He has encouraged other clubs in his area to also host and participate in each other's tournaments. His excitement and leadership in his area has hockey growing in an area that was once large and then dwindled to almost non-existent. Now his area is growing once again with hope for the future of our sport.

**Jim Jost** - Jim has supported and helped hockey almost all of his adult life. He is the owner of RSE, which sells equipment to rink hockey players. In 2016 he not only donated money for his booth space at the National Championships to the Ladies World Team, he also donated matching knee pads and gloves for all of the Ladies on the World Team to wear at the World Championships.

**Ricci Porter** – Ricci, Operations Director for USA Roller Sports, has dedicated untold hours to assure that USARS Programs continue, at a time when staffing was reduced and the organization faced difficult times. Her knowledge of sport and her exceptional abilities helped produce one of the best National Championships in recent history.

**Kelly Springer** – Kelly has been a consistent advocate for speed and integration into the USARS model. He has been effective in assisting with USOC contacts and a true supporter of USA Roller Sports and its programs.

**Donna Turner** – Donna has generously opened her rink to program for speed and roller figure skating and has been a champion for advancing the sport of roller skating.

**MARIE WALKER AWARD** – The Committee unanimously approved **Debra Adamy** as a recipient of the Marie Walker Award. Debra is a recognized roller figure skating international official and world judge. For many years she has served on the Judges Selection Committee and works innumerable hours to ensure fairness within her own region and at the National Championships. The “Little General” as she is known in the correctional facility where she works, uses her organizational skills and her passion to continually advocate for roller figure skating and fairness.

**BILL SISSON AWARD** – The Committee unanimously approved **Duane McMinn** as a recipient of the Bill Sisson Award. Duane McMinn has been an official for rink hockey at all levels, local, regional and National for over 20 years. He has recently been appointed as Head Referee for our Referee Committee and for the National Championships. He has already reconfigured the floor testing requirements for our #3 Test and is considering changes in the written tests for all officiating levels to help raise the level of officiating in our Country to the same levels as the International community. He has adjusted to his new position quickly and seriously and is a great asset to our overall rink hockey program.

**GEORGE PICKARD AWARD** – The Committee unanimously approved **Mark Vittese** as a recipient of the George Pickard Award. Mark is a talented athlete in his own life but also in many other sports. His many years of involvement in inline hockey aided in better organization and enriched development in the world of hockey. His organization skills and his credentials as an

attorney added to the prestige of USA Roller Sports and helped guide the organization to intelligent and considered decisions. His skills were also recognized by USA Field Hockey of which his daughters were participants and eventually Olympians. USOC does not allow individuals to be member of governing bodies on more than one organization. Mark is an amazing advocate for athletics and we honor his sharing of expertise with USAR Roller Sports.

**DENNIS SNEAD AWARD** – The Committee unanimously approved **Janine Foster** as a recipient of the Dennis Snead Award. Janine has been a long-standing and highly recognized speed skating official, being frequently invited by the CIC (the FIRS Speed Skating International Federation) to be a referee at world and international competitions. Her interest in following USARS rules and her ability to provide fair and unbiased service as a referee is admirable and the reason for her success.

**USOC ROLLER SPORTS DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR – Debra Alpers** – Deborah has been actively coaching new skaters for over 20 years. She has an ongoing recruitment program that adds new skaters at every league meet as well as at Regional Championships. She has been the lead coach for USARS Fall Developmental Banked Track Clinics for at least the last eight years. She is highly deserving of this recognition for a variety of reasons.

**PRESIDENT’S AWARD** – This award is one that is presented by the President at his or her choosing and does not require approval by the Committee, although he did receive it. **Annelle Anderson** will receive the President’s Award, in recognition of her long-time service and dedication to the National Museum of Roller Skating, as a trustee and later as its President.