



## ADDENDA

### 2019 USA ROLLER SPORTS

### FALL ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### Lincoln, Nebraska

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# Guidelines for Sport Committees

As amended by the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors on October 2019  
SUBJECT TO REVISION BASED ON REVISED USA ROLLER SPORTS BYLAWS

## COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

Each Sport Committee shall consist of a USA Roller Sports staff liaison, a Finance committee liaison and active members of USA Roller Sports who have applied or been recruited to fulfill the designated quantity needed by each sport. Up to 9 (nine) of the active members will be designated as voting members. A minimum of 20% of voting members within each Sport Committee shall meet the USOC definition of an active athlete.

Each year, the voting members of each Sport Committee will vote to select Committee Officers in the following positions: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. The positions of Chair and Vice Chair may only be assigned to voting members of the Committee. The Secretary position may be assigned to any of the committee members, including the USA Roller Sports staff liaison.

Each Sport Committee shall designate a Board Liaison, who must be a voting member of the committee and a current member of the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors. If the Sport Committee does not have any current members of the Board, then the Sport Committee Chair will be designated as Board Liaison.

The President of USA Roller Sports shall assign a Finance Committee Liaison to each Sport Committee. The Finance Committee liaison will serve as a non-voting member.

The Executive Director of USA Roller Sports shall assign a Staff Liaison to each Sport Committee. The Staff Liaison will serve as a non-voting member.

## SUBCOMMITTEES

Sport Committees may create special subcommittees in order to address specific needs or work on special projects to help achieve the goals of the program. It shall be the responsibility of the Sport Committee to appoint subcommittee members, to clearly define the objectives and goals of the subcommittees and to define a process to replace unproductive members.

The USA Roller Sports Board of Directors may create or dissolve special subcommittees under a Sport Committee in order to help manage specific aspects of the program. The Board shall clearly define the objectives of each special subcommittee and establish the minimum number of members that shall conform it. It shall be the responsibility of the Sport Committee to appoint members to serve under these special subcommittees.

A member of the Sport Committee may be a member of a subcommittee but shall not hold a leadership position within any subcommittee of that sport.

## TERMS OF SERVICE

The USA Roller Sports Board of Directors shall appoint the members of all Sport Committees and shall determine which individuals will serve as voting members. In an effort to stabilize the intellectual knowledge of the Sport Committees, voting members shall serve 4-year staggered terms, pursuant to guidelines already adopted by the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors.

Subcommittee terms of service shall be determined by each Sport Committee. Most subcommittees shall exist for only as long as the special projects require. Other subcommittees shall be more permanent in nature as determined by the Sport Committee.

## VACANCY

The position of a voting member of the Committee becomes vacant if the member:

- Resigns in writing to the Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary
- Is not present personally or by proxy at three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without the Committee's knowledge and consent
- Is found to be unable or unwilling to perform their responsibilities as a member by at least two thirds of the other Committee members
- Is convicted of an indictable offence
- Is removed by an ordinary resolution of the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors
- Dies
- Becomes ineligible to hold the position

Committee members should be sure that the reasons for a vacancy can be based upon documented facts and are not subjective.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Sport Committees are expected to actively participate in the work of the committee, provide thoughtful input to committee deliberations, and focus on the best interests of the association and committee goals rather than on personal interests.

### All Members

Every member of the Sport Committee should:

- Review all relevant materials before sport committee meetings.
- Attend sport committee meetings and voice objective opinions on issues.
- Pay attention to activities that affect or are affected by the work of the sport committee.
- Support the efforts of the sport committee officers and carry out individual assignments.
- Work as part of the sport committee to ensure that their work and recommendations are in keeping with the general organizational mission and goals.

## Chair

The role of a Chair centers on organizing and running committee meetings. The Chair sets meeting dates and locations, calls meetings to order, manages the agenda, takes votes and adjourns meetings. The Chair works with other committee members and staff to ensure everything necessary to hold effective discussions is prepared before the meeting.

## Vice Chair

The vice chair performs the duties of the Chair when that person is not able to do it and is often the next in line to take the chair position.

## Secretary

The secretary is responsible for taking notes during meetings and for creating the meeting minutes to be submitted to the Board of Directors. This position is also responsible for maintaining proper organization and archival of the committee documents.

## Finance Committee Liaison

The primary role of the Finance Committee Liaison is to act as Treasurer for the Sport Committee. The responsibilities of this individual include the coordination and monitoring of the financial activities of the committee, the enforcement and sharing of financial commitments defined by the Finance Committee and the creation of a yearly budget for the sport to be submitted to the Board of Directors.

## Staff Liaison

The goal of the Staff Liaison is to facilitate communication between the USA Roller Sports Office and the members of their designated Sport Committee. The liaison shall inform Committee members about ongoing strategic initiatives being executed by the staff that would have an effect in the organization or the sport. The liaison shall also engage the Executive Director and any other relevant staff member when support from the office is needed to execute a strategy planned by the Sport Committee.

## Board Liaison

It is the responsibility of the Board Liaison to communicate all relevant strategies and decisions made by the Sport Committee to the members of the Board of Directors, especially when they require ratification from the Board. The Board Liaison is also responsible for sharing and explaining to the members of the Sport Committee any decisions made by the Board of Directors that may have an impact on their program.

# COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

## Meetings

The Chair of the Committee may call a meeting whenever it may be necessary to discuss or decide on matters related to the committee work. Meetings may be held remotely or in-person depending on the availability of the Committee members.

The following is required in order to hold any regular Committee meeting:

- The Chair of the Committee must send an invitation to all members of the Committee clearly indicating the time and date of the meeting and whether it is to be a conference call (or similar) or if it will be held as a face to face meeting.
- Invitations to remotely held meetings shall be sent at least seven (7) days before the meeting date and shall contain all the necessary information for members to join.
- Invitations to in-person meetings shall be sent at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting date and shall include the location of the meeting and all related travel and expense information.
- The invitation shall include the purpose of the meeting, a rough agenda and any additional documentation related to topics to be discussed during the meeting.
- The invitation may also request information or comments from committee members, in which case it should also establish a timeline for the receipt of submitted materials for the meeting and for dissemination to others for comment.

The Chair should compile all information for the meeting and create a detailed agenda, which must be sent to committee members at least one (1) day prior to the meeting.

During the meeting, the Chair should make sure the objectives of the meeting are clear and are met throughout the discussion. When meeting by conference call, the Chair should encourage participation by introducing each participant at the start of the meeting and asking each person to identify themselves before speaking. During all meetings the Committee should summarize and agree upon the outcome of each subject before moving on to the next item on the agenda.

Committee meetings should not necessarily be held during Championships as fatigue, emotion and lack of total concentration are sometimes reflected by poor results of such meetings.

Impromptu meetings may only be held during special situations where an official Sport Committee decision needs to be made urgently. The Chair shall make an effort to notify all members of the Committee about the meeting and should invite them to participate remotely. Impromptu meetings shall only be organized if at least 50% of voting members are present or are able to participate remotely. Impromptu meetings don't require a detailed agenda but shall be documented through meeting minutes in the same way as other meetings after they occur.

## Voting and Consensus

Committee members shall arrive to a consensus decision on all matters, not by majority vote, whenever possible. Consensus is defined by which, the members of the committee have arrived to general agreement whereby they may not exactly agree with the decision of the committee but can support the decision of the committee. When supported by all members, the phrase "supported unanimously" or similar shall be inserted into the meeting minutes.

When consensus has not been used in a decision, then the Secretary is to record the vote count, yea vs nay. All motions by committee shall record a vote tally on the meeting minutes when there is a dissenting vote.

## Quorum

A quorum of two thirds of voting members is required to make official decisions on behalf of the full Committee. In the absence of a quorum, the Committee may meet for the purpose of discussion, but may not make decisions on behalf of the full Committee.

## Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the meetings shall be documented and distributed to all committee members for approval within ten (10) days of the end of the committee meeting. Committee members shall have a maximum of ten (10) days to provide corrections to the Secretary. After corrections have been made and approved, the Secretary shall send those minutes to all committee members and to the Executive Director, who in turn shall share them with all current Board members.

The Board shall have a maximum of five (5) days to review the minutes for the potential impact to the intended goals of USA Roller Sports and to express any questions to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall address those questions for correction or revision and take action of ratification within five (5) days. The purpose of this timeline is to keep the Board of Directors informed of all actions occurring in the Sport Committees and to allow for public distribution of the minutes within thirty (30) days of the Sport Committee meeting.

If an expeditious ratification is required, the Sport Committee may request an exception to this timeline and shall provide a detailed explanation of the reasons to the Executive Committee.

## Committee Finances

The Finance Committee shall define a timeline for the submission and approval of the Sport Committee financial documentation. The timeline shall be communicated to all Committee members by the Finance Committee Liaison as soon as it is finalized. Projected expenses, including travel and program budgets, shall be submitted to and approved by the Finance Committee based on the defined timeline. The Finance Committee Liaison shall work with the Committee to review the financial performance of the program and to develop all documents required by the Finance Committee.

Travel reimbursements shall be subject to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

## SPORT COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

The USA Roller Sports Board of Directors grants each Sport Committee the authority to govern the program of its specific roller sports discipline, including, but not limited to, grassroots programs, rules, divisions, competition guidelines, coaches and officials training and certification, either by its action or through a subcommittee action approved by that specific committee for that purpose.

All Sport Committee actions are to be ratified or not, by the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors at its next official convening meeting. Final jurisdiction of all USA Roller Sports rules, guidelines and activity acted upon by the Sport Committees remains with the Board of Directors.

However, the Board of Directors shall limit its involvement with committee actions primarily to ensure that the established committee guidelines are followed and shall avoid micromanaging the activities, strategies and direction of the Sport Committees unless it becomes absolutely necessary to intervene in order to protect the interests of the organization. The Board of Directors shall instead provide guidance, support and direction to the Sport Committees.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE INITIATIVES

### Immediate Implementation

Any changes to the sport program that **do not affect the competitive structure** may be considered for immediate implementation by the Sport Committee upon ratification by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, provided proper review procedures have been followed.

### Scheduled Implementation

Any change that **affects the competitive structure**, not limited to age, division structure, division eligibility or competitive requirements, must be submitted to the USA Roller Sports Office thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled Sport Committee meeting.

Recommended changes will be presented to the Sport Committee for consideration by the Staff Liaison. After reviewing the proposed changes and doing their due diligence, which may include following the USA Roller Sports rule GR 21.00, the Sport Committee may choose to submit them to the Board of Directors for approval and ratification. The implementation date of those changes, if approved and ratified, will be defined by the Board of Directors based on the current competitive season of the sport. Any divergence from this timeline must be approved by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors.

## SPORT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of each Sport Committee and all its members to follow all of the procedures established by the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors, ensuring that all decisions are made according to the rules adopted and being certain to do their due diligence on all matters. Additionally, Sport Committees are expected to meet all deadlines set by the Board, the Executive Committee, the USA Roller Sports office and the official calendar of events. In the event the deadlines are not met, the Executive Director may assign the task to the office staff.

Each Sport Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

- Developing the required financial documentation for their sport program.
- Monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the curriculum of their sport program, including but not limited to, divisions, eligibility, skating requirements, uniform requirements, rules of play and proper competition procedures.
- Organizing tournaments and sport events.
- Operating their sport's portion of the National Championships, including the definition of the competitive structure and the championship bracketing.
- Selecting and appointing the National Meet Director.
- Establishing standards for referees/officials.
- Developing safety requirements and creating educational materials to share such requirements with the sport community.
- Conducting evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs/clinics for athletes, coaches and officials.
- Appointing the subcommittee that will be responsible for the selection of the National Team and the National Team training.
- Appointing the subcommittee that will be responsible for the selection of National and International officials.
- Appointing a marketing representative to the Marketing Committee.
- Reviewing and approving articles, images or information representing their sport before it is published.
- Actively seeking input from all interested parties, such as athletes, coaches, clubs, and office staff before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to the agenda for consideration by the Sport Committee.
- Documenting in writing all directives to the subcommittees and submitting them to all subcommittee members.

**Executive Director Report – Submitted by Eric Steele****United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee**

- Completed our most recent preliminary report with the USOPC Audit. Are compliant in 27 of 29 areas.
  - The 2 primary areas where we are non-compliant are related to athlete representation selection procedures and our finance committee athlete representation.
  - The organization has requested a waiver on one of the 2 areas and are awaiting a decision. While the other procedural issue is able to be accomplished at the Board of Directors meeting to be held November 1-3. Essentially, our athlete reps will have to vote specifically on the athletes on all of our committees separately from the rest of the BOD participating.
  - There 4 additional observations not currently required, but that may be required in the future where attention will need to be focused.
    - 1 area is related to our diversity and inclusion plan. This has been completed but still needs to be issued in the required format.
    - Item 2 is related to grievance procedures.
    - Item 3 is related to published procedures related to background checks. This has been updated via our website.
    - Item 4 is related to language updating and USADA that should be posted.
- NGB Services will be visiting our Board of Directors meeting for a presentation on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning specific to some of the great new services that will be coming the direction of NGB's specifically under the 3-million-dollar annual budget range.
- The likelihood is extremely strong that Congress will reopen the Ted Stevens Act sometime in the next year. While there are many changes and recommendations in several versions of the law, the primary and most significant change seems to revolve around increased athlete representation on committees and boards of NGB's from 20% to the 33% range.
- Eric Steele Attended the USOPC Assembly in September and will attend the NGB Best Practices Seminar in November.
- A huge hats off to our Pan Am athletes who brought home a silver and bronze this past summer!

**Safe Sport & Athlete Safety**

- The organization will go through an onsite Safe Sport Audit in early December.
- We have initiated the Minor Athlete Abuse and Prevention Policies.
- The new standards regarding Criminal Background Checks has been implemented moving the searches to a large window of search criteria defined by the USOPC. The implementation now moves the organization from a ranging fee per background check to a flat fee of \$30 per check.
- All members of the age of 18 must now complete Safe Sport Training.
- Tina Brendle to attend an NGB Best Practices Seminar on Safe Sport October 28, 2019
- We had at the previous board meeting discussed the creation of a Safe Sport officer. This has not been completed, and the recommendation is that this needs to be completely re-examined along with a review of our grievance structure. A bylaws recommendation has been forwarded to merge our ethics and membership/eligibility committees into a singular committee.

**Strategic Plan**

- The plan has now been completed and is available via our website at:  
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-roller-sports/usa-roller-sports-strategic-plan>

## **Legal**

- A complete review of the Reciprocity agreement between USA Roller Sports and Woman's Flat Track Derby Association needs to occur, with specific emphasis placed on how the organization will adapt to Safe Sport policy if participating in USA Roller Sport sanctioned events. To date this has still not occurred and should occur prior to Roller-con this upcoming year.

## **Nebraska Attorney General Agreement**

- To date the organization continues to meet all compliance requirements and have not had any issues with the AG.
- All information has been updated in the Dropbox, and should any new members be elected to the Executive Board at this current Board of Directors meeting, those new members will be added.
- As of the Fall Board Meeting, we will have completed 6 of the 12 required quarterly reports and thus be officially 50% complete with the overall consent agreement timeline.

## **Financials**

- I will defer to the treasurer's report on the financials as they currently stand.
- Hard copies of the most recent audit are available.
- FANTATICS has finally launched. You can access it here: <https://www.fanatics.com/?query=Roller%20Sports>
- Have conducted research regarding a collections agency to address our Accounts Receivable. This will need to be reviewed for approval.

## **Membership**

- The new membership season officially opened on August 19.
- As part of the new season launch, the new pricing structure and good standing policies have both went into full effect.
- A review of the current membership platform is requested for discussion.

## **National Championships**

- Spokane 2019 is officially finalized, and a follow up meeting regarding successes and obstacles occurred in early late September with members of the committee.
- It is estimated that just under 12,000 room nights were reported, with nearly 20% using the AirBnb method.
- Cedar Rapids Partnership is secured, and planning is underway. A review of the partnership agreement with payments, services and commitments is available for review at any time by all board members.
- The host hotel has been awarded to the Marriott in Cedar Rapids.
- Recommend purchasing, hopefully through the credit card reward program, 2 more ipads to assist in the registration process.
- As with all National Championships, the floor is our largest venture. The trip to Cedar Rapids will be the last for the next 2 years. After that, we will need to take some much-needed steps in addressing the floors condition and longevity.
- The City of Lincoln has requested to finalize the commitment plan for the 2021-2022 National Championships.
- We have received one bid already for the 2023 championships.
- Will attend the Teams Conference and forward our RFP to perspective cities for 2023 and beyond.

## **Property Update**

- The basement continues to be an issue regarding water leaking in. It has been more than normal, and we most likely will need to look at having the foundation of the building tuck pointed/waterproofed soon.
- Installation of new hand railings to the front of the building was approved by the city and finalized in August.
- Routine maintenance and services continue as usual with pest prevention, heating/AC, lawn and snow removal.
- The lease has ended on the rental house and moved to month to month. The current residents are most likely secured in staying in the home till April.
- Over the last 8 months significant clean up and removal has occurred in the back-storage room and basement. Much more work is needed here, and it is a massive work in progress that does not see an end for at least several more months.
- The organization continues to explore the possibility of a headquarters relocation. A team of 4 board members and myself met with the city of Colorado Springs during the USOPC assembly. I will defer to their thoughts and comments to the feasibility of such a venture. As indicated previously when we were first approached with the idea, such a move must not only be feasible financially, but also operationally. If neither of those criteria can be met to fully enhance the organizations overall existence and service to our membership, then such a move would be ill advised. Much more research and study needs to be conducted on this subject.

## **National Museum of Roller Skating**

- The museum has made both Peggy Young and Eric Steele, members of their Board of Directors and as such have given us the ability to conduct some general day to day operational needs.
- A credit card has been established by the museum to separate expenditures more clearly between USARS and the museum. Example being. If lights need purchased, no longer does USARS purchase and then bill the museum. The museum handles it directly.
- Because of the backroom storage and basement clean up, the museum now has some additional room to grow regarding accusations.

## **Staff**

- Our Health Insurance policy officially changed on September 1 of this year, and one employee will be added to the plan in the November time frame.
- We had 3 employees join the retirement plan, bringing the total now to 5.
- A review for salary increases to eligible employees is requested to occur in December by the Executive Committee. If increases are to occur, it would benefit the organization greatly to have that take effect on January 1 vs. going through the retroactive process like we did one year ago.

**Speed Committee Summary**

**The Speed Committee is requesting Board ratification of the following items:**

**Change rule SR560.1 - change “to your mark” to “in position”**

- This passed through the regional reps' at the national meeting
- 60.98% of the coaches in the nation-wide coach vote were in favor of this

**Change requirement for girls to start 3 mixed relays to anyone can start 3 mixed relays**

- This passed through the regional reps' at the national meeting
- 57.50% of the coaches in the nation-wide coach vote were in favor of this

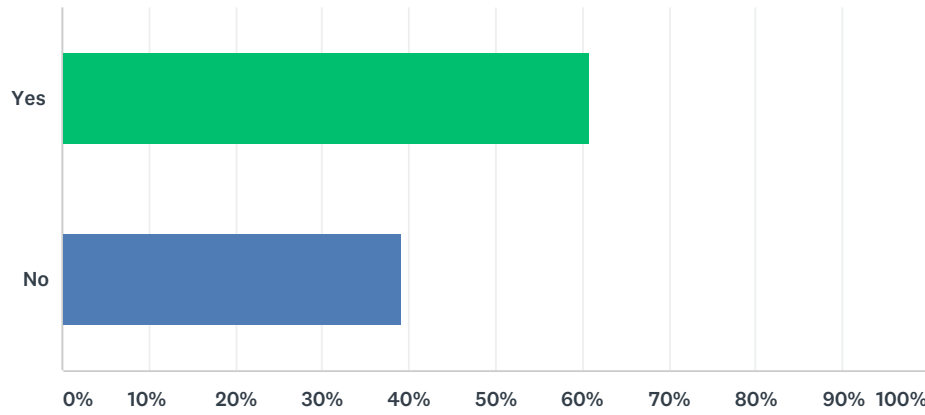
**Change the 3 Person Relays from qualifying as a timed event to qualifying 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> (pending scheduling)**

- This passed through the regional reps' at the national meeting
- 73.17% of the coaches in the nation-wide coach vote were in favor of this

**\*\*Backup documentation is included. The documentation details the process and the results.**

### Q1 Change rule SR560.1 (See Explanation Above).

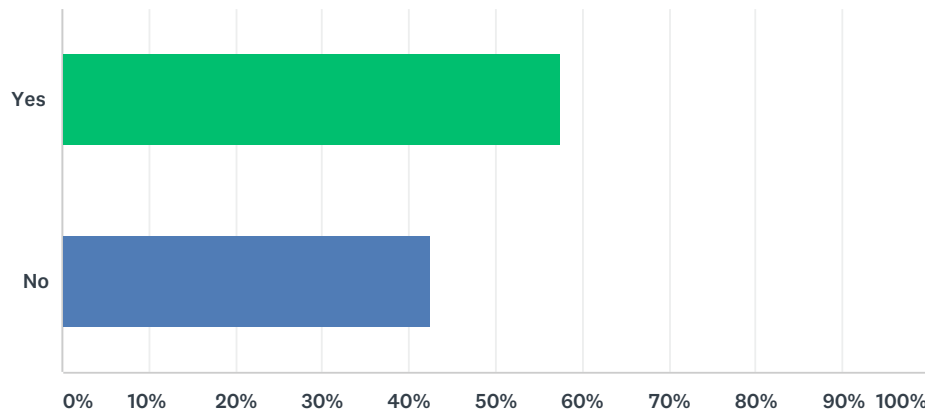
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.98%	25
No	39.02%	16
TOTAL		41

## Q2 Change requirements for girls to start 3 mixed relays to anyone can start 3 mixed relays.

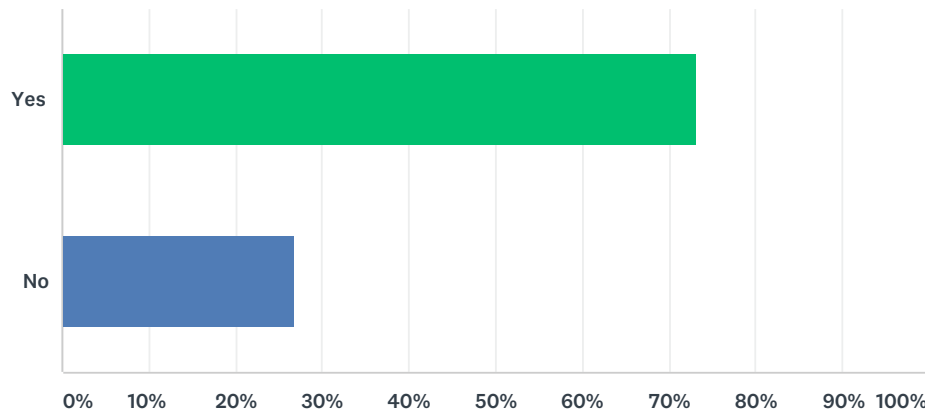
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.50%	23
No	42.50%	17
TOTAL		40

### Q3 Change the 3 person relays from qualifying as a timed event to qualifying 1st to 3rd place.

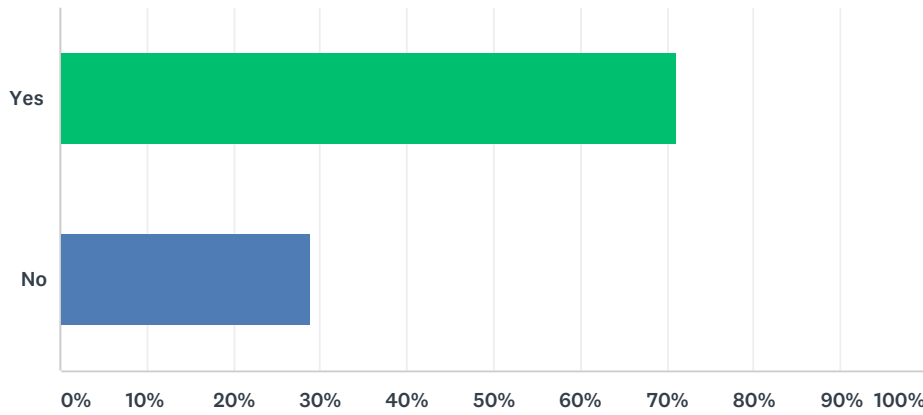
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.17%	30
No	26.83%	11
TOTAL		41

**Q4 If there are 5 teams or less skating regionals and there is a disqualification, that team would be declassified to 4th and still be allowed to enter Nationals.**

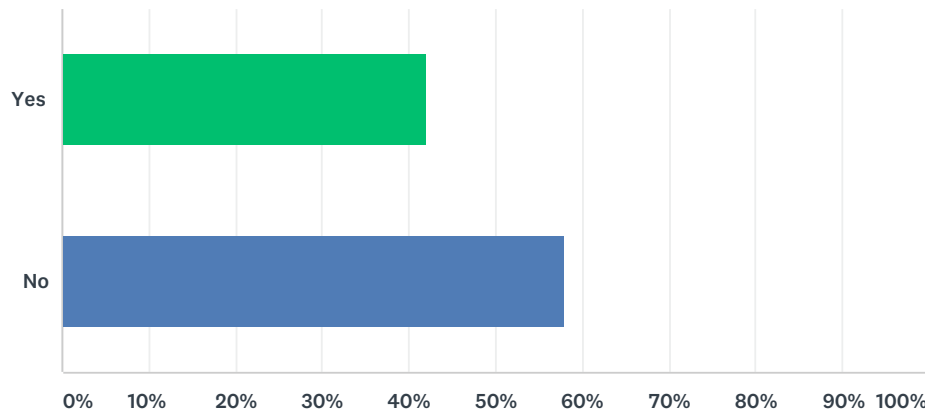
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.05%	27
No	28.95%	11
TOTAL		38

### Q5 Implement maximum wheel size for competition by Division. Adopt World Skate wheel size restrictions by age group.

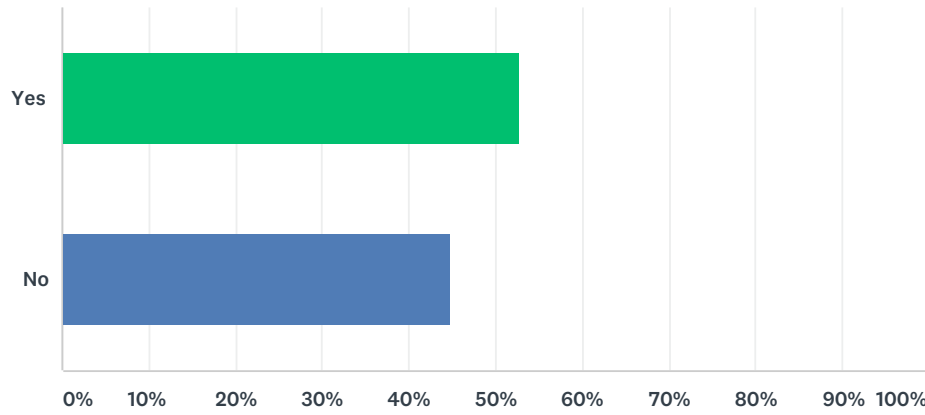
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	42.11%	16
No	57.89%	22
TOTAL		38

### Q6 Go to an open entry National Championship.

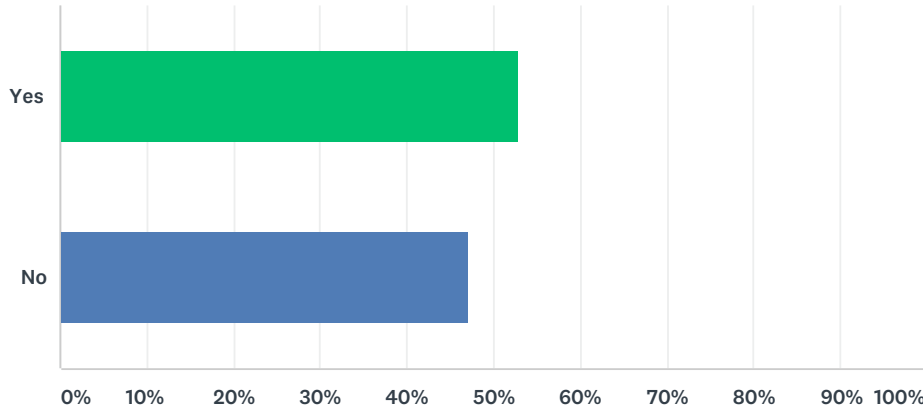
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.63%	20
No	44.74%	17
TOTAL		38

### Q7 Modify SR560.4.

Answered: 34 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.94%	18
No	47.06%	16
TOTAL		34

**Q8 Please enter your club name here to have your vote count (one vote per club only):**

Answered: 33 Skipped: 8

## MINUTES SUBMITTED BY TOM ATKINS

### SPEED COMMITTEE ACTION ADDED IN BY RICCI PORTER-KMETZ (in green)

- Action is a result of a SC meeting conducted on 8/2/19 (7:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.) at the Spokane Convention Center

### SOUTHWEST REGION

#### 1. Implement maximum wheel size for competition by division. Adopt World Skate wheel size restrictions by age group.

Age 5 and below - 84mm max

Age 6-9 - 90mm max

Age 10-14 - 100mm max

Age 15 and above - 110mm max

Vote: Favor 5 Against 2 Abstain 1 – Motion Carries

SC ACTION – Yes, pending World Skate information. Also, a survey will be sent out seeking opinions on re-structuring the age groups in relays.

#### 2. Go to an Open Entry National Championship. Vote: Favor 2 Against 4 Abstain 1 – Motion Failed

SC ACTION – Going with the regional rep vote, and sending out a survey requesting input on how to make qualifying for nationals cost effective.

#### 3. Separate the National Championships, with ODN and IDN 3 weeks or less apart we are forcing most skaters to enter one or the other. If we can move the two championships 30 to 45 days apart more skaters will be able to compete in both championships.

Indoor Nationals could move to late June.

Outdoor Nationals should be end of August.

#### 4. To make #3 work we need to stop using ODN to select our World Team . . . ODN and selected other outdoor and indoor events should qualify skaters for a National Team. All National Team members (including the previous seasons World Team members) would be eligible to attend a world team selection camp to be scheduled according to the world championships. A one-week camp with skaters running distances multiple times will give our coaching staff the ability to select the best team based on consistent performance.

Moot point - in process already. Note: 3 and 4 are linked issues.

### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

#### 1. No regional qualifier for National Championships, Regionals to remain intact for Star Skate, grass roots program.

Moot point - in process already.

#### 2. Coat Colorado Springs 200m Banked Track according to Joe Cotters original proposal. Moot point - in process already.

### SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

#### 1) Changing rule SR560.1

Original Rule SR560.1

At the command "TO YOUR MARK," skaters move forward to the starting line in a preliminary starting position. A preliminary starting position is:

- A. standing up; or,
- B. in a four-point position with two hands, one knee and one foot on the floor (a standard track start).
- C. in a 3 point position with one hand, one knee and one foot on the floor.

### **New Rule SR560.1**

At the command "IN POSITION," skaters move forward to the starting line in a preliminary starting position. A preliminary starting position is:

- A. standing up; or,
- B. in a four-point position with two hands, one knee and one foot on the floor (a standard track start).
- C. in a 3 point position with one hand, one knee and one foot on the floor.

Vote: Favor 8 Against 0 – Motion Carries

**SC ACTION – Going to a coach vote**

### **2) Original Rules**

SR560.4 In the event of a false start, the offending skater or skaters will move to an eight foot (8') setback line in their proper lane position before the starting procedure resumes. At the command, "To your mark," this skater or these skaters move forward to the four foot (4') setback line only, not to the starting line.

SR560.5 When a skater starts before the gun has sounded, it will be considered a false start. Two false starts by the same skater will result in his or her disqualification from the race.

SR560.6 Any deviation from the starting procedure, excluding a false start, will result in a warning to the entire group in that particular race. After the warning in that particular race, any deviation from the starting procedure will be penalized the same as a false start.

### **New Rule**

SR560.4

The skater or a team (relay) who commits two (2) false starts in the same race (heats, semi-finals and final), is disqualified DSQ-TF.

- b. When one skater causes a false start, thereby causing the other skater to follow; only this skater shall be given one (1) warning for false start.
- c. In each instance, in case of false start, the judge shall call back skaters to the starting line (with one or two gunshots or two blows of whistle). Skaters must resume their positions and the start is repeated.
- d. The Starting judge signals the false start to the skater by showing a yellow card. He shows a red card to signal the disqualification after a second false start

Vote: 0 Favor 6 Against 1 Abstain – Motion Failed

**SC ACTION – A survey will be conducted with pros and cons (including World Skate information)**

### **3) Adding to rule SR361.11**

K. No helmet face shields shall be worn at any indoor event.

Vote: 0 Favor 6 Against 1 Abstain

### **EASTERN REGION**

#### **Proposal #1:**

This proposal is requested for the speed committee to reevaluate the age groups from relays to align with all of our new Safe Sport regulations. For instance, to properly adhere to Safe Sport, at no time should an 18+ year old man/woman be skating with a 14-year old child. We need to avoid any issues that may arise and possibly compromise a child's wellbeing.

The proposal was amended to ask the Speed Committee to evaluate this issue.

Vote: 5 Favor 3 Against – Motion Carries

**SC ACTION – Will evaluate**

#### **Proposal #2**

So as to reward World Team Members for their hard work, World Team Members will be given the same numbers to be used throughout their skating careers at USARS events. The Numbers will have a "W" designation, with size and dimension to be determined by the Speed Committee.

Vote: 8 Favor 0 Against – Motion Carries

### **NORTHWEST PROPOSALS**

#### **1. Change requirement for girls to start 3 mixed relays to anyone can start**

If you are allowed to have 2 girls then the coach of the relay team to choose the starter.

Vote: 8 Favor 0 against – Motion Carries

#### **SC ACTION – Coach Vote**

#### **2. Change the relay re-entry requirement, add a side entry to avoid crashes**

Vote: 2 Favor 6 Against – Motion Failed

#### **3. Eliminate all grand divisions**

Vote: 1 Favor 7 Against – Motion Failed

#### **4. Eliminate requirement for regionals to be national qualifier. Keep regionals as a regional championship and that is it.**

Previously discussed

### **GREAT LAKE PROPOSALS**

#### **1. Keep Regionals as a qualifier**

Previously discussed

#### **2. If there are 5 teams or less skating Regionals and there is a disqualification, that team would be declassified to 4<sup>th</sup> and still be allowed to enter Nationals.**

Vote: 6 Favor 0 Against 1 Abstain – Motion Carries

**SC ACTION – Yes, on the 5 teams, but also sending back to the regional reps for feedback on handling if there are 6 or more teams. For example, what happens if there are 6 teams, and 3 are disqualified (leaving 2 slots) –how do you determine which two get the slots? The current change applies to 5 teams or less, but the SC would like there to be a step 2 considered.**

### **SOUTHEAST PROPOSALS**

#### **1. Keep Regionals as a qualifier**

Previously discussed

#### **2. Change the 3 Person Relays from qualifying as a timed event to qualifying 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The relay laps were already shortened, why do they need to be timed

Vote: 6 Favor 0 Against 1 Abstain – Motion Carries

#### **SC ACTION - Coach Vote**

#### **3. Bring World Class back, doesn't have to involve money.**

Vote: 3 Favor 5 Against – Motion Failed

#### **4. The Speed Committee should consist of a Representative from each Region. Ask board to change the process.**

Ricci Kmetz - Research and ask Committee on Committees

Tabled - to be done by Ricci

**5. Veteran and above Quads should mirror Inlines with distances.**

Tabled – SC will look at quad distances to see if they should mirror inlines

**6. Teams in the same Region to be able to skate relays together**

It was requested to table this issue. Motion to table.

Vote: 5 Favor 0 Against – Motion To Table Carries

At the beginning there was a long discussion about General Rule 21. Sport Rule Change Process. There is a committee looking at rewriting Rule 21 to fit all disciplines.

## Coaches:

- **Please complete the 2019 Coaches' Vote and Survey – When you answer a question that requires a VOTE, you are participating in a vote for a Program Change (per GR21). The Speed Committee (SC) would also like your feedback on some items - those items are asked under the SURVEY.**
  
- These questions came as a result of the Regional Representatives' meeting, and the Speed Committee meeting at the 2019 Indoor National Championships in Spokane, Wash. The Speed Committee had an additional meeting on September 12, 2019 via phone conference to include those Speed Committee members that were not present at the meeting in Spokane.
  
- As stated at the Regional Reps' meeting in Spokane, the Speed Committee has agreed to follow GR 21 with a modified timeline.
  - **The Speed Committee will follow General Rule 21.00 (Sport Program Change Process) with a modified timeline to fit the current competitive season. The timeline modifications are as follows:**
    - **GR21.07 - December 31 is changed to October 1**
    - **GR21.08 - Spring is changed to Fall**
      - **GR21.09 - Spring is changed to Fall, and subsequent skating season is changed to current skating season**
    - **GR21.11 - December 31 is changed to October 1**
      - \*\*Please refer to GR21.00 Sport Program Change Process in the USA Roller Sports General Rules for Competitive Roller Sports for full details on GR21**
  
- Please note, ONE VOTE per club will be considered in the voting results

## **VOTE**

### **1 - Change rule SR560.1**

Original Rule SR560.1

At the command "TO YOUR MARK," skaters move forward to the starting line in a preliminary starting position. A preliminary starting position is:

- A. standing up; or,
- B. in a four-point position with two hands, one knee and one foot on the floor (a standard track start).
- C. in a 3 point position with one hand, one knee and one foot on the floor.

### **New Rule SR560.1**

At the command "IN POSITION," skaters move forward to the starting line in a preliminary starting position. A preliminary starting position is:

- A. standing up; or,
- B. in a four-point position with two hands, one knee and one foot on the floor (a standard track start).
- C. in a 3 point position with one hand, one knee and one foot on the floor.

**YES NO COMMENTS**

### **2 - Change requirement for girls to start 3 mixed relays to anyone can start 3 mixed relays**

**YES NO COMMENTS**

### **3 - Change the 3 Person Relays from qualifying as a timed event to qualifying 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**YES NO COMMENTS**

## **SURVEY**

**1 - If there are 5 teams or less skating Regionals and there is a disqualification, that team would be declassified to 4<sup>th</sup> and still be allowed to enter Nationals.**

### **YES NO COMMENTS**

**Also – The SC is seeking** feedback on handling if there are 6 or more teams. For example, what happens if there are 6 teams, and 3 are disqualified (leaving 2 slots) –how do you determine which two get the slots? The current change applies to 5 teams or less, but the SC would like there to be a step two considered.

**2 - Implement maximum wheel size for competition by division.  
Adopt World Skate wheel size restrictions by age group.**

**The SC is seeking opinions on re-structuring the age groups in relays.**

Age 5 and below - 84mm max

Age 6-9 - 90mm max

Age 10-14 - 100mm max

Age 15 and above - 110mm max

**3 - Go to an Open Entry National Championship**

**This was voted down at the Regional Rep level. However, the SC is seeking feedback from all coaches on making qualifying for the national championships more cost effective.**

**4 - Modify SR560.4 - The SC is seeking feedback on modifying SR560.4 (including World Skate Information)**

**This was voted down at the Regional Rep level. The SC is seeking feedback from all coaches.**

### **Original Rule**

SR560.4 In the event of a false start, the offending skater or skaters will move to an eight foot (8') setback line in their proper lane position before the starting procedure resumes. At the command, "To your mark," this skater or these skaters move forward to the four foot (4') setback line only, not to the starting line.

SR560.5 When a skater starts before the gun has sounded, it will be considered a false start. Two false starts by the same skater will result in his or her disqualification from the race.

SR560.6 Any deviation from the starting procedure, excluding a false start, will result in a warning to the entire group in that particular race. After the warning in that particular race, any deviation from the starting procedure will be penalized the same as a false start.

### **New Rule**

#### SR560.4

The skater or a team (relay) who commits two (2) false starts in the same race (heats, semi-finals and final), is disqualified DSQ-TF.

b. When one skater causes a false start, thereby causing the other skater to follow; only this skater shall be given one (1) warning for false start.

c. In each instance, in case of false start, the judge shall call back skaters to the starting line (with one or two gunshots or two blows of whistle). Skaters must resume their positions and the start is repeated.

d. The Starting judge signals the false start to the skater by showing a yellow card. He shows a red card to signal the disqualification after a second false start



# Speed Committee Meeting - April 11th 2019

## ATTENDEES

Jay Ingram	Chris Payne
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	Dennis King
Tony Cabral	Kelly Springer
Kay Gallatin	Harry Stuart
Mary Allmond	Gypsy Lucas
Erin Jackson	Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Non-voting
Brandon Hall	

Meeting started at 6:00pm PST

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## AGENDA

None Posted. The committee worked off of old business.

## DISCUSSION AREAS

### 3-5 Year Plan Review

- The committee reviewed the 3 & 5 year plan. These will be passed to Eric and the Exec Board for review
  - More Outdoor Races (3 YEAR - Gypsy)
    - Labor day - Brian Piccolo Park
    - Outdoor race added to both Fall and Spring camps (great participation)
    - More advertising is needed to make these even more successful
    - FY2020 there are 3 additional races
    - Confirming sanction for labor day
    - Advertisement for above
  - Increase Membership (5 YEAR - Ricci - Megan)
    - Star Skate
    - Funding for star skate material being requested
    - Media creation (videos & material) for star skate program
    - Award for coach and/or chartered club for most new carded skaters.
    - Kelly, Tony and Brandon for help with input and videos
  - World Team Qualification
    - Process improvement is needed
    - Not knowing when worlds is not helpful
    - More discussion F2F at ODN
  - Fundraising
    - Need more events to raise funds for USA world team
    - More grant investigations need to be done
    - Grant writers are needed. Can we reach out to our membership?
    - Ricci to research grant writing and have an RFP be done for the above position.
    - Deadline for information to be set by Ricci and forwarded to the committee.

### Vegas Planning and Review

- 275 skaters indoor and outdoor
- International participation was impressive
- Total investment 42k - Broke even.
- Chad and Jorge camps were well attended.

### World Skate Possible dates for future events.

- Joe Hanna - World Skate - 2nd draft for indoor rule book.
- World Championship Indoor - March?
- Outdoor Championship - June July August?
- Will Rollersports have to adjust season schedule to accommodate?

MOTIONS - The Speed Committee moves that a non voting position for a member at large in the speed committee be created for International World Skate representation. SECONDED - PASSED

This spot will be filled by the speed committee from recommendations within the speed committee. The member will be invited to meeting as and when appropriate.

Meeting concluded at 8:10 pm PST

Minutes compiled by Christopher Payne

# Speed Committee Meeting - June 13th 2019

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## ATTENDEES

Jay Ingram	Chris Payne
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	Dennis King
Tony Cabral	Kelly Springer
Kay Gallatin	Harry Stuart
Mary Allmond	Gypsy Lucas
Erin Jackson	Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Non-voting
Brandon Hall	

Meeting started at 6:07pm PST

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## AGENDA

1. Possibility of changing some meeting times scheduled during practice day.
2. Status of Meet director and Tabulators seminars.
3. Responsibilities of Regional Reps under GR21
4. Status of officials committee now that Janine has resigned

5. Changing of qualification process for Team USA
6. Various aspects of Labor Day race
7. Protocol for posting event results
8. Potential conflicts within our committee and USARS in general with regards to USRSS
9. Applications for Team USA staff positions for the next two years.
10. Promotion aspects connected with 2020 World Games in Alabama.
  
11. Protocols and expectations of this committee headed into the future considering the limited information we are provided and the tools we will need to do an adequate job heading into 2020 and beyond.

## OLD BUISINESS

- **AMERICAS CUP DISCUSSION**
- **2018-19 cards will be valid thru sept 3rd. Athlete would need to purchase a member card after aug. Single event cards will be available.**
  
- **Coaches should ensure that their safesport certification is valid. If current membership is valid safesport cert will be valid. New coaches will need more follow-up.**
  
- **Information went out to current chartered clubs. Gypsy will be getting into contact with bounced clubs. Intl club contacts are incoming and will be sending invite information also.**

- Some colombian clubs are already in contact.
- Invite an out of country official possibly. List of officials and invites are being gathered and still need to be sent.
- Vendors have been contacted. Booth comps being discussed for vendors and sponsors brining in a certain amount of skaters.
- Tshirts... Design approval still needed but a go is given for pursuing tshirts via Harry.
- Gypsy/qualification - do we have enough people to monitor the people that are possibly not safe to compete on the track. Same thing goes for qualifying and evaluations of the skaters there.
- Brandon and Dennis will investigate awards.

## DISCUSSION AREAS

### Officials Committee

- Janine has resigned. Looking or other chairs... Tosha has stated she can fill in for now. An application process should be created to blanket for applicants. Populate this at IDN
- MOTION to have the national office create officials committee application. UNANIMOUS.

### RULE GR 21 Discussion

- Overview of the challenges of GR21 and getting regional reps to adhere to these rules.
- MOTION - The Speed Committee will follow General Rule 21.00 (Sport Program Change Process) with a modified timeline to fit the current competitive season. The timeline modifications are as follows:

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**SECONDED - MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Qualification Process for Worlds - Residency.

- **A detailed approved process is needed for next season. A call will be scheduled. mOre information will be emailed out by Kelly.**

### Awards Ceremony.

- **Place USA Rollersports logo on Polos- Speed Committee Badges rather than shirts with speed committee on them.**
- **Polos for IDN so that presenting people are looking more “presentable and professional” during awards ceremony.**
- **Schedule the Elite Coaches, Meet Directors, Board Members, Speed Committee Members. NEED TO CREATE A SCHEDULE.**

### Awards Placement in Schedule

- **Discussion on where to place awards blocks for racing.**
- **Harry to Schedule blocks for awards schedule. Opinion seems that the awards schedule will remain the same.**

### Scheduling classes and meetings during practice.

- **Meet director seminar. Meet tabulator, Speed coaches meeting, honors meeting, regional reps meeting. Need to find places for these meetings as people were complaining about wanting to go to meeting but were unable.**

## Committee Ethics and Morals.

- **It was brought up that there are “leaks” within the committee. It was stated that committee members are bound to adhere to the ethics documents that each committee member signed.**

## World Championship Dates.

- **Right after completion of Worlds it should be announced the due date for applications for coaches, staff and apprentice positions. Positions are to be for 2 years.**
- **Rotating positions so that there is some continuity within the Coaching team may be beneficial.**
- **Ricci to get the application ready.**

## Creating a calendar with deadlines for the entire skating universe as it pertains to USA Roller Sports.

- **Creating a roadmap for USA Rollersports with important dates and responsible peoples/committees that need to happen. Ricci and Kelly to begin.**

## Protocols for Posting Event Results.

- **Event results aren't being posted in a timely manner.**
- **Tony/Chris to work with Frank on a template for submitting and posting results online.**

## World Games Dates and Promotion for Alabama.

- **Begin discussions for the event. Discuss teams, priorities and ideas. Begin talks with responsible parties on the events and begin gathering data.**

- Ricci to be point for this.

### Milton Invitational Coaches Conference.

- Harry discussed the possibilities for this event for this event in the Southern Region.
- Looking for suggestions from the committee on names on people who can and have done in building clubs and getting rinks to open their doors.
- Email Harry suggestions that you may have.

**MOTION to allow skater - Joseph Harmon to replace a skater that is medically unable to participate in regionals. Joseph was entered in regionals. SECONDED - PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION to have the national office create officials committee application. SECONDED - PASSED UNANIMOUS.**

**MOTION - The Speed Committee will follow General Rule 21.00 (Sport Program Change Process) with a modified timeline to fit the current competitive season. The timeline modifications are as follows:**

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**GR21.11 - December 31 is changed to October 1**

**SECONDED - MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting concluded at 8:10 pm PST

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# Speed Committee Meeting - September 12th 2019

## ATTENDEES

Jay Ingram	Chris Payne
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	Dennis King
Tony Cabral	Kelly Springer
Kay Gallatin	Harry Stuart
Mary Allmond	Gypsy Lucas
Erin Jackson	Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Non-voting
Brandon Hall	

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## OLD BUSINESS

## DISCUSSION AREAS

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### National Championships Regional Reps Proposal Discussion

- Changing To your Mark rule - SR560.1
- Change requirements from ladys start relays
- Change 3 person to placements for qualifier
- SURVEY Feedback - Implement wheel sizes
- SURVEY Feedback - Restructure age groups for relays
- SURVEY Feedback - Open entry nationals entry
- Admin change 5 or less teams for regionals disco'd team can qualify for Nat. -
- SURVEY Feedback - False start - possible world skate implementation

Speed Committee agreed that these items were ok to have Ricci move forward with.

Unanimous

NW Region possibly not getting cards

- Letter sent by the NW region to the regional reps and other various coaches.

### Americas Cup and Clinic Discussion

- Date and location ideas presented and talked about.
- Gypsy to investigate pricing in FL and CO for Dec 11 - 15 for clinic
- Possible Americas Cup as a qualifier. Dec 12 arrival skate 13-15.

### Camps in CO

- Possible Choices
  - March 25th -29th -- Week + after Battle
  - April 1st - 5th

### Outdoor Nationals Discussion

- Venues being looked at for road in CO Springs
  - Probable HS venue but would have to change some scheduling (Road First)
  - 30K for CO possibly. Piccollo would prob be cheaper
  - Dates to investigate for 2020 - 12th - 16th
  - Locations to investigate - Ricci to ask about CO - Gypsy to look at FL.
  - 2020 Worlds July 4th - 12th - portal closes 31st

### World Games

- World Games - Birmingham July 15th - 25th 2021
- Massive opportunity to market the sport

- Indoor must happen prior to Roller Games
- Gypsy to run down plans and how we can move and promote this to be successful.

**Meeting concluded at 8:10 pm PST**

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# Speed Committee Meeting - October 10th 2019

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## ATTENDEES

Jay Ingram	Chris Payne
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	Dennis King
Tony Cabral	Kelly Springer
Kay Gallatin	Harry Stuart
Mary Allmond	Gypsy Lucas
Erin Jackson	Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Non-voting
Brandon Hall	

Meeting started at 6:00pm PST

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## OLD BUSINESS

The Committee worked on the coaches survey that came back

## DISCUSSION AREAS

- For the question to change rule SR560.1 -- 61% YES
  - 7 YEA -- 0 NAY
- Change requirements for girls to start 3 mixed relays to anyone can start 3 mixed relays. -- 57% YES
  - 7 YEA -- NAY
- Change the 3 person relays from qualifying as a timed event to qualifying 1st to 3rd place. Dependant on time constraints and National Schedule -- 73% YES
  - 7 YEA -- NAY
- Information Gathering -- If there are 5 teams or less skating regionals and there is a disqualification, that team would be declassified to 4th and still be allowed to enter Nationals. -- 71% YES
- Information Gathering -- Implement maximum wheel size for competition by Division. Adopt World Skate wheel size restrictions by age group. -- 57% NO
- Information Gathering -- Go to an open entry National Championship. -- 52% YES
- Information Gathering -- Modify SR560.4 -- 52% YES
  - TABLED BY COMMITTEE

## Americas Cup and Clinic Discussion

- Dec 13-15
- Road Friday
- Track sat ½ day Sunday
- Can adjust if necessary
- Can they have access to the USA Rollersports Square storefront for booking and payment collection.
- Gypsy to send to Kay a budget revision for approval

## Camps in CO

- March 25th -29th -- Week + after Battle
- April 1st - 5th
- Track is available both dates.
- Save the date post? Not where or price yet.

## Gypsy Proposal Discussion

Eliminate regional assessment fees - eliminate regional medals - eliminate rule for out of area referee.

Kay - if revenue is removed it should somehow be replaced with other means.

## Outdoor Nationals Discussion

- Dates to investigate for 2020 - 12th - 16th
- 2020 Worlds July 4th - 12th - portal closes 31st

**Meeting concluded at 8:10 pm PST**

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**From:** Misty <misty.greer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** Peggy Young <pyoung@usarollersports.org>  
**Cc:** Brent Benson <bbenson@usarollersports.org>  
**Subject:** Fall BOD meeting - Roller Derby

Past:

Multiple successful Team USA tryouts . Team selected  
Traveled to WRG 2019 , Both men's ( 1st ever team) and Women's teams  
to come home with Gold Medals ! We also had a derby specific photographer  
who took a ton of pictures and we now have photos to use.

Rollercon was not as successful with event passes as in the past. This year  
we had competition from 3 other entities and that took away alot of money

National were also not good for derby. The feed back we received was  
because it was to soon after Rollercon and Roller derby was booked for  
Weekday days. Skaters could not take that much time off work between  
rollercon and nationals.

Future:

Nationals is looking better for next year. We already have a handful of teams  
reaching out to us asking about registration etc.

Rollercon : we still might have the same competition as last year as far as  
event passes go, however, we did negotiate with the Rollercon heads to let  
us have one of our Team USA tryouts on site during this week.

Team USA staff : We collected applications and resumes (due 10/13) and  
our committee had our vote on 10/21. We voted in Misty Greer as Head  
coach for the Mens team with Carrie Conlee Craft to be Manager. We voted  
in Devon Tamaccio as Women's head coach and Christina Garrish as her  
manager.

We are letting the dust settle from the divorce of WFTDA/MRDA. If the near  
future we would like to approach MRDA about possibly using USARS as their  
insurance/membership platform.

Currently our derby "season" with usars is 12/1 - 11/30 . All other disciplines  
are 9/1-8/30. We have been asked by Eric to change our season to match  
everyone else. Our committee agree to this

\*our committee would like to discuss the WFTDA Reciprocity agreement .It is  
old and needs desperate updating. Also maybe designing one for JRDA?

**Misty Greer aka Pia Mess #24/7**

[www.svrollergirls.com](http://www.svrollergirls.com)

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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**Conference Call May 13th, 2019 at 6:30pm PST**

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Meeting called to order: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Attendees: Christina Gerrish, Misty Nicolet Greer, **Sabra Bunger**, **Fernando Reguerio**, **Robyn Clark**, **Carrie Conlee Craft**, Stephen Carter, Brent Benson

(non-attendees designated in bold)

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## Item #1 – Nationals Update

- Only two teams have registered with the intent to participate.
    - Teams unable to generate enough interest.
    - Members on a potential Washington team who used to compete on Oly are concerned about competing about Oly. Misty to reach out and reiterate that there are consequences for misconduct and we can mitigate through the officials and code of conduct.
  - Discussion on what are the potential options?
    - Brent to ask Eric what it would look like if we were to cancel the tournament.
  - Made decision to extend deadline until May 31st
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## Item #2 – Team USA Update

- Items for team goodie bags are being sent to the office for them to be put together and shipped out to team players.
  - The jerseys will be delayed due to issues with the deposit to pay for the uniforms, Misty is going to have the uniforms shipped to her and she will deliver to team members in Barcelona.
  - Brent to look into production of warm ups for new team members.
  - Misty has confirmed that the helmets and mouth guards are sponsored and should be coming in.
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## Item #3 – Rollercon Update

- The office will be sending a representative to work the Rollercon Registration on Wed-Friday.
- Additional days will need to be staffed.
- We will have banners displayed at areas sponsored by USARS.

Motion to adjourn: Stephen made motion to adjourn at 6:55pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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**Conference Call June 10th, 2019 at 6:30pm PST**

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Meeting called to order: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:35pm PST

Attendees: Christina Gerrish, Misty Nicolet Greer, Sabra Bunger, Fernando Reguerio, **Robyn Clark**, Carrie Conlee Craft, **Stephen Carter**, Brent Benson

**(non-attendees designated in bold)**

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## Item #1 – Nationals Update

- Committee made vote to cancel the roller derby portion of Nationals this year due to lack of participation.
  - Two teams originally registered, then a 3<sup>rd</sup> registered last minute. At the last moment, then the 2<sup>nd</sup> team withdrew participation.
  - The executive board ratified this during a board meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - We need to set up a plan now to increase team participation for the next year.
    - Biggest reasons why there was lack of participation were due to timing – weekdays and other skating events put a strain on participants.
    - Preparation and brainstorming can be focused on after world roller games and roller con.
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## Item #2 – Team USA / World Roller Games

- Updates for World Roller Games: There will be 5 teams per gender. This is the final registration count. Each team will play every team at least one game for the first 3 days. The first two days will have two games. On the third day, everyone will play one game. On the fourth day the 1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place (semi finals). On 5<sup>th</sup> day, there will be a final game for 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Practice days will be the same. Fernando will be announcing the schedule soon. The selection process will be broadcast either this Friday or Monday at 2pm. Every single game will be broadcast on WorldSkateTV.
  - to get better ideas on numbers. AZ team and chucks team in Washington are willing to pick up skaters.
  - Brent will start boxing up and shipping the Team USA items tomorrow.
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## Item #3 – Rollercon

- Last year, USARS made \$\$ at RollerCon but now all the other insurance carriers will be competing with USARS. The registration fee was lowered to \$20 to compete, but due to WFTDA, 80% of the participants will already be covered.
- We have the option to pull out to avoid losing money.
- Discussion surrounding if USARS should pull out and pull liability coverage since we are no longer going to benefit from the registration.

Motion to adjourn: Sabra made motion to adjourn at 7:14pm, Fernando 2<sup>nd</sup>

Minutes Unanimously Approved by Committee

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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**Conference Call August 26, 2019, 6:30pm PST**

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Meeting called to order: August 26<sup>th</sup>. 2019 at 6:50pm

Attendees: Christina Gerrish, Misty Nicolet Greer, Sabra Bunger, **Fernando Reguerio**,  
**Robyn Clark**, **Carrie Conlee Craft**, Stephen Carter, Brent Benson

(non-attendees designated in bold)

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## Item #1 – Committee Member Term Renewal

- Misty, Stephen and Sabra all have committee terms due for renewal. All have agreed to commit for another term.
    - Committee Vote: Unanimous vote to re-elect Sabra, Stephen and Misty to another term.
    - Brent Benson is a non-voting committee member.
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## Item #2 – Rollercon Update

- 121 presale memberships purchased – Total \$2420
  - Additional \$260 earned at rollercon
  - Grand total: \$2680 earned this year.
  - We have not started negotiating for the 2020 rollercon sponsorship agreement yet but it is presumed there will continue to be competition next year as well. The committee will need to take this into consideration before agreeing to another sponsorship in 2020.
    - Rollercon did make a commitment that if we do decide to sponsor 2020 Rollercon, they would make private track time available to USARS to host Team USA Tryouts.
  - Sabra suggested to have a World Skate Clinic to help international teams continue to build their rosters for the next World Roller Games.
    - This can be revisited in March
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## Item #3 – Team USA Coaches

- Misty and Devon suggest that we create an interest form for coach applications and work through electing coaches by January 2020 to allow for more time to play tryouts prior to the World Roller Games. Key events for potential tryouts: Rollercon, MRDA Champs, JRDA, Nationals, etc.
- Brent will get the coaches application used by other disciplines sent to Misty so we can review further and start the process now with the goal of having coaches selected by the Nov BOD meeting.
- Additional discussion scheduled during our September committee call.

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#### **Item #4 – World Skate Clinic Facebook Group**

- A facebook group was created by a Team USA team member, Terry Wishard. This group is an unofficial world skate group and there are concerns that this will confuse individuals interested in World Skate/USARS.
- Terry is not an official representative of World Skate or USARS.
- Fernando can address on behalf of World Skate.
- Stephen volunteered to contact Terry and discuss the appropriate process for training and running clinics. He will provide an update on the next committee call.

Misty made motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Next Meeting:** September 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm PST

# USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



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**Conference Call September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm**

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Meeting called to order: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at

Attendees: Christina Gerrish, Misty Nicolet Greer, Sabra Bunger, **Fernando Reguerio**,  
**Robyn Clark**, Carrie Conlee Craft, Stephen Carter, Brent Benson

**(non-attendees designated in bold)**

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## **Item #1 – Committee Member Term Renewal**

- Misty, Stephen and Sabra all have committee terms due for renewal. All have agreed to commit for another term.
  - News from the office states that they have changed the procedure on re-electing committee members. Members that are up for renewal must submit an email to Peggy to let her know they are interested and include their resume. Their positions have also been opened to the public to apply. The committee on committees will vote prior to the Nov Exec BOD meeting.
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## **Item #2 – Team USA Coaching**

- Brent is going to convert the application into an online process and send the committee the link this week. We will blast the link over social media and have all applications in before our Oct. Meeting for us to vote on the best candidates. Those candidates will be officially voted in at the Nov. Exec BOD meeting.
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## **Item #3 – World Skate Clinics**

- Discussion about organizing clinics.
  - Certified trainer discussion. Need to discuss further with Fernando.
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## **Item #4 – Proposed Budget for the Next Year**

- Submit proposed budget items for next year via facebook group.
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## **Item #5 – Nationals**

- Question when we will be opening registering for Nationals.
- Discussed throughout the committee, suggested opening it in January and February.
- Non USARS team was \$500 (\$100 nonrefundable)
- USARS team (women/coed) was \$300 (\$100 nonrefundable)

- Were there event passes for Nationals participants, we need to ask what will be charged through the finance committee.
- Will we offer a discount if teams bring officials?

Misty made motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**Next Meeting:** September 9th, 2019 at 6:30pm PST

## Figure Sport Committee Recap October 2019

The FSC has had 9 committee meetings since the spring Board meeting and all minutes were provided to the Corporate Secretary in a timely manner for distribution to the Board. The following is a recap of Motions that passed or failed committee action. For ease, Motions highlighted in Green passed, and those with a red heading all failed. (Notes: Motion 1 in most meetings is simply approving the last meeting's minutes; numbers reported are aye-naye-abstention votes)

May:

**Motion 2 Date 5/8/19 pass 9-0-0**

Accepted Regional Reps meeting minutes

**Motion 3 Date 5/8/19 pass 9-0-0**

Asked Regional Reps to finalize requirements by June

**Motion 4 Date 5/8/19 pass 9-0-0**

Granted a bye for Regionals for World Team members

**Motion 5 Date 5/8/19 pass 9-0-0**

Accepted Alice Cohen's petition to skate bronze

June:

**Motion 2 Date 6/5/19 pass 8-0-0**

Deadline to publish requirements of September 1, 2019

**Motion 3 Date 6/5/19 fail 2-6-0**

Force domestic dance events to use traditional American dance run

**Motion 4 Date 6/5/19 pass 8-0-0**

Created World Skate Academy Leaders sub-committee

August 7 (July was skipped due to Worlds, Nationals, etc):

**Motion 2 Date 8/7/19 pass 7-0-1**

Added Marie Gaudy to Academy Leaders sub-committee

**Motion 3 Date 8/7/19 pass 8-0-0**

Compulsory dance skaters have max 15 seconds to take the floor, and disallows ending in a stationary position

**Motion 4 Date 8/7/19 pass 8-0-0**

Added baseline definition to creative solo rules

**Motion 5 Date 8/7/19 pass 8-0-0**

Modified Advanced loops rules to match other youth loop events

August 14:

**Motion 2 Date 8/14/19 pass 6-0-2**

Continue OCD event for 2019-2020 season

**Motion 3 Date 8/14/19 pass 8-0-0**

Added Open Show Group event

**Motion 4 Date 8/14/19 pass 8-0-0**

Limited presentation of Wintz Awards, Eng Awards, and pins to two coaches

August 28:

**Motion 2 Date 8/28/19 pass 8-0-0**

Change time for Fresh/Soph B freeskating to 3:00 max

**Motion 3 Date 8/28/19 pass 8-0-0**

Added elimination and final rounds for creative solo show events

**Motion 4 Date 8/28/19 pass 8-0-0**

Accepted suggested changed to rulebook, subject to final approval by committee

**Motion 5 Date 8/28/19 pass 8-0-0**

Restructured officials sub-committee to have 7 voting, and 1 non-voting member

**Motion 6 Date 8/28/19 pass 7-1-0**

Made Al Tagalang non-voting member of officials sub-committee for the 2019-2020 season, to be rotated in 1 year.

**Motion 7 Date 8/28/19 defeated without a 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Motion to adjourn

**Motion 8 Date 8/28/19 defeated without a 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Address progressive run situation

**Motion 9 Date 8/28/19 fail 2-6-0**

Definition of progressive run be sent out in survey

September 11:

**Motion 2 Date 9/11/19 pass 5-4-0**

Retain Juv/Elem and Fresh/Soph short program events from 2018-2019 season

September 18:

**Motion 2 Date 9/18/19 pass 8-0-0**

Ask Peggy to research that all members are compliant with Code of Ethics and sport committee guidelines

**Motion 3 Date 9/18/19 pass 8-0-0**

Request coaches reps to research necessity of Silver move-up rule and present any necessary changes to FSC

**Motion 4 Date 9/18/19 pass 8-0-0**

Report any skater in violation of the Gold or higher rule for coaches be reported to M&E for disciplinary action

**Motion 5 Date 9/18/19 pass 8-0-0**

Finalize International Figure Skating Competitions document and jotform for interest ready for distribution after next meeting.

**Motion 6 Date 9/18/19 pass 7-0-1**

Ask Frank to publish age calculator on website

**Motion 7 Date 9/18/19 pass 8-0-0**

Domestic footwork for freeskating and pairs is diagonal for 2019-2020 season

October 9:

**Motion 2 Date 10/9/19 pass 8-0-0**

Approve use of Google Classroom

**Motion 3 Date 10/9/19 pass 7-0-1**

Added Marie Gaudy and Candice Heiden to RollArt Technical Committee

**Motion 4 Date 10/9/19 pass 8-0-0**

Approve dates proposed by Academy Leaders for webinars

**Motion 5 Date 10/9/19 pass 5-1-2**

Charge \$25/webinar with money earmarked for future seminars by Academy Leaders.

**Motion 6 Date 10/9/19 pass 8-0-0**

Publish International Figure Skating Competitions document and jotform.

**Motion 7 Date 10/9/19 pass 7-0-1**

Accept new music for dance events and publish on website

**Motion 8 Date 10/9/19 pass 8-0-0**

Approve emails over weekend for publication on 10/14

**Motion 9 Date 10/9/19 pass 8-0-0**

Contact Danielle Storm for design/pricing of Team USA outfit for international competitions.

October 23:

**Motion 1 Date 10/23/19 pass 5-2-1**

Added Juvenile and Elementary pairs events with same requirements as 2018-2019 season

**Motion 2 Date 10/23/19 pass 8-0-0**

No crossover allowed between domestic and international pairs events

**Figure Sport Committee meeting May 8, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, David Adamy (left early), Chris Baerg (non-voting), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (voting in place of Jodee), Janet Pavidonis, John Peck (non-voting), Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor*

*Absent –*

*Jodee Viola*

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm PST.**

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
  - a. **David moved that we approve the last meeting's minutes, Doug seconded.**  
**9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
2. Unfinished Business
  - a. Rulebooks ready for final publication? Joyann and Janet report that they are ready, Ed to publish tomorrow.
3. Reports from Sub-Committees
  - a. Regional Reps meeting minutes review.
    - i. The Regional Reps recommended changes to a couple figure and team dance event requirements (from the field).
    - ii. Joyann clarified that the Jan 1 age determination date was not being proposed to be changed for the next skating season.
    - iii. Fresh/Soph split was discussed and tabled. The regional reps are to send this out to coaches at Regionals for feedback.  
**David moved to accept the Regional Reps minutes, Lawaun seconded.**  
**9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
    - iv. Discussion about Regional Reps to finalize requirements by June, FSC to finalize requirements by Nationals (July 16).  
**David moved that Regional Reps are to finalize requirements by June, FSC to finalize requirements by Nationals (July 16), Curt seconded.**  
**9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
  - b. Rulebook committee, Officials committee, and procedures committee had no updates.
  - c. Rules committee
    - i. There are multiple methods for people to submit eligibility questions, do we need to revisit this to simplify it? Lawaun suggested using a Facebook post in many different groups, to get the message out about the proper way to submit eligibility questions.
    - ii. Related to this idea, Ed wants to get an ad in the National program to advertise the FSC and put any information into it that we would like to get out to the general public.
4. New Business
  - a. Skaters qualified to Worlds procedure for Regionals and Nationals
    - i. Discussion that skaters who have qualified to Worlds must pay their Regional fee but have the option of skating Regionals and still being eligible to skate Nationals.  
**Janet moved that for the 2019 season, World Team members can obtain a bye for Regionals, the skaters must pay the Regional fee but do not have to attend the Championships, Chris seconded.**  
**9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
  - b. Team Manager and Team Coach expectations

- i. The FSC discussed the expectations of the World Team leaders
- c. Seminar at Qualifier and next steps in the training process.
  - i. Review of the World Skate Coaches seminars held at the World Qualifier in April. Pat reported that the seminars were well attended. The next step is to determine the best way to distribute information to the field. Review of the World Qualifier.
  - ii. All reports agreed that the contest was well run and the facility was excellent.
- d. RollArt Technical Sub-Committee report on the Qualifier (see attached)
  - i. Review of the report by Patricia Bauler regarding the use of RollArt at the World Qualifier.
- e. Creative Solo updates. Review of Jodee's notes on the Creative Solo Show event, giving clarification to the new rules and requirements. This clarification will be sent out in the next email blast.
- f. Great Lakes asking for move up rule for this year, as too expensive to Washington and some are skating regionals only. Considering that some skaters will be skating the Regional Championships but not the National Championships due to prohibitive costs, John proposed that the next highest placing skater at Regionals be allowed to advance to the National Championships. This proposed move-up rule would be in effect for the current 2019 season only.
  - i. Pros: It is expected that there will be more skaters who skip Nationals this year. The proposal could prevent lost entries to the National Championships and the resulting financial impact.
  - ii. Cons: Managing paperwork to determine who has declared they are not attending Nationals could be very difficult, especially given the short time frame between the last Regional Championship and the start of the National Championships.
  - iii. It was noted that some Regional deadlines have already passed, and it would be too late to make such a rule change at this time. No action taken.
- g. Eliminating the international run from Youth next season. Tabled since Jodee was out.
- h. Scoring clarification of RollArt and Integer systems. Lawaun and Jessica presented a document explaining judging guidelines for capping the maximum scores similar to the RollArt rules for components. The committee liked this document and is send to the officials committee for feedback.
- i. Technical Manual update – Lawaun to keep going on this.
- j. Preparation for 2019-2020 season needs to start NOW. Requirements by Nationals, rulebooks by September 1.
- k. Discussions to World Skate Organization and/or Nicola.
- l. Alice Cohen petition to skate Bronze.
  - Joyann moved to accept Alice Cohen's petition to skate Bronze 3, Janet seconded.**
  - 9 ayes, 0 naves, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
- m. Janet mentioned that the club listings in her area are wrong. She will send information to Ed about this, to then forward to all Regional meet directors.

## 5. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **June 5, 2019 5:30 PM PST**

Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned, Joyann seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm PST.**

**Figure Sport Committee meeting June 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, David Adamy, Chris Baerg (non-voting), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (non-voting), Janet Pavidonis, John Peck (non-voting), Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Pat Jacques (arrived late) – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor*

*Absent – None*

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm PST.**

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
  - a. **Doug moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, Janet seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
2. Unfinished Business – None
3. Reports from Sub-Committees
  - a. No Sub-Committees have met since our last meeting.
    - i. Hope is to still get requirements out for 2020 as quickly as possible, however by Nationals may not be possible due to Worlds and Nationals timing and many of our committee members will be at these events.  
**David moved that we will publish the 2020 requirements with a hard deadline of September 1, 2019, Doug seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passes.**
4. New Business
  - a. Scoring high and low with integration of RollArt methodology and how it affects domestic integer system scoring
    - i. Ed will make a notice for Judges reminding them which events shall be evaluated with a “RollArt” eye and which are strictly on the integer system.
  - b. Adult Loop judging vs Youth Loop judging, which respect to Circle Loops
    - i. Previously, youth circle loops provided higher scores for those who did proper rotations as if they were going to do the actual loop.
    - ii. Discussion that we believe this rule should apply to both youth and adult circle loops. It was suggested to clarify in email blasts for the next several weeks in the lead up to Regionals and Nationals, that the omission of this rule in the current rulebook was not intending to repeal this rule. Joyann will write it up and send to Ed.
  - c. Progressive Run discussion
    - i. Jodee brought up the point of returning the progressive runs to only American style for domestic events. There was a healthy discussion on this point from all sides.
    - ii. Doug suggested sending a survey to Regional reps for dispersion to their regional coaches.
      1. No one could agree about what the survey would ask  
**Jodee moved that we return our domestic dance events to follow the more traditional American dance run, Lawaun seconded.**  
**2 Ayes, 6 nays, 0 abstentions, motion failed.**
  - d. Qualifier seminar material done at Lynwood and roll out to other members.
    - i. How do we send it? Should it be narrated? Is it just the material from Lynwood done for free or material from Orlando? Do we charge for access to this material? What are the next steps moving forward and does FSC run this or get a sub-committee to run with it and keep us in the loop?
    - ii. The main concern is whether or not to charge for this information. Jodee and Pat lead this discussion and felt that we should not charge for it.

- iii. Ed is to find a place at the National Championships to display the information.
- iv. Ed suggested appointing the Academy Leaders as a sub-committee to handle the dispersion of this information.

**Jodee made a motion to create the World Skate Academy Leaders sub-committee with Pat Jacques as the chair and all the World Skate appointed Academy Leaders as the other members of the committee, Joyann seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- e. Ed asked for clarification on two rules recently presented to him, the committee unanimously agreed upon a decision on both.
- f. Janet brought up the point about making USARS coaching more prestigious and less easy to obtain, the idea was ultimately tabled until our next meeting.

5. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **July 31, 2019 5:30 PM PST**

Joyann moved that the meeting be adjourned, Curt seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm PST.**

**Figure Sport Committee meeting August 7, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, David Adamy, Chris Baerg, Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Janet Pavilonis, John Peck (non-voting), Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor*

*Absent – Curt Craton, Lawaun Modrich*

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm PST.**

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
  - a. **Janet moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, David seconded.  
8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
2. Unfinished Business – None
3. Reports from Sub-Committees – None to report (coaches reps meeting minutes were discussed with requirements section below)
4. New Business
  - a. Update/review of Worlds, Pan Am Games, Nationals. Ed gave a quick review on the two international meets.
    - i. **Jodee moved that we add Marie Gaudy to the Academy Leaders sub-committee, David seconded.  
7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, motion passed.**
    - ii. Ed thought Nationals went well, some mentioned the cost was higher especially for the East Coast travelers.
    - iii. World Skate is removing figures from Worlds effective 2021. Discussion about joining forces with some other countries to express unhappiness about this decision towards World Skate.
    - iv. Proposals for the 2020 season from World Skate were discussed, in particular the three Cup series. Ideally, we would like one to be in the Americas in the future.
  - b. Nationals coaches meeting review
    - i. Ed gave a brief review of the meeting from Nationals. He instructed people how to sign up for the email blasts and went over the two new programs for next season (international dance and freestyle).
  - c. American versus International style skating for dance. There was much discussion on this topic. Pat was asked to come up with a possible wording for the American run description and send to the committee.
  - d. Jodee’s feedback from Nationals.
    - i. Execution of a stationary finish in adult compulsory dance events should not be allowed.  
**Jodee made a motion to add a rule that allows all compulsory dance skaters a maximum of 15 seconds to get on the floor and disallows ending in a stationary position, David seconded.  
8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
    - ii. Location of official stand for Nationals. Jodee brought up the potential to move the officials stand to the long side of the floor. There was a bit of discussion on this but it seems like it will not be practical/feasible in the next couple of years.
    - iii. Move-up rule for silver events. Jodee expressed feedback from skaters and coaches wanting a forced move up rule for silver events. There was great discussion on this but the committee did not reach a good solution to this problem. Jodee also mentioned she knows of coaches who skated silver events, Ed talked to both of the skaters he knew about in this case.
    - iv. Creative Show event.  
**Joyann made a motion to add the baseline wording from the email blast to the V pattern in the rulebook, David seconded.  
8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- v. Roll around discussion. Tabled for future discussion pending online registration process
- vi. Creative solo timing. We were reminded to remove the +/- seconds for the creative events and change them to maximums only.
- vii. The wearing of world team outfits by skaters in events they have not qualified for worlds in. In the future, if this becomes a larger problem we can revisit.
- viii. Advanced loops
  - Janet made a motion that advanced loops follow the same rules as other youth domestic loop events, Joyann seconded.**
  - 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
- e. Requirements for next season were discussed extensively and tabled to finish at next meeting.

5. Announcements

- a. Next (emergency) meeting is scheduled for **August 14, 2019 5:30 PM PST**

Jodee moved that the meeting be adjourned, Chris seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm PST.**

## **Figure Sport Committee meeting August 14, 2019 5:30 PM PST**

Attendees –Doug Adams, David Adamy (had to leave at 7:12pm PDT), Chris Baerg, Joyann Barber (had to leave at 6:07pm PDT, returned at 9:02pm PDT), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy, Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilionis, Jodee Viola, Megan Shuller – USA Roller Sports Advisor, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor

Absent—John Peck

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM PDT.**

1. Review and approve of FSC 8/7 meeting minutes.
  - a. **Doug A. moved to approve the last meeting's minutes, Chris B. seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions, motion passed.**
2. Old Business:
  - a. Requirements for next season were discussed extensively. Changes were made to the 2019-2020 Figure requirements worksheet. To be published Sept. 1, 2019, with an updated version to be published when the World Skate requirements are known.
  - b. Original Compulsory Dance: Continue for 2019-2020 season.
    - i. **Janet moved to continue the Original Compulsory Dance event for the 2019-2020 skating season, Curt seconded. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions, motion passed.**
3. New Business:
  - a. Chris B. proposal to add a Domestic Youth Show Group event.

*Open Show Group: open age, minimum of 6 skaters per group, no maximum.*

    - Purpose: To encourage new skaters to participate, regardless of age or skill level.
    - Time Limit: Maximum 4:00 minutes, no minimum. Minimal rules and limitations.
    - Entry fee would be the same as the domestic Precision events (Junior & Novice).
      - i. **Janet moved to accept the Open Show Group event for the 2019-2020 skating season, Joyann seconded. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**
  - b. Order of Events for the 2020 Nationals.

From Ed: *Due to SW region ending on the June 26 and Great Lakes ending on June 30, my recommendation is Adults, Elite, and Youth. There are regions, such as SW and GL, that still have skaters trying to qualify to Nationals and have not booked tickets or hotels and we are not giving enough time between Regionals and Nationals to get the cheaper bookings. My logic is most of the Adults know they are going, Elite automatically ALL qualify, and the Youth are the majority of membership not knowing if qualified yet. Putting Youth last, will allow a little more time for those Youth skaters to book cheaper flights and hotels. Also, we need to discuss when the*

*best time of Nationals is for having a workshops done, as discussed in the National Coaches meeting in Spokane. It was suggested that it be during a break in competition, so all have the opportunity to attend.*

i. **Discussion was favorable. No action taken.**

c. The Wintz Award has become synonymous with coach recognition. Lack of oversight over number of coaches to accept the award.

i. **Jodee moved that the presentation of the John Wintz Awards, Maggie Eng Awards, and Champion pins at Nationals be limited to two coaches only, Janet seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

d. Rule Book changes for 2019/2020 season and deadline to publish.

i. *Ed requested a list of rule book proposals to be presented and given a Yes/No vote. Rule book subcommittee will send the list through email for electronic vote. Another meeting can be called if necessary.*

e. Figure Advisor item list to Figure Chair for possible discussion.

i. Email asking, "why we have not added another group to figures for ages >75 or 80".

**Addressed by adoption of requirements for next season.**

ii. Direction for new Academy Leader sub-committee. What are the FSC priorities?

**Academy Leaders will develop plans and present to the FSC for approval.**

iii. Figure Webpage updates.

iv. Clarification of the change eight starting point. Is it a rule book or technical manual item? **A clarification can be added in the Figure Requirements.**

v. Received letter directly to FSC Committee from Nancy Manning on Silver move up rule.

**Tabled until the next meeting.**

f. Open Agenda items for discussion

i. Follow-up on progressive run discussion.

**Tabled until the next meeting.**

4. Next Meeting

a. Next meeting is scheduled for **August 28, 2019 at 5:30 PM PDT.**

Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jodee seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM PDT.**

**Figure Sport Committee meeting August 28, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

Attendees –

Doug Adams, Chris Baerg (non-voting), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (voting in place of David), Janet Pavilonis, John Peck (non-voting), Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor

Absent – David Adamy

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm PST.**

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
  - a. **Janet moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, Jessica seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**
2. Unfinished Business –
  - a. Requirements were finalized for the 2019-2020 season.
    - i. **Janet moved that we follow the coaches reps suggestion and change the time of Fresh/Soph B to 3:00 maximum, Jessica seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**
    - ii. Ed will send out the finalized requirements after this meeting for approval by email from the committee.
  - b. Rulebook discussion.
    - i. A list of items from the rulebook committee were reviewed.
    - ii. Discussion about creative events continuing to be a final only event.
      1. **Jodee moved that we add elimination and final rounds for creative solo show events, the exact numbers which will be decided at the next meeting, Joyann seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**
    - iii. Jodee volunteered to write up revised male costume requirements for adult and youth compulsory dance events and submit to FSC for approval.
    - iv. Joyann, Jessica, and Janet were tasked with implementing the changes approved by the FSC (see vi below).
    - v. Directive to Ed to write-up survey question related to Open short program, and send to committee for approval.
    - vi. **Doug moved to accept all of the suggested rulebook changes, subject to the approval of the final rulebook by FSC, Jodee seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**
    - vii. Ed is finalizing the Officials Rulebook for publication this season.
3. Reports from Sub-Committees
  - a. Discussion about the official’s subcommittee, there are currently too many judges. A suggestion was made to have one of the judges become a non-voting member.
    - i. **Curt moved that the official’s subcommittee be restructured so that there are 7 voting members, and 1 non-voting member (who becomes a voting member in an absence), with the non-voting member being one of the four judges, Jodee seconded.**  
**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions**
    - ii. **Joyann moved that Al becomes the non-voting member for this season, to be rotated back in as a voting member next season, Jodee seconded.**  
**7 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions**

At this point, two simultaneous motions were made:

**Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned, with no second, the motion died.**

**Jodee moved that we address the progressive run situation, with no second, the motion died.**

After further discussion, **Jodee moved that a definition of progressive runs be put together and sent out as a survey, Chris seconded.**

**2 ayes, 6 nays, 0 abstentions**

4. Announcements

a. Next meeting is scheduled for **September 18, 2019 5:30 PM PST**

Curt moved that the meeting be adjourned, Janet seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 10:26 pm PST.**

Figure Sport Committee meeting September 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –

Attendees –

Doug Adams, David Adamy (left at 7:16pm), Chris Baerg (became voting in place of David at 7:16pm), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (voting in place of Curt), Janet Pavilonis, Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor

Absent – Curt Craton, John Peck

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm PST.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

**Doug moved that we approve the last meeting's minutes, Tony seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions, motion passed.**

2. New/Old Business (combined to go in order of priority)

- a. Confidentiality discussion. The chair reminded the committee that our committee emails should remain within our committee unless permission is given to distribute it. Additionally, information should not be shared with anyone, even within our own rinks, until it is published. We were reminded that there is a confidentiality clause in the bylaws that we sign.

**David moved that we ask Peggy to research that all members have signed the code of ethics and sport committee guidelines each year, Janet seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- b. Silver move up rule and coaches rule (must skate gold) review. The committee has received 3 letters from members requesting a Silver move-up rule, although each had a different suggestion or idea for how it should be implemented. There was discussion within the committee about addressing these letters and whether or not we should implement a new silver move up rule. Additionally, we discussed two topics related to the “coaches rule”: 1. Some coaches are breaking this rule and skating events other than gold but still coaching at nationals; and 2. Whether or not ALL coaches should be forced to skate gold events.

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**Jessica moved that any skater who is not participating in Gold or above and found to be coaching at the National Championships be reported to Membership & Eligibility for disciplinary action, Jodee seconded.**

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**Janet moved that we finalize the International Figure Skating Competitions document and have a jot form to gauge interest in International Competitions be ready to be distributed immediately following our next meeting.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

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- j. Jessica created an age calculator to help explain the new World Skate divisions and sent it to the committee.

**Janet moved that we move forward with sending this age calculator to Frank for publication on the USARS webpage, Joyann seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions, motion passed.**

- k. The next item “compromise thoughts” was tabled until the next meeting.
- l. Freeskating footwork discussion.

**Joyann moved that the domestic freeskating and pairs footwork for 2019-2020 season be diagonal, Janet seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- m. Meet director for 2020 Nationals. The committee has received two resumes for this position. Ed excused himself before this discussion and left the call, Doug Adams replaced him as acting Chair. Ed Harney was elected meet director by majority vote.

### 3. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **October 9, 2019 5:30 PM PST.**

Joyann moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jodee seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm PST.**

Figure Sport Committee meeting September 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –

Attendees –

Doug Adams, David Adamy (left at 7:16pm), Chris Baerg (became voting in place of David at 7:16pm), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (voting in place of Curt), Janet Pavilonis, Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor

Absent – Curt Craton, John Peck

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm PST.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

**Doug moved that we approve the last meeting's minutes, Tony seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions, motion passed.**

2. New/Old Business (combined to go in order of priority)

- a. Confidentiality discussion. The chair reminded the committee that our committee emails should remain within our committee unless permission is given to distribute it. Additionally, information should not be shared with anyone, even within our own rinks, until it is published. We were reminded that there is a confidentiality clause in the bylaws that we sign.

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**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

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### 3. Announcements

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Joyann moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jodee seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm PST.**

**Figure Sport Committee meeting October 9, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

Attendees –

Doug Adams, David Adamy (left at 7:17pm), Chris Baerg (non-voting), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (non-voting), Janet Pavilonis, John Peck (non-voting), Jodee Viola, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor

Absent – N/A

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm PST.**

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

**Doug moved that we approve the last meeting's minutes, David seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions, motion passed.**

2. Sub-committee Updates

a. Officials Committee

**David moved that we approve the use of Google Classroom for training, Lawaun seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

b. RollArt Technical Committee

**Joyann moved that we add Candice Heiden and Marie Gaudy to this committee, David seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, motion passed.**

c. Academy Leaders Committee

- i. Academy leaders have a plan for webinars. One introduction (scripted) webinar that will be free, and following ones that would cost \$25 per two hour webinar. Discussion about how to best have these seminars be successful, how to collect the money, where these funds will go in the future, availability of the information at later times, and the dates proposed.

**David moved that we approve the dates of the webinars proposed by the Academy Leaders subcommittee, Jessica seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

**Joyann moved that we charge \$25 per seminar for the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> seminars, with this money to be earmarked for future seminars by the Academy Leaders Committee, Jodee seconded.**

**5 ayes, 1 nay, 2 abstentions, motion passed.**

3. Old Business

- a. International Figure Competitions document and Jotform for International Competitions.

**Joyann moved that we accept both the International Figure Competitions document and Jotform and publish to the membership, Jessica seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- b. Music for international dance events.

**Janet moved that we accept the music that Jessica put together for publishing on the website, David seconded.**

**7 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, motion passed.**

- c. Age calculator. The chair will reach out to Frank for publishing of this document.

- d. Male costume rules. This was moved to be discussed in New business with the rulebook.

- e. Review of Robert's Rules. Tabled until next meeting so that all members will be current.

- f. World costume rules. There are no World Skate costume restrictions for World Skate Figure events. This information will be publicized on the next blast.

4. New Business

- a. Rulebook discussion

- i. Discussion about costume rules and A/B move up. All feedback needs to be given to the rulebook committee by Monday, October 14.

**Janet moved that all three rulebooks be approved over the weekend and approved by email for publishing on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Joyann seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- b. Eric's email and proposal from the field. FSC has reviewed the proposal and incorporated some of the costume rules but needs clarifications on the second rule. Directive to Janet to respond to Eric's email.
- c. Trace Hansen email about confusion with the requirements grid. Directive to Ed to respond to his email.
- d. Discussion about freestyle events. The committee elected to make no changes to our freestyle events but include information in the clarification document about the lack of penalty or reward for doing higher content than allowed.
- e. Discussion about international/American dance. There was an additional discussion about American runs in the domestic dance events but no motions were made.
- f. The chair informed the committee of a new Facebook group hoping to dispel some of the other groups on facebook, there will be three moderators for this group, one of which is the chair of FSC.
- g. Costumes for international competitions.

**Joyann moved that we contact Danielle Storm to solicit designs and prices for a potential outfit for Team USA for international competitions, Jessica seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

- h. Brief discussion of meeting time, but this was tabled until next meeting since we could have new members.

## 5. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **November 20, 2019 5:30 PM PST.**

Joyann moved that the meeting be adjourned, Doug seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm PST.**

**Figure Sport Committee emergency meeting October 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, David Adamy, Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (non-voting), Janet Pavidonis, Jodee Viola, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor*

*Absent – John Peck (non-voting), Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor*

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:37 pm PST.**

1. Emergency meeting was called to resolve email discussion related to pairs events.

**Tony moved that we add Juvenile and Elementary pairs events, with the same requirements as the 2019 season, Jessica seconded.**

**5 ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstentions, motion passed.**

**David moved that crossover is not allowed between the domestic and international pairs events, Doug seconded.**

**8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.**

2. Announcements (Reminder)

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **November 20, 2019 5:30 PM PST.**

David moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jodee seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm PST.**

## Rink Hockey Committee Motion Summary April – October 2019

Active Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and 2019 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Tom Hughes (2019 USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Manager - Voting)

Former Committee Members: Rebecca Guyer (Female Representative - Voting)

Non-Committee Members: Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

### 1. 4/17/2019

#### 1.1. **Motion 1** – Jim

1.1.1. Motion to confirm the ladies team account as \$1,202.26 for 2019. Each discipline would maintain their own funds, and rest will remain in the general fund.

1.1.2. Seconded by Pat,

1.1.3. Discussion on motion regarding income/outcome report. Some deposits were not itemized. Situation was discussed with several USARS BOD members and they had a similar issue with another discipline, which was settled this way.

1.1.4. Vote – 6 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no, motion passes

#### 1.2. **Motion 2** – Pat

1.2.1. Going forward, keep better records of all income and outcome transactions for general fund and each national team's sub account. All deposits going forward should be done by treasurer with clear items and notification in the minutes.

1.2.2. Seconded by Jim

1.2.3. Vote – approved unanimously

#### 1.2.4. **Motion 3** – Duane

1.2.4.1. Team registration for the 2019 nationals must be received in USARS office by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

1.2.4.2. Seconded by Don

1.2.4.3. Passed unanimously

#### 1.2.5. **Motion 3** – Duane

1.2.5.1. Team registration for the 2019 nationals must be received in USARS office by June 14<sup>th</sup>.

1.2.5.2. Seconded by Don

1.2.5.3. Passed unanimously

#### 1.2.6. **Motion 4** – Jim

1.2.6.1.1. New vendors must pay registration in advance

1.2.6.1.2. Seconded by Pat

1.2.6.1.3. 8 yes votes, and 1 opposed.

1.2.6.1.3.1. Opposition believes all vendors should pay ahead of time

#### 1.2.7. **Motion 5** - Rodrigo

1.2.7.1. Rink Hockey committee will review all applications for rink hockey positions and will vote on who should receive the position. Election results will then be presented to Committee on Committees.

1.2.7.2. Seconded by Duane

1.2.7.3. Passed Unanimously

1.2.7.4. Proposal has been withdrawn.

1.2.8. Minutes Approved By - 8 approved, 1 no response

### 2. 5/15/2019

- 2.1. **Motion 1** by Scott to accept the treasurer's report
  - 2.1.1. Seconded
  - 2.1.2. No opposition
- 2.2. Minutes Approved By – 6 approved, 2 no response, 1 absent form meeting
3. **6/18/2019**
  - 3.1. **Motion 1** by Pat to accept treasurer's report.
    - 3.1.1. Seconded by Duane – Passed unanimously.
  - 3.2. **Motion 2** by Don to accept the Franklin goalie pads for U10, and U8 as long as they wear the correct headgear.
    - 3.2.1. Seconded by Duane – Passed unanimously.
  - 3.3. **Motion 3** by Duane to keep old time out rule of 1-minute time out per half and not institute the new time out rules until next season.
    - 3.3.1. Due to high number of teams at nationals.
    - 3.3.2. Seconded by Don – Passed unanimously.
  - 3.4. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo to open up the Men's U19 division for the 2019 national tournament to all sexes.
    - 3.4.1.1. Motioned was not seconded.
  - 3.5. Minutes Approved By - 7 approved, 2 no response.
4. **7/30/2019**
  - 4.1. **Motion 1** - Duane – Jimmy to write up a proposal regarding training camp plans.
    - 4.1.1. Seconded by Pat.
    - 4.1.2. Unanimously passed.
  - 4.2. Minutes Approved By – 6 approved, 2 no response, 1 absent from meeting.
5. **8/14/2019**
  - 5.1. **Motion 1** by Don to approve treasurer report
    - 5.1.1. Seconded by Duane
    - 5.1.2. Passed unanimously
  - 5.2. Minutes Approved By – 5 approved, 4 no response.
6. **9/18/2019**
  - 6.1. **Motion 1** by Pat to approve treasurer's report
    - 6.1.1. Seconded by Duane
    - 6.1.2. Approved unanimously
  - 6.2. **Motion 2** by Bryce
    - 6.2.1. Make exception for team USA head coaches dependent on rink hockey playing experience and qualifications if they are not yet a level 3 coach.
    - 6.2.2. Discussion on exceptions for professional coaches
    - 6.2.3. Seconded by Rodrigo
      - 6.2.3.1. 4 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain, 1 absent
      - 6.2.3.2. Abstaining votes were due to further requesting clarity on what level coaches mean.
      - 6.2.3.3. USARS Executive committee will need to approve the motion. Brent will follow up tomorrow and update the committee.
  - 6.3. **Motion 3** by Duane to take out “to create income for rink hockey” from weekly viewers passes.
    - 6.3.1. Seconded by Bryce
    - 6.3.2. 7 yes, 1 no, 1 absent
  - 6.4. **Motion 4** by Jim to pass on the proposal to USARS Board of Directors after removing “to create income for rink hockey” since money generated by national attendees (non players) go to USARS.
    - 6.4.1. Seconded by Duane
    - 6.4.2. 7 yes, 1 abstain, 1 absent
  - 6.5. Minutes Approved By – 6 approved, 3 no response.
7. **9/26/2019**
  - 7.1. Rebecca Guyer has resigned her position on the committee.
  - 7.2. **Motion 1** Rodrigo

- 7.2.1. We poll the members of Team USA that attended the recent WRG on their opinion of which people they feel should be coaches and managers for Team USA going forward. Each team will receive the names of the people who applied to coach and manager their specific team to choose from. Their poll answers will only be considered advisory and the committee will make the final decision on all Team USA coaches and managers.
- 7.2.2. Seconded by Rachel
- 7.2.3. Discussion on motion
- 7.2.4. Office is confirming if USOC has any regulations against the motion.
  - 7.2.4.1. Brent will update committee once a response has been received.
- 7.2.5. Motion passes: 4 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent
  - 7.2.5.1. Brent will send out poll information to players
- 7.3. Minutes Approved by – 6 approved, 2 no reply

## RINK HOCKEY COMMITTEE 4/17/2019

### Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Rebecca Guyer (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Chairman of Coach Committee, and USA Team Ladies Coach - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and USA Team U19 Manager - Voting)

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### 1. Treasurer's Report: **Jim**

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1.1.4. Vote – 6 yes, 2 abstain, 1 no, motion passes

#### 1.2. **Motion 2** – Pat

1.2.1. Going forward, keep better records of all income and outcome transactions for general fund and each national team's sub account. All deposits going forward should be done by treasurer with clear items and notification in the minutes.

1.2.2. Seconded by Jim

1.2.3. Vote – approved unanimously

1.3. Discussion on 501c – Board members of account may require to be updated.

1.3.1. Jim, Don and Tom will review documents.

### 2. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

2.1. Refs in Cup of Nations are wearing headsets, about \$175. May be beneficial for refs at nationals to communicate between themselves and the table. Discussion will be continues once we know how much shot clocks cost. Priority is shot clock. Speed uses headsets.

2.2. Don review the shot clock that Cumberland and Bedford are using as well as the one from Lubbock. Both include a shot clock and scoreboard in one screen.

2.2.1. Need shot clock on both ends of the floor. Question on whether or not a laptop can project onto two different screens in order to include a shot clock and scoreboard.

2.2.2. Suggestion to have an individual shot clock, separate from scoreboard. Shot clocks start at \$200.

2.2.3. Don will review and provide further info at next call.

### 3. Club Representative Committee Report: **Rodrigo**

- 3.1. Ocala request to start games on Monday of nationals
- 3.2. National team registration
  - 3.2.1. Application will be released next week
  - 3.2.2. Club registration deadline is– deadline will be June
    - 3.2.2.1. Can't make 2019 club registration in May because many clubs host their regional tournaments in may and therefore won't know who's going until after.
    - 3.2.2.2. Can 2020 nationals team registration be at least 2 months before the beginning of nationals
  - 3.2.3. **Motion 3** – Duane
    - 3.2.3.1. Team registration for the 2019 nationals must be received in USARS office by June 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - 3.2.3.2. Seconded by Don
    - 3.2.3.3. Passed unanimously
- 3.3. Jarrod's Proposal
  - 3.3.1. Rink is end to end with speed, with bleachers in between and no wall division. No room outside of rinks to skate, therefore cannot host any event outside of rink. Inside warm up area is pretty small already. Potential of outdoor warm up area.
  - 3.3.2. Music was discussed, as could possible cause issues with other disciplines. It was agreed that if music were used, it would have to be monitored for language and theme.
  - 3.3.3. Skills competition would be fun if we can find the time.
    - 3.3.3.1. Who would run the music? Score table can't do it.
    - 3.3.3.2. If clubs want music, they could provide a volunteer to deal with the music for them.
      - 3.3.3.2.1. We could create a Spotify playlist for nationals. Clubs can submit preferred songs to be added. Warm up song can be determined by home/away schedule. Other team could get song during half time.
      - 3.3.3.2.2. Does someone have an mp3 player they can lend during nationals?
  - 3.3.4. Club banners – who should be responsible?
    - 3.3.4.1. Each club should be responsible for their own banners. Club Rep. Committee can come up with size guidelines on banners
- 3.4. Community award?
  - 3.4.1. Voters would have to be active USARS members.
  - 3.4.2. Award and winner would have to be approved by BOD.
    - 3.4.2.1. Awards are covered in the budget submitted for nationals each year.
  - 3.4.3. Could make the award be slightly different each year? One year for junior, another has to be a woman, etc.
  - 3.4.4. Too late for 2019, but will consider it for 2020.
- 3.5. World Class starting later in the week at nationals and playing 2 games per day. Potentially for U19 and Ladies as well.
  - 3.5.1. Could shave a day or two, but not much. Tournament is usually a 6-day tournament.
  - 3.5.2. Will be reviewed once teams register.
  - 3.5.3. Wouldn't be feasible for U19 and Ladies since those players are allowed to play in two divisions.

- 3.5.4. World Class used to start late Sunday, and people used to complain that they didn't get to watch them.
4. **Coach's Report: Don**
  - 4.1. Safe Sport, Background Check, and Coaches Application must be submitted. Don will confirm coaches that are going to upgrade and will email them.
    - 4.1.1. Reminder, coaches must be a level 2 for two consecutive years.
    - 4.1.2. Coach applications are due 30 days before nationals, just like registration. Not valid until Safe Sport and Background check are completed, which USARS has no control over.
5. **Team USA Barcelona: USOC Requirement - All Players must complete Safe Sport, all over 18 must have a background check completed – Brent will provide a list on who's missing info and will track it. Packets will be going out early next week. If uncompleted, player will not be allowed to play at 2019 WRG.**
  - 5.1. Ladies Team Report **Tom/Don**
    - 5.1.1. Team is registered and looking for hotels.
  - 5.2. Junior Team Report **Rodrigo/Scott**
    - 5.2.1. Cardio program created by Kathy McCarty has been sent out to the U19 to train.
  - 5.3. Senior Team Report **Jim/Pat**
    - 5.3.1. 4 players in top 8 can't go
      - 5.3.1.1. Extension for tier 2 and 3 until May 4<sup>th</sup>. 2 deposits so far.
  - 5.4. Uniforms for 2019 WRG
    - 5.4.1. No new uniforms needed from U19. Ladies and Men may need some new uniforms.
      - 5.4.1.1. U19 will need new socks for everyone.
  - 5.5. Accounts Receivable **Brent**
    - 5.5.1. Discussion on USARS announcement of good standing athletes. Would go into affect in September.
  - 5.6. USARS Team USA Donation **Brent**
    - 5.6.1. USARS is donating money to each national team. Rink hockey is getting \$1,000, therefore \$33/player.
      - 5.6.1.1. We would have received more money if rink hockey membership were higher.
  - 5.7. Portal entry
    - 5.7.1. Kylie and Rebecca agreed to handle the portal for all three USA teams like they did in 2017.
    - 5.7.2. Kylie and Rebecca supplied Team USA Managers information to send to players about what is required to be entered into the portal. Entries must be complete by May 14th
  - 5.8. Safe Sport
    - 5.8.1. Discussed above
  - 5.9. Staff Assistants
    - 5.9.1. Adding Jimmy Trussell to Ladies, Jennifer Jost to Men, Bryce Robinson to Ladies, and Brent Sisson to U19 as staff assistant.
      - 5.9.1.1. Staff members would need the same requirements as players, Staff Sport, Background Check, current USARS Card.
6. **2019 Nationals:**

- 6.1. Start Date: **Jim**
  - 6.1.1. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>
- 6.2. Schedule: **Jim**
  - 6.2.1. USOC has agreed to come in to do a 1-hour special on each discipline. They will live stream one of our games. Will discuss next month once we have more info. Can we split the stream to show different divisions, or does it have to be one game live? Can we make smaller exhibition games in order to show more divisions?
  - 6.2.2. Need to be out of building by 5 pm on Tuesday due to speed racing event.
  - 6.2.3. USARS awards will be held on Tuesday evening.
- 6.3. Opening Ceremonies: **Kylie/Rebecca/Rodrigo**
  - 6.3.1. Monday may be best since Ocala won't arrive until late on Sunday
  - 6.3.2. Still need a volunteer to MC
  - 6.3.3. Expected to run 30-45 mins. Include a few demonstrations of local groups such as dance and martial arts
- 6.4. Budget: **Tom**
  - 6.4.1. Tom received it last night, and will confirm.
  - 6.4.2. Another paid referee and board has approved table official.
    - 6.4.2.1. 5<sup>th</sup> official cannot be international.
- 6.5. Floor Issues Rink Hockey & Speed floors: **Jim**
  - 6.5.1. Discussed above
- 6.6. Vendors: **Jim**
  - 6.6.1. Vendor booths will be \$300 and money goes to Rink Hockey fund
    - 6.6.1.1. **Motion 4** – Jim
      - 6.6.1.1.1. New vendors must pay registration in advance
      - 6.6.1.1.2. Seconded by Pat?
      - 6.6.1.1.3. 8 yes votes, and 1 opposed.
        - 6.6.1.1.3.1. Opposition believes all vendors should pay ahead of time
- 6.7. Live Stream Volunteers Needed

## 7. New Business:

- 7.1. Membership price
  - 7.1.1. Strongly opposed raise at BOD. Board voted to rise to \$75 for 19/20, and \$85 for 20/21 seasons. Coaches' card will be \$100. Officials will be \$50. Star Skate (learn to skate program) development card will remain the same.
  - 7.1.2. One USARS card works for all disciplines. You must register in your main discipline.
- 7.2. 5<sup>th</sup> paid official
  - 7.2.1. Discussed above.
  - 7.2.2. 5<sup>th</sup> official nomination will be done in the next call after budget is confirmed.
- 7.3. Extra scores table help
  - 7.3.1. Discussed above
- 7.4. Star Skate Program
  - 7.4.1. Beginning skaters program throughout USARS. Jim will share information with committee once received.
- 7.5. Committee on Committees
  - 7.5.1. Elected new members to committee. Committee on Committee has final decision on who will be proposed to BOD.

7.5.2. **Motion 5** - Rodrigo

7.5.2.1. Rink Hockey committee will review all applications for rink hockey positions and will vote on who should receive the position. Election results will then be presented to Committee on Committees.

7.5.2.2. Seconded by Duane

7.5.2.3. Passed Unanimously

7.6. Team USA Jackets and Sweatpants?

7.6.1. New members to team USA will get jackets and pants. 2017 members will not get new ones.

7.6.2. Brent and Tom will confirm with Cricket Loft

**8. Next Committee Meeting: May 15**

**Minutes Approved By** - 8 approved, 1 no response

## RINK HOCKEY COMMITTEE 4/17/2019

### Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Rebecca Guyer (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Chairman of Coach Committee, and USA Team Ladies Coach - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and USA Team U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

### 1. Treasurer's Report:

1. Balance \$9049.04 as of May 13, 2019 No deposits or withdrawals since last months report.
2. Current team funds available are, Ladies \$1202.06 Juniors \$1215, Seniors \$1720.35
3. **Motion 1** by Scott to accept the treasurer's report
  - i. Seconded
  - ii. No opposition
4. Report from Don/Tom on Foundation Records.
  - i. Don is looking through files – will be revisited on next call

### 2. Referee Committee Report: Jim spoke on behalf of Duane

1. Nominated Officials for Nationals
  - i. Mark Brailey, Pat Ferguson, Gary McNelly, Nic Robinson, Duane, and Kevin Lemons as alternate
    1. Finance board said it shouldn't be a problem to have a 5<sup>th</sup> paid official. Executive board needs to approve.
    2. Can paid officials play World Class level? Jim will confirm with Duane
2. Floor taping
  - i. Rabolds have volunteered to tape the floor on Saturday of set up
3. Referee Head sets
  - i. Jim will confirm with Duane if he's checking, otherwise Don will take a look
4. Shot clocks
  - i. Don is reviewing. Clocks will sit on regular camera tripod stands
  - ii. Don will send out information and will be discussed on line
5. New referee rules on player warnings will be shared
  - i. Verbal warnings were shared with Committee via email and are attached at the bottom of the document.

### 3. Club Representative Committee Report: Rodrigo

1. Skills competition
  - i. Ocala said volunteers and officials would be covered
2. Music at Nationals
  - i. Ocala can provide a laptop for music throughout week tournament
  - ii. Will we be able to play music between our games?
    1. Yes, we can play between games, half times and time outs
    2. Tell clubs to provide songs for playlists
3. Club banners
  - i. Florida United has a contact for affordable banners and will share information
  - ii. Can teams that have banners bring them to nationals this year?
    1. Will there be places to hang the banners that are brought?

- a. Rink walls may be tough to put up banners, will depend on size and material
  - b. Walls around rink?
  - c. Hang them on bleachers?
  - d. Brent and Kylie will check at the next nationals committee
- 4. Membership price increase thoughts
- 5. International tournament in Stewart, Florida, Oct. 10-13, tournament sign in on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. 40 international teams already interested
  - ii. 40+ tournament, one under 40 is allowed per team. All genders welcomed for goalie.
    - 1. Women can be any age
  - iii. Team registration is due two months before – highly encouraged to contact Carlos [carlos@sunflowervero.com](mailto:carlos@sunflowervero.com) and Alex [alexpulido6@gmail.com](mailto:alexpulido6@gmail.com) ASAP
  - iv. \$1000/team registration – covers costs of tournament and refs
    - 1. Website will be up soon
  - v. Clubs with two teams are required to bring a referee
  - vi. World Skate America ref will be willing to host a referee camp during the tournament (Alex will provide the ref's name)
  - vii. May be interested in using the walls we use at nationals.
  - viii. Tournament will be sanctioned. Helmets will not be needed if sanctioned as a World Skate International tournament
    - 1. Brent is working with Carlos on sanction
- 6. Players interested in international play list
  - i. List to help make teams to go as a private team to international tournaments, not as Team USA
- 7. Can Team USA staff share rooms to save on costs?
  - i. Discussion amongst committee. Unsure if a hard rule of individual rooms. Any staff that has a guest staying with them pays for the guest, and is not covered by the team expenses.
- 8. Coach's call?
  - i. Hasn't happened. Currently contact coaches via email or individually phone calls from Don.
  - ii. Will consider the idea for the future
- 9. Accomplishment lists for Sub Committee
- 4. Coach's Report: Don**
  - 1. Email to coaches that need to update their safe sport, background checks & applications before nationals.
  - 2. Few potential coaches to move to level 3
    - i. Few of the coach's still need their membership card, SafeSport, or background check
  - 3. Will consider a coach's call for the future
- 5. Team USA Barcelona:**
  - 1. Ladies Team Report: Tom/Don
    - i. Players are getting their info to the Portal team
    - ii. A couple of players are waiting on their passports
    - iii. May need only a few sets of uniforms
    - iv. May have some scrimmages pre tournament in Barcelona
    - v. Team manager is working on transportation within Barcelona
  - 2. Junior Team Report: Rodrigo/Scott
    - i. Most players have submitted info to Portal team, remaining three will send it tomorrow
    - ii. Two players are waiting for passports
    - iii. Need one uniform and 10 pairs of socks
  - 3. Senior Team Report: Jim/Pat
    - i. Problem with second goalie – three people are interested at the moment
      - 1. Mason may be able to stay if needed

- 2. Others interested: Mateo Betancourt
    - ii. Players are getting their info to the Portal team
  - 4. Rebecca Portal Update – Dead line May 17th
    - i. Portal hic up – cannot register anyone until you can register at least 8 players per team
      - 1. Can you add/edit players after registering the team? Unsure, we were able to add players for the 2017 WRG after registration.
      - 2. Portal team currently cannot register any team
      - 3. WS deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup> – No exception after that
        - a. Team is reaching out to World Skate, but WS is not being very responsive
    - ii. Portal team will send a snapshot of players and staff missing info
  - 5. Don Team Uniforms Needed for WRG Dead Line
    - i. Team managers will send Don info
  - 6. Brent & Tom Cricket Loft Contract New Warm Ups?
    - i. Warm ups are for new players only
    - ii. If team wants 5 shirt package, we need to let Cricket Loft ASAP
- 6. 2019 Nationals:**
- 1. Shot Clock Report: Don – discussed above
  - 2. Schedule Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> Out of the building by 5PM.
  - 3. USARS Awards at 5:30 on Tuesday
  - 4. Brent USOC Live Stream One game or split screen
    - i. Discussion between USOC and USARS is ongoing
    - ii. USOC wants one straight hour. Will be discussed next month once we know more from USOC
  - 5. Opening Ceremonies: Kylie/Rebecca
    - i. Looking for MC and waiting on confirmation from local groups
  - 6. Budget: Tom
    - i. Tom will confirm budget with Brent and MJ to finish budget. Will be finalized in the next few days
  - 7. Volunteers for Live Streaming
    - i. Ask at next sub committee call and start a list
    - ii. Included in newsletter
  - 8. Volunteers for setting up the wall?
    - i. Ask at next sub committee call and start a list
    - ii. Can start Friday night, and will go through Saturday morning
- 7. New Business:**
- 1. Three Sanction to Participate at Nationals rule
    - i. Currently having issues with some clubs sanctioning their events
    - ii. Events need to be sanctioned 14 days prior to the event or may be eligible for a late fee
      - 1. On time sanctioning is free
    - iii. Club need to participate in sanctioned events, they do not need to host three sanctioned events
  - 2. Team USA Requirements for 2021
    - i. Will be discussed after 2019 WRG
      - 1. Try outs will be through camps decided by each team staff.
  - 3. Pan Am site for 2020
  - 4. Could we change nationals entry fee to player fee instead of team?
    - i. Would greatly affect the budget, so unlikely to be approved by USARS financial board

**8. Next Committee Meeting: June 19<sup>th</sup>**

## **VERBAL WARNINGS- TWO TYPES**

**“SPECIFIC VERBAL WARNINGS”** -- *Occur during penalty shots and direct free hits (reset after penalty or direct free hit)*

1. A player who- on shooting teams side moves in the direction of the ball, before the impact.
2. A goalkeeper who- at the time of defending a penalty shot or a direct free hit- moves before the player taking the shot has impacted the ball.
3. Player who initiates the penalty or direct free without having received the authorization signal from the referee who is controlling the hit.

**“GENERAL VERBAL WARNINGS”** -- *Occur in general game situations and are recorded on the scoresheet*

1. A player or goalkeeper who simulates an injury or pretends to suffer an injury
2. A player or goalkeeper who, without prior authorization, enters or exits the rink by jumping the fence, either when the match is active or when it is stopped
3. A doctor/masseur who enters the rink when the match is active or when the match is stopped without authorization
4. A goalkeeper who- without proper and prior authorization of the referee- goes to the bench for any reason including to clean mask
5. A player who was prepared to take a penalty or direct and that -- without prior authorization-- goes to the bench and/or any other place on the rink
6. A player or goalkeeper who has an active intervention in the match when his/her equipment does not comply with the conditions
7. A player or goalkeeper who seeks, in an illegitimate way, to benefit from a foul, in accordance with the examples in paragraph 5 of article 25
  - a. Diving
  - b. Player who having possession of the ball, inside the penalty area of the opponent, quits attack to do the following:
    - i. Direct the ball to the body or protections of the goalie who temporarily lost her/his stick
    - ii. The body of a defending player who was lying on the rink
8. A coach, player or any other representative of a team that- without using profanity or insults-manifest a public disagreement with a refereeing decision.

**Minutes Approved By** – 6 approved, 2 no response, 1 absent from meeting

**Agenda**  
**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday May 15, 2019**  
**8:00 to 9:30 CENTRAL TIME**

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

Balance \$9049.04 as of May 13, 2019 No deposits or withdrawals since last months report. Current team funds available are, Ladies \$1202.06 juniors \$1215, Seniors \$1720.35  
Report from Don/Tom on Foundation Records.

**2. Referee Committee Report: Duane**

Nominated Officials for Nationals  
Floor taping – Rabolds  
Referee Head sets

**3. Club Representative Committee Report: Rodrigo**

**4. Coach's Report: Don**

Email to coaches that need to update their safe sport, background checks & applications before nationals.

**5. Team USA Barcelona:**

Ladies Team Report Tom/Don  
Junior Team Report Rodrigo/Scott  
Senior Team Report Jim/Pat  
Rebecca Portal Update – Dead line May 17th  
Don Team Uniforms Needed for WRG Dead Line  
Brent & Tom Cricket Loft Contract New Warm Ups?

**6. 2019 Nationals:**

Shot Clock Report from Don  
Schedule Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> Out of the building by 5PM.  
USARS Awards at 5:30 on Tuesday  
Brent USOC Live Stream One game or split screen  
Opening Ceremonies Kylie/Rebecca/Rodrigo  
Budget Tom  
Volunteers for Live Streaming

**7. New Business:**

Three Sanction to Participate at Nationals rule  
Team USA Requirements for 2021  
Pan Am site for 2020

**Next Committee Meeting: 19th**

## Rink Hockey Conference Call

Tuesday June 18, 2019

8:00 CENTRAL TIME

### Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Rebecca Guyer (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Chairman of Coach Committee, and USA Team Ladies Coach - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and USA Team U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

### 1. Treasurer's Report: **Jim**

1.1. Beginning Balance was \$9049.04. There was one withdrawal to Score for the additional uniforms of \$688.68 leaving a balance of \$8360.36 as of June 17, 2019. Current team funds available are, Ladies \$1202.06 Juniors \$1215, Seniors \$1720.35.

1.2. **Motion 1** by Pat to accept treasurer's report.

1.2.1. Seconded by Duane – Passed unanimously.

1.3. Report from Don/Tom on Foundation Records/Bank Account **Tom/Don**

1.3.1. Don is searching for original foundation records and will provide to the committee. Discussion will be resumed at next committee meeting.

1.3.2. Discussion regarding foundation account and ladies money discussed previously.

### 2. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

2.1. Discussion if Franklin Goal Pads 23" tall, 11" wide, 3" deep goalie pads are acceptable for U8 and U10.

2.1.1. **Motion 2** by Don to accept the Franklin goalie pads for U10, and U8 as long as they wear the correct headgear.

2.1.1.1. Seconded by Duane – Passed unanimously.

2.2. Discussion on two time outs per period 1 - 30 second & 1 - 1 minute.

2.2.1. Can we afford the extra time outs with so many games on the schedule?

2.2.2. Most divisions will be playing 15-minute halves.

2.2.2.1. **Motion 3** by Duane to keep old time out rule of 1-minute time out per half and not institute the new time out rules until next season.

2.2.2.1.1. Due to high number of teams at nationals.

2.2.2.1.2. Seconded by Don – Passed unanimously.

2.3. Discussion on Men's U19 division.

2.3.1. World Skate rule for it to be men only because it is a world tournament qualifying division

2.3.2. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo to open up the Men's U19 division for the 2019 national tournament to both sexes.

2.3.2.1. Motioned was not seconded.

2.4. Discussion on Bronze age limits.

2.4.1. Players can apply for exception to remain in Bronze division by contacting the Rink Hockey Committee.

2.4.2. Don is applying for Brett Mcgar to remain in Bronze division

2.4.2.1. In his coach's recommendation, the committee agreed to allow Bret to remain in the Bronze division.

2.5. Discussion regarding a fight during a U10 game in a sanctioned tournament in Bremerton.

- 2.5.1. USARS is aware of the situation. No formal complaint has been filed.
- 2.6. Discussion on number of warning per athlete per game.
  - 2.6.1. Depends on type of warning. Warnings on penalties or direct hit reset
3. **Club Representative Committee Report:**
  - 3.1. June meeting was cancelled due to low attendance. Sent a reminder email to club representatives of upcoming team and individual USARS registration deadlines.
  - 3.2. Skill competition may get pushed out due to high number of teams attending nationals.
  - 3.3. Alex from Florida shared the link to the Florida veterans tournament – unitedfloridahockey.com
4. **Coach's Report: Don**
  - 4.1. Don will discuss coaches moving up at coaches meeting in nationals.
    - 4.1.1. 2 have applied to move to level 3. Any other coaches eligible to test up to level 3 can contact Don before or during nationals.
  - 4.2. How many coaches is each team allowed on the bench at nationals and how will they be identified?
    - 4.2.1. Coach and manager are allowed on the bench. Head coach is the only one who should be allowed to speak to the ref.
    - 4.2.2. All people in player's box must be registered as coaches with USARS
    - 4.2.3. Head coach will be identified on roster
5. **Team USA Barcelona:**
  - 5.1. Ladies Team Report **Tom/Don**
    - 5.1.1. All ladies have tickets and ready to go
  - 5.2. Junior Team Report **Rodrigo/Scott**
    - 5.2.1. Team is ready and starting to fly on Monday.
  - 5.3. Senior Team Report **Jim/Pat**
    - 5.3.1. Team had a conference call last night to discuss strategy.
    - 5.3.2. No second goalie. Pat will dress as goalie and sit on the bench.
  - 5.4. Uniforms status & Warm-ups **Discussion**
    - 5.4.1. Uniforms are being screened and will be ready by Thursday or Friday.
      - 5.4.1.1. Don will give the uniforms and socks to a U19 player from his club to take to Barcelona due to quick turnaround time and shipping costs.
    - 5.4.2. Warm-ups: No word from Cricket Loft. Brent and Tom will follow up.
6. **2019 Nationals:**
  - 6.1. Discussion on schedule.
    - 6.1.1. Sunday – Saturday with most days going from 6 am to 11 pm. Tuesday will end at 4:30 because the rink must be clear by 5 pm. Tournament will end at 5 pm on Saturday.
    - 6.1.2. Opening ceremonies will be on Sunday at 7:30 – 8 pm followed by first World Class game.
    - 6.1.3. On time schedule will be crucial due to big number of teams.
  - 6.2. Budget **Tom**
    - 6.2.1. Discussion on budget. No issues.
  - 6.3. Team Entries & 3 Sanctioned Tournament Rule – 5 Team Registrations from Lubbock **Brent**
    - 6.3.1. All clubs have attended 3 sanctioned events/tournaments.
  - 6.4. Opening Ceremonies **Rebecca/Kylie**
    - 6.4.1. Rebecca is in contact with one performance group and they are prepared for 10-30 minutes of performance.
    - 6.4.2. Need to contact VFW if we want flag presentation at ceremonies.
  - 6.5. Vendors Attending **Brent**
    - 6.5.1. Two vendors are registered.
  - 6.6. Shot Clock and Referee Communication System **Don**
    - 6.6.1. Shot Clock – Don will send email with information to Brent who will pass it on to the rest of the committee. Don will purchase the shot clocks.
      - 6.6.1.1. Will need tri-pods for each shot clock as well.
    - 6.6.2. Communication system – Question on what officials would prefer
  - 6.7. Volunteers for Live Streaming & USOC Game Stream **Discussion**

**6.7.1.** USOC Stream – Has to be one game, but still not 100% confirmed. Brent will confirm with Eric Steele tomorrow.

**6.7.2.** Volunteers for live stream – will have to be obtained during nationals.

**6.8.** Rink assembly walls, nets and floor taping **Discussion**

**6.8.1.** Jim Jost, Kevin Lemons, Nic Robinson, Jarrod Rabold, and Rodrigo are planning on being there Friday to help.

**6.8.2.** Need more volunteers – Nic is checking with teams to see who will be there on Friday.

**6.9.** When will practices start? Depends on how many volunteers show up to set up the rink. The more volunteers, the faster the rink will be set up. Warm up area in the arena next to the rink where people will be allowed to test the floor by skating and stick handling in that area. **NO SHOOTING ALLOWED.**

**6.10.** Team banners – There will be wall space available, just unsure on how much space. Will get specifics in the new days.

## **7. Old Business:**

**7.1.** Star Skate Development Program Alignment with WRG Beginning skate program, which will be sent out to every rink, Boy & Girls club and scouts. Program will feature all disciplines. **Kylie/Rodrigo**

**7.1.1.** Program will roll out for next season. Kylie will share the information for the Star Skate program. Star Skate is planned as a season long program with the end goal of obtaining armature USARS cards.

**7.1.1.1.** World Skate program is a 52 weeks where each week builds on the previous week and includes drills and games to play on skate (with and without sticks), as well as diagrams.

**7.2.** Committee on Committees. The Rink Hockey Committee will receive all resumes of people applying for review and recommendation. Final decision is made by the Committee on Committees and put forward to the BOD for approval. Request to distribute information and have decision made by the Fall BOD meeting. **Brent**

**7.2.1.** Rink Hockey spots open will be announced by Nationals.

**7.2.2.** Application deadlines will likely be Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**7.2.3.** In order for Team USA staff to be a two-year program, the Rink Hockey Committee needs to provide a proposal to the Board of Directors ASAP. Application will be due Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, for approval in fall Board of Directors meeting.

**7.2.3.1.** Rodrigo will draft a proposal and share with the committee.

**7.2.3.2.** Discussion on how/if the world team players can have a choice or voice their opinions on team USA staff.

**7.2.3.2.1.** Athletes that played in in the most recent world championship will be provided a list of the eligible team coach and manager applicants. Committee will receive their votes and take them into consideration when voting on next team coach and manager.

## **8. New business:**

**8.1.** Two-time outs per period 1 - 30 second & 1 - 1 minute – Discussed above.

**8.2.** U8 & U10 Franklin Goal Pads 23”tall, 11”wide, 3”deep – Discussed above.

**8.3.** WRG Rule Width top 11.81” mid 11” bottom 9.84” Total Height 25.59” Thickness 1.96” – Discussed above.

**8.4.** Conflict of Interest **Tom**

**8.4.1.** U19 coach and manager played for the men’s team while in charge of U19 team during the 2019 Pan American Games. Discussion on team and player expenses.

**8.4.1.1.** Brent will follow up with Finance and Eric Steele and will follow up with the committee.

**8.5.** World Team Staff **Tom**

**8.5.1.** Advise not to leave team members alone while abroad. Team Staff members must accompany the athletes.

## **9. Next Committee Meeting: At Nationals on Tuesday at 7 pm.**

**Minutes Approved By - 7 approved, 2 no response.**

# Rink Hockey Conference Call

Tuesday July 30, 2019

8:57 pm PST

## Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and 2019 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and 2019 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (2019 USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

**Invited Participants:** Jimmy Trussell, Tiago Alfonso

## 1. Elections Proposal

1.1. There's no "rink hockey" position on the board, it's "at large", so anybody to take it. Has to be a team USA member.

1.1.1. Brent Benson is confirming why other "at large" positions state "Inline Hockey Expertise" or "Derby Expertise".

1.2. Board Athlete Rep is voted on by eligible voting athletes.

1.3. Add a timeline to make sure we have enough time to review applications.

1.4. Will be treated as confidential and applications will not be shared with the at large community.

## 2. Discussion on hockey cards and money owed for players at nationals

2.1. Confirmed that all players at nationals are eligible to participate even if website is not updated.

2.1.1. Some website issues make it seem like there are some players at nationals without cards.

2.1.2. Eligibility list needs to be updated regularly and be correct.

2.1.3. Brent Benson will follow up with RSports.

2.1.3.1. Eligibility list is currently updated manually every Friday.

## 3. Team USA Applications

3.1. Applications for rink hockey 2019-2020 team USA staff for men, women, and U19 are due Sept 1<sup>st</sup>.

3.2. Announcements will be made during the tournament.

3.3. Committee will likely have 2 weeks after the Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to make recommendations.

3.3.1. Final approval on positions will be made at the fall Board Of Directors meeting.

## 4. Development Camps

4.1. Jimmy Trussell

4.1.1. Part of committee long term goals

4.1.1.1. One of the goals is to develop coaches, and Jimmy believes we missed a bit on player development.

4.1.1.1.1. Need to start grassroots movement to develop younger talent.

4.1.1.1.2. Recommend self funded programs throughout the nation. On going national team development program

4.1.1.1.2.1. Players will pay for camps, which will also rotate around rink hockey hot spots throughout the nation. Potentially charge \$100/player, which will provide funds to bring in talent from overseas to train.

4.1.1.1.3. Coach's training can be included simultaneously as players.

4.1.1.1.4. Program will allow players to take drills back to their clubs.

4.1.1.1.5. Need to develop skilled players and look at the long-term goals.

4.1.1.1.6. This training program is not a world team development program. Goal of the program is to develop kids so that they are ready for world team once their time comes.

- 4.1.1.1.7. Camps will be in the East Coast, West Coast, and Texas about 3 times a year.
- 4.1.1.1.8. Ultimately, our committee should be responsible for the plan of development, and use the international talent and knowledge to help.
- 4.1.1.1.9. Biggest issues in US Rink Hockey is youth development.

#### 4.2. Tiago Alfonse

- 4.2.1. Suggest better marketing for Rink Hockey in the US. Lived in the US for 2 years before finding hockey here, even though he searched. Visibility of US Rink Hockey is low.
- 4.2.2. Believes this country is big enough, that there are players from throughout the world that are here and do not know there is Rink Hockey available.
- 4.2.3. Must start working with the youth to improve the future.
- 4.2.4. Knows people who would love to come for summer tournaments, who may be retired from professional Rink Hockey and live throughout the world who would be competitive with US World Class category.
  - 4.2.4.1. What are the possibilities of bringing international teams into our nationals?
    - 4.2.4.1.1. Would like to bring his team from Lisbon to participate at nationals.
    - 4.2.4.1.2. International guest teams will help improve the level.
      - 4.2.4.1.2.1. Time constraints limit how many extra teams we can invite. Would look into possibilities like having an adult only tournament.
  - 4.2.4.2. Spreading the word of Rink Hockey in the US is crucial, as it's currently too hard for international players living here to find teams.
    - 4.2.4.2.1. Recommends looking into sponsorships with a hotel and dormitory, which will help international teams to visit.

#### 5. Meeting with Daniel Martinazzo member of World Skate Rink Hockey Technical Commission

- 5.1. Meeting was requested by Daniel Martinazzo, and attended by Jim Jost, Pat Fergusson, and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni during the 2019 Challenger's Cup of the 2019 World Roller Games in Terrassa, Spain.
- 5.2. Can help send a trainer from Argentina as long as we cover housing and food.
  - 5.2.1. About 3 times/year.
  - 5.2.2. We must come up with what we want out of our training camps, and they will run the training.
  - 5.2.3. Ongoing online training between camps between players, coaches, and trainers, so that the camps are not repeats and all keep improving.
  - 5.2.4. Suggestion to have Jimmy Trussell to come up with what we want training help on.
  - 5.2.5. Training will be for players and coaches.
  - 5.2.6. Similar to Jimmy's proposal above.
    - 5.2.6.1. Suggestion to charge players, but free of charge for coaches so that they can learn.
    - 5.2.6.2. Alternative, provide incentive for coaches that no fee will be charged if they bring kids with them to the camp.
  - 5.2.7. Camps can be used for promotion. Can make a professional video of the camps.
    - 5.2.7.1. Live stream the camps?
  - 5.2.8. Kids should be the focus, but all should be invited. All ages and genders.
  - 5.2.9. **Motion 1** - Duane – Jimmy to write up a proposal regarding training camp plans.
    - 5.2.9.1.1. Seconded by Pat.
    - 5.2.9.1.2. Unanimously passed.
    - 5.2.9.1.3. Jimmy will provide a proposal by the September committee meeting.
- 5.3. Club Pan American Games in San Juan.
  - 5.3.1. Late Oct/Early Nov.
    - 5.3.1.1. Argentinian federation May be able to help with housing for visiting team. Important for committee to contact him as early as possible if any teams are interested.
    - 5.3.1.2. Tiago will be in Argentina by then and can play for keeper for any US team interested.
    - 5.3.1.3. Committee will spread the word to see if clubs are interested. Need a real commitment in order to obtain the Argentinian federation's help.
      - 5.3.1.3.1. Will be announced during nationals and email blast.

**5.3.1.3.2.** Team should be in contact with committee to go to the tournament. Argentinean federation wants communication to go through our Committee in order to start a partnership.

**5.3.1.3.3.** Committee would like a commitment by September 1<sup>st</sup> in order to begin communication with Argentinian federation.

#### **5.4. North American Partnership**

**5.4.1.** Allow Canadian and Mexican teams to participate in USARS tournaments

**5.4.1.1.** Could we lift the 3 sanctioned tournaments to allow them to come to nationals? Or they have their own sanctioned events in their country.

**5.4.1.2.** Other sports invite teams from other countries as long as they're part of their federation

**5.4.1.2.1.** Mexico federation doesn't recognize rink hockey

**5.4.1.2.2.** Could we make an international membership card?

### **6. Andorra Exchange Program**

**6.1.** High Performance Programme with NACE schools

**6.1.1.** Partnership with FC Barcelona for Rink Hockey.

**6.1.2.** School team will play in the Catalan Rink Hockey league.

**6.1.3.** Follow NCAA athlete and academic standards.

**6.1.4.** Estimated €20,000/year. Costs cover school, training, food, and housing.

**6.1.5.** School has dieticians so that athletes eat well.

**6.1.6.** School is willing to work with a US student's current school to make sure their academic goals align.

**6.1.7.** School has SAT tutors.

### **7. Trouble Getting Amateur Cards**

**7.1.** Can we do a multiple year armature card with a potential cheaper rate if you buy a 3-year card?

**7.1.1.** Would guarantee numbers for certain years and incentivize people to get them early.

**7.1.2.** Would need a proposal to submit to the board.

**7.1.3.** Scott will provide a proposal by Sept. meeting.

**7.2.** Can we add a fee for people who miss deadlines?

**7.2.1.** We are currently turning people away while we could be charging them more.

**7.2.2.** Discussion: Would be hard to get accurate numbers of rink hockey players without deadlines.

**7.2.2.1.** Can deadline be a set date every year instead of a month before nationals?

**7.2.3.** Rachel to provide proposal of new fee system by Sept. meeting.

### **8. Next Committee Meeting: Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Minutes Approved By** – 6 approved, 2 no response, 1 absent from meeting.

# Rink Hockey Conference Call

Wednesday August 14, 2019

## Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and 2019 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and 2019 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (2019 USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

## 1. Treasurer's Report: **Jim**

1.1. Current Balance: 8,497.87 As of 08/12/19

1.1.1. Activity:

1.1.1.1. Deposits \$337.74 Juniors, \$19.12 Seniors, \$600 national vendor payment RSE

1.1.1.2. Withdrawals \$535.36 seniors ticket WRG finals, \$283.99 WRG extra uniform screening, \$688.68 WRG extra uniforms Score.

1.1.2. Team Balances: Juniors \$1552.74, Seniors \$1204.11, Ladies \$1202.06 (Junior and Senior team balances will be applied against the balance owed USARS for the WRG attendance.)

1.2. **Motion 1** by Don to approve treasurer report

1.2.1. Seconded by Duane

1.2.2. Passed unanimously

## 2. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

2.1. Duane provided referee game breakdown via email. Included in last page of minutes.

2.2. Working on 3A test for Scott F.

2.3. Need more referees going forward, specially as we move to having three referees per game.

2.4. Shot clock will need parts replaced. Don will check to see if there are shot clocks with brighter colors such as red in order to help with visibility.

2.4.1. Tougher set up will be needed for next year so that cables are protected.

## 3. Club Representative Committee Report: **Rodrigo**

3.1. Once next meeting is scheduled, Rodrigo will call each individual club representative to inform them of the date and time and confirm their intended participation.

## 4. Coach's Report: **Don**

4.1. Don will meet with Brent B. to review current coaches list and coaches at nationals.

4.1.1. Will update coaches list and will include when new coaches were registered and better track how long they have been at each level.

4.1.2. Will discuss with SafeSport about coaches requirements.

4.1.2.1. There is an appeal process for SafeSport, and USARS does not have the power to override SafeSport background check decisions.

## 5. 2019 Nationals Recap:

5.1. **Opening Ceremonies** We had none this year, need to improve for 2020

5.1.1. Will focus more attention on organizing ceremonies next year.

5.2. **Shot Clock and Referee Communication System** Need to replace brake shot clock or upgrade

5.2.1. Discussed above.

5.3. **Volunteers for Live Streaming** Discussion

5.3.1. Need more volunteers for next year. Few people helped.

5.3.2. Scorekeepers need help as well, and we can offer \$10 per game as long as they pass their SafeSport.

5.3.2.1. Background check is required.

#### 5.4. Rink Assembly walls, nets and floor taping Discussion

5.4.1. Tape machine used for the circles was excellent.

5.4.2. Penalty areas and free shot points needs to be measured off of the mid point of half court. Cannot measure defensive areas based off of the walls since the walls always move.

#### 5.5. Score Sheet Issues Discussion

5.5.1. Can we get team rosters before the half before the first game?

5.5.2. Issue with teams not having the correct roster and numbers early enough.

5.5.3. Program does not allow for spreadsheet inputs and every entry must be made directly into the score sheet program.

5.5.4. Discussion on how to improve input of roster information going forward.

5.5.4.1. Potential solution to have the registered team form handed back to each coach at the coach's meeting so that each coach can correct the form.

5.5.5. Facebook discussion on illegitimate player. Games where the player participated in were forfeited and score sheets represent it.

5.5.5.1. Score sheets to all games from nationals are available for anyone who is interested.

#### 5.6. Promotion and News Coverage Recommended Kevin Lemons

5.6.1. News coverage at nationals was brought because of Kevin. He is interested in taking lead going forward on media coverage of nationals.

#### 5.7. Hockey Balls USARS to purchase

5.7.1. Tom will donate some hockey balls for tournaments.

#### 5.8. Schedule Changes

5.8.1. Many on line viewers were upset to miss games due to schedule being ahead of time and lack of communications.

5.8.1.1. Discussion on daily tournament schedule.

5.8.1.1.1. Should we stick to the schedule or adjust schedule when forfeits occur?

5.8.1.1.2. Will focus on better communication on line and at the venue so all teams and spectators can be aware of changes.

### 6. Old Business:

#### 6.1. Committee on Committees Brent to report on rink hockey at large position. Discussion on program of application.

6.1.1. At-Large positions are specified by the Board. They do not have to be discipline based. For example, there can be a Safe Sport Expertise At-Large position.

6.1.2. Discipline committees can have multiple non-voting positions, but are limited to 9 voting positions.

6.1.2.1. Brent will confirm if there is a limit on non-voting positions.

#### 6.2. Update on hockey card list being accurate Brent

6.2.1. Brent is meeting with USARS Membership Director tomorrow and will update committee via email.

6.2.2. Ineligible members will not show up in active membership list on USARS website and will be notified by USARS office individually about their ineligible.

#### 6.3. Development Camps Jimmy/Pat

6.3.1. Jimmy was unable to attend the call. Postponed until next call.

#### 6.4. Pan Am Club Tournament San Juan, Argentina

6.4.1. Currently no team or people interested. Kylie will send out a mail blast asking for interested people and teams.

#### 6.5. International and Multiple year USARS cards Brent – Scott, Brent Sisson Proposal

6.5.1. Agreement on idea of proposal.

6.5.1.1. Numbers may need to be updated to match current USARS costs more

6.5.2. Discussion on coach's costs.

6.5.2.1. Rink hockey coaches are volunteers unlike coaches from other disciplines.

6.5.2.2. Tom will follow up with the board.

## **6.6. Late Amateur Card Purchase Fee Rachel**

**6.6.1.** Included in Brent's proposal.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. 2020 Nationals Tom**

**7.1.1.** 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USA Rink Hockey Nationals.

**7.1.2.** Tom proposes to change the 1<sup>st</sup> plaque to a cup, such as the "Bill Sisson Cup".

**7.1.2.1.** Can get sponsors if needed.

**7.1.2.2.** USARS may be able to cover the price since the plaque will be replaced.

**7.1.3.** Need to have a better floor for next year.

**7.1.3.1.** Jim will visit Cedar Rapids in November when they'll have the floor on to cover the ice rink.

**7.1.3.2.** Floor will be covering ice hockey rink.

### **7.2. Possibility of looking at live-streaming to review possible serious in-fractions after the game is over Bryce**

**7.2.1.** Can we begin to review excessive actions, which occurred during a game afterwards?

**7.2.1.1.** Discussion on topic.

**7.2.1.1.1.** What happens if the camera doesn't catch the infraction clearly?

**7.2.1.1.2.** International rules currently do not allow for play/call reviews.

**7.2.1.1.3.** Would the reviews be only for infractions that appear to have intent to injure?

**7.2.2.** Bryce will write up a proposal for review and vote.

### **7.3. U19 Division Age Requirements**

**7.3.1.** Should clear up age requirements for USA vs. World Skate International Tournaments since they currently differ and some eligible to play in U19 USA do not qualify for U19 World Skate International Play.

**7.3.1.1.** Should we change USA U19 age requirements to match World Skate?

**7.3.1.1.1.** Tom will write up proposed language to discuss at the next committee call.

## **8. Next Committee Meeting: September 18th (Need to review Team USA Apps)**

**Minutes Approved By** – 5 approved, 4 no response.

**2019 US Rink Hockey Championships- Spokane- 144 games Scheduled**

<b>Referee</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Total</b>
Duane McMinn	36	24	60
Gary McNeely	34	13	47
Pat Ferguson	36	8	44
Kevin Lemons	34	10	44
Mark Brailey	30	10	40
Nic Robinson	34	0	34
Jeff Rabold	18	3	21
Mark Woolfork	18	0	18
Scott Ferguson	13	0	13
Adam Armbruster	8	0	8

# Rink Hockey Conference Call

## Wednesday September 18, 2019

### Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and 2019 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and 2019 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (2019 USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

**Guests:** Kevin Lemons

### 1. Treasurer's Report: **Jim**

1.1. Current Balance: 6,923.96 as of 09/17/19

1.2. Activity:

1.2.1. Deposits \$2500 National Team Entry made by Tom at the Anchorage Branch

1.2.2. Withdrawals

1.2.2.1. Check 1060 \$1319.11 Senior Team

1.2.2.2. Check 1061 \$1552.74 Juniors

1.2.2.3. Check 1062 \$1202.06 Ladies made out to USA Roller Sports to be applied to the WRG costs of each team.

1.3. **Motion 1** by Pat to approve report

1.3.1. Seconded by Duane

1.3.2. Approved unanimously

### 2. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

2.1. Working to combine WS and US rule book

2.2. Discussing referee training that will occur in FL.

2.2.1. Same training that Duane received in Barcelona.

2.2.2. No US referee is set to attend at this time.

2.2.3. Jim will attend and can referee if needed.

2.2.4. Tournament may be able to help with some expenses for referee such as hotel.

2.2.5. Referees cannot test for international referee card since it is a master's tournament.

2.2.6. Players will not be allowed to referee during tournament.

### 3. Club Representative Committee Report: **Rodrigo**

3.1. Rotating leadership from Committee rep.

3.1.1. Will further open up dialogue between the community leaders and more members of the Rink Hockey Committee.

3.1.2. Rotating leadership every 3 months.

3.1.2.1. Maybe every 6 months or annually.

3.1.2.2. Do not want it to be confusing for the community.

3.2. Sub Committee member president of Sub Committee to help with leadership of Sub Committee activities.

3.3. Need new rep. from Alaska

3.4. Next meeting on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

3.5. Scott Fergusson will lead Sub Committee starting Oct.

### 4. Coach's Report: **Don**

4.1. Discussion as to when coaches move up coaching levels.

4.1.1. Rink Hockey bases levels on Nationals while other sports use paper applications.

- 4.1.2. Confusion as to what this means
  - 4.1.2.1. Are you a level 0 for your first season until you coach at nationals. Then become level 1 for the next season. Or.
  - 4.1.2.2. Are you level 1 when you first register as coach and then move up to the next level at nationals.
- 4.2. Are there exceptions for team USA coaches that do not have the level 3 to coach dependent on experience?
- 4.3. **Motion 2** by Bryce
  - 4.3.1. Make exception for team USA head coaches dependent on rink hockey playing experience and qualifications if they are not yet a level 3 coach.
  - 4.3.2. Discussion on exceptions for professional coaches
  - 4.3.3. Seconded by Rodrigo
    - 4.3.3.1. 4 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain, 1 absent
    - 4.3.3.2. Abstaining votes were due to further requesting clarity on what level coaches mean.
    - 4.3.3.3. USARS Executive committee will need to approve the motion. Brent will follow up tomorrow and update the committee.
- 5. **2020 Nationals:**
  - 5.1. Recommendation the 1<sup>st</sup> place plaque to a cup called “Bill Sisson cup” **Tom**
    - 5.1.1. Researching on prices and size of cup. Will provide to committee before next call.
  - 5.2. Opening Ceremonies **Kevin Lemons**
    - 5.2.1. Kevin has reached out to organizations in Cedar Rapids and is obtaining quotes for performers.
    - 5.2.2. What is the date and how long will opening ceremonies be?
      - 5.2.2.1. Ceremonies will be on Sunday.
      - 5.2.2.2. 30 minutes will be provided for ceremonies.
      - 5.2.2.3. Discussion on other potential groups to perform.
      - 5.2.2.4. Kevin will provide quote when available.
  - 5.3. Kevin reached out to ESPN Chicago.
    - 5.3.1. May be interested in doing a special on Rink Hockey during a World Class game.
  - 5.4. Kevin has reached out to daycares to bring kids to watch the games if we can provide free entrance
  - 5.5. Shot Clock and Referee Communication System **Don**
    - 5.5.1. Don is in discussion with shot clock manufacturer about different color font or replacement of current clocks. No response on red font at this moment.
  - 5.6. Extra score keepers \$10 per game. **Brent**
    - 5.6.1. Should not be a problem to have 1 or 2 extra score keepers for next nationals.
    - 5.6.2. Will need approval from Finance.
    - 5.6.3. All scorekeepers will be required to have SafeSport and background check.
- 6. **Old Business:**
  - 6.1. Development Camps **Jimmy/Pat**
    - 6.1.1. No set plans yet. Pat and Jimmy need to meet.
  - 6.2. International and Multiple year USARS Cards **Brent Sisson’s Proposal**
    - 6.2.1. **Motion 3** by Duane to take out “to create income for rink hockey” from weekly viewers passes.
      - 6.2.1.1. Seconded by Bryce
      - 6.2.1.2. 7 yes, 1 no, 1 absent
    - 6.2.2. **Motion 4** by Jim to pass on the proposal to USARS Board of Directors after removing “to create income for rink hockey” since money generated by national attendees (non players) go to USARS.
      - 6.2.2.1. Seconded by Duane
      - 6.2.2.2. 7 yes, 1 abstain, 1 absent
  - 6.3. Late Amateur Card Purchase Fee **Rachel**
    - 6.3.1. Discussion on late fees for amateur cards.
    - 6.3.2. Need a dollar figure on what the late fees would be with a full proposal.
  - 6.4. All players over 18 must have SafeSport certificate per USARS.
    - 6.4.1. Rule comes from USOC and will eventually be federal law.

- 6.5. Proposal on language for changing U19 age **Tom**
  - 6.5.1. Working on updated language.
- 6.6. Proposal for reviewing live stream on serious fouls **Bryce**
  - 6.6.1. How do we cover games that are not covered by the live stream?
  - 6.6.2. Discussion submission time lapse as it may be too long.
  - 6.6.3. Bryce will edit the proposal with specific time deadline and re-submit to committee.
- 6.7. Cost of coaching cards - rink hockey coaches are volunteers **Tom**
- 6.8. Updates to the online Hockey Card List – Accuracy **Brent**
- 7. **New business:**
  - 7.1. Ladies Tournament Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **Rodrigo**
    - 7.1.1. Age groups
      - 7.1.1.1. Under 14
      - 7.1.1.2. Under 16
      - 7.1.1.3. Under 18
    - 7.1.2. Registration of \$7,000 Pesos, roughly \$124 USD per team.
    - 7.1.3. Club teams, but they will allow Team USA to participate.
  - 7.2. National Team Try Out Camps
    - 7.2.1. Cannot set dates until staff is in place.
  - 7.3. Questions on committee recommendations
    - 7.3.1. Duane’s position is for Head Referee, and you must be a referee to fill it.
  - 7.4. Process for selecting Team USA Coaches & Managers
    - 7.4.1. How can players from the 2018 and 2019 teams give their recommendation/nominations for coach and managers?
    - 7.4.2. Suggestion for each of us to email Brent our choices, and Brent will tally the votes for the committee recommendations.
- 8. **Next Committee Meeting: October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Minutes Approved By** – 6 approved, 3 no response.

# Rink Hockey Conference Call

## Wednesday September 26, 2019

### Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and 2019 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Tom Hughes (2019 USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

### 1. Committee Membership Update

1.1. Rebecca Guyer has resigned her position on the committee.

### 2. Coaches and Managers Applications

2.1. Discussion about deadline extension, which was provided by USARS.

2.1.1. Brent confirmed via email.

### 3. Coach Level Discussion

3.1. Discussion regarding when a coach moves up to level 3.

### 4. **Motion 1** Rodrigo

4.1. We poll the members of Team USA that attended the recent WRG on their opinion of which people they feel should be coaches and managers for Team USA going forward. Each team will receive the names of the people who applied to coach and manager their specific team to choose from. Their poll answers will only be considered advisory and the committee will make the final decision on all Team USA coaches and managers.

4.2. Seconded by Rachel

4.3. Discussion on motion

4.4. Office is confirming if USOC has any regulations against the motion.

4.4.1. Brent will update committee once a response has been received.

4.5. Motion passes: 4 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, 2 absent

4.6. Brent will send out poll information to players

### 5. Next Committee Meeting: **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** (as long as missing members are available)

**Minutes Approved by** – 6 approved, 2 no reply

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday October 23, 2019**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Chairman of Coach Committee - Voting), Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

**Time Keeper:** Scott

**1. Treasurer's Report:** Jim (5 min)

1.1. Current Balance: \$7,038.39

1.2. Activity: None

1.2.1. **Motion 1** to accept the treasurer's report by Duane

1.2.1.1. Sounded by Rodrigo

1.2.1.2. Passed – 7 yes, 1 absent

**2. Referee Committee Report:** Duane (10 min)

2.1. Will we use a third referee and shot clock for all divisions or some?

2.1.1. Will be discussed at next committee call.

**3. Club Representative Committee Report:** Rodrigo/Scott (10 min)

3.1. Scott taking over

3.2. Vice Chair of Sub Committee

3.3. Next call on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**4. Coach's Report:** Don (10 min)

4.1. Discussion on registered coach requirements.

4.2. Do elite coaches pay fees?

4.2.1. Brent Benson will confirm once current process is taken off of on hold.

**5. Old Business:** To be motioned and voted on (10 min each)

5.1. Team USA coach and manager elections.

5.1.1. When are team coach and manager nominations needed by?

5.1.1.1. Committee can vote any time on team coach and manager. If not set by fall, 2019 board meeting, committee can provide our selection to the Executive Committee after the board meeting.

5.1.1.2. Brent to double check votes from player nominations have been received and recorded correctly.

5.1.1.3. Will be discussed during next committee call.

5.2. Define criteria for the motion passed in September conference call on allowing head coaches that are not yet Level 3 coaches to be appointed as TEAM USA Coaches based on experience and qualifications. Such as Team USA experience, current coaching experience, and previous coaching experience.

5.2.1. **Motion 3** by Bryce (Continuation of Motion 2 from Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>)

5.2.1.1. Make exception for team USA head coaches dependent on rink hockey playing experience and qualifications if they are not yet a level 3 coach.

5.2.1.1.1. Second by Rodrigo

5.2.1.1.2. Not passed - 5 no, 3 yes (absent member voted via email)

5.3. **Motion 2** by Don

**5.3.1.1 STRUCK FROM THE REPORT - NOT BOARD APPROVED (Committee to set parameters)** ~~5.3.1.1. A coach for Team USA needs to meet USARS requirements or be a professional rink hockey coach who volunteers their time to come to the US and coach Team USA.~~

- 5.3.1.2. Seconded by Tom
- 5.3.1.3. Passed - 6 yes, 2 no
- 5.4. Accept the interpretation for Rink Hockey Coaching Levels (4 season plan - being established by attending the National Championships) or to accept the USARS interpretation for coaching levels (3 season plan - being established at the start of the competitive season as indicated by the purchase of a new coach's card).
  - 5.4.1. Discussion on reasoning for 4-year timeline to become a Level 3 coach.
  - 5.4.2. **Motion 3** by Don
    - 5.4.2.1. Become a registered coach when you fill out the coach's application. Become Level 1 after your first year at nationals. Become a level 2 after you attend your 2nd year at nationals, then after two consecutive years attending nationals as a level 2, you become a level 3.
    - 5.4.2.2. Seconded by Tom
    - 5.4.2.3. Not pass - 4 no, 2 yes, 1 abstain
    - 5.4.2.4. Further discussion on costs of coach's card and test requirements that other disciplines have.
  - 5.4.3. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo
    - 5.4.3.1. ~~STRUCK FROM REPORT - Written test required Levels 1-2-3. Accept USARS interpretation for coaching levels being established by the start of the competitive season as indicated by the purchase of a coach's card.~~ Seconded by Bryce
    - 5.4.3.2. ~~purchase of a coach's card.~~ Seconded by Bryce
    - 5.4.3.3. Passed - 6 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain (absent member voted via email)
- 5.5. Proposal to have 2 paid per game individuals to help at the scorer's table at Nationals (\$10 per game)- will need to register as officials and complete Safe Sport and Background Check. The extra help has been used in years past, just wanted to make sure they could be used again.
  - 5.5.1. **Motion 5** by Duane
    - 5.5.1.1. Seconded by Pat
    - 5.5.1.2. Passed unanimously – absent member voted via email
- 5.6. Live streaming review for Red Card Offenses proposal.
  - 5.6.1. **Motion 6** by Bryce
    - 5.6.1.1. Accept red light review offenses proposal and sheet.
    - 5.6.1.2. Discussion on the language of the proposal.
      - 5.6.1.2.1. Only for red card offenses missed by referee, not to overrule a red card that was given out by a referee.
      - 5.6.1.2.2. Language will be updated and voted on for next month.
- 6. Request from Eric S.
  - 6.1. Once new committee is in place, discipline goals need to be discussed on each committee meeting to track progress.
- 7. 2020 Pan American Games information?
  - 7.1. Brent will follow up with Peggy and update the committee.
- 8. Development Camps and World Skate assistance
  - 8.1. Need US Rink Hockey plan before World Skate will assist with training.
- 9. **Next Committee Meeting: November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Approved by:** 7 approved, 1 no response

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**ADDENDUM G**

Attending: Keith Noll, Jon Roux, Arlene Lehman, Charlie Sgrillo II, Dave Marmorstine and Melanie Bogus

Missing: Jonathan Mosenson and Charlie Sgrillo

PanAmerican Nations Championship – On September 30, 2019, World Skate America issued a bulletin announcing the PanAmerican Nations Championship, being held in Bogota from 10/29 to 11/4. While this is an attractive tournament, with the host providing housing, meals and local transportation to the national teams, insufficient time was available to organize a team. In addition to recruiting a team, we would have to assure players were in compliance with USARS, USOPC and World Skate rules. It was felt that there was not enough time to assure players have all needed clearances, uniforms, passports and medical insurance. Team fees would need to be collected, USARS memberships obtained, flights tracked and the teams would need to be registered. The notice did not provide enough time to organize a team and complete all needed tasks in one month. Keith also noted that this is not the PanAmerican Games.

A few individuals (Cadiz and Itan) wanted to enter a team. They made no contact with the committee to make the request. The committee determined if they would like to send a team to the Championship, they would need to register in the open division. This would not include the benefits of being registered as a national team. Teams in the open division do not receive housing, meals and local transportation. Jon or Keith will contact Peggy to inform her that we will not be sending a national team.

Veteran's and Master's Divisions – Dave questioned the procedure for these divisions. In the past, nobody wanted to put enter a team and Rob organized a team for the master's division. It was suggested to allow this to continue for now. However, perhaps we can organize a team for the veteran's division. The veteran's division is for players, ages 45 and up. The master's division is for players, ages 38 and up. Perhaps a proposal can be made to the World Skate Inline Hockey Committee to lower the age for the master's division to 35. Jon would like Charlie to look into this further, if there is enough interest.

2020 World Championships – The championship games will be held in Columbia next year. Further details have not been released to date. Possible sites mentioned are Medellin, Cali and Bogota, but no confirmation has been received. Keith and Jon spoke and have some reservations about sending junior teams to Columbia, for safety reasons. The committee discussed the ramifications of not sending the juniors. It was felt this should not significantly affect the program. Most juniors play one year and do not return. Melanie mentioned the uproar received from parents when World Skate left a group of junior men at the opening ceremony venue, with two adult coaches, in Barcelona, a relatively safe city. If a similar event were to

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happen in Columbia, would this create a large problem? More information will need to be obtained regarding security efforts and this subject will need to be discussed further before a decision is reached.

2021 World Roller Games – These are scheduled to be held in Argentina. Although no official information has been obtained to date, Dave has some contacts in the Argentina Inline Hockey world and has been informed the games will be in Buenos Aires. Tickets to Argentina are expensive, but Dave stated reasonable tickets can be found for flights to Buenos Aires. Also, we will need to pay a fee to enter and exit the country.

Strategic Plan - As a part of the inline hockey committee's strategic plan, Jon and Keith will be following up with Jeff Prime on coach certifications. They also need to follow up with Shane Peters and Joel Lauer regarding the referee training program. We would like to create an online program to take tests and provide an open format.

USARS Memberships – Melanie reminded all committee members to obtain their USARS memberships, if they have not done so. Melanie will check if any forms, including the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics, have expired and need to be completed.

Inline Hockey Committee – The committee terms are expiring for Jon Roux, Melanie Bogus and Arlene Lehman. The committee decided to recommend to the USARS board to renew these terms and keep the committee as it is currently since there have been no new applicants.

Clinic – Jim Tamburino has requested permission to run a clinic in New York to promote the program and recruit interest. No decision has been made to date. If this is approved, the committee would like to appropriate \$600 for practice jerseys to be used for the clinic.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 by Melanie and seconded by Dave.

Respectfully Submitted 10/24/19

The minutes were approved unanimously by all who attended the meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2019

Attendees: Kay Gallatin, President and Chair, John Fearnow Board Chair, Annelle Anderson, Kylie Hughes, Heidi Permatteo and Eric Steele, Executive Director

Motion – Approve Shawn Roberts as the Apprentice Manager for Worlds 2019. All costs to be paid by Shawn. Motion by Annelle Anderson, second by Heidi Permatteo. Approved unanimously

Motion- Approve Speed Skating officials for Nationals as forwarded by the Speed officials committee pending approval of the Speed Committee and that all officials are in good standing. Motion by John Fearnow, second by Annelle Anderson, Approved Unanimously NOTE: list was just completed today and speed committee has not had time to approve yet. The invitations need to be able to go out as soon as possible.

Motion – Approve list of officials for Rink Hockey as submitted by the Rink Hockey Committee based on officials being in good standing. Motion by Heidi Permatteo, second by Kylie Hughes. Approved Unanimously

Jim Jost – Meet Director  
Duane McMinn - Referee  
Mark Brailey - Referee  
Pat Ferguson - Referee  
Gary McNeely - Referee  
Kevin Lemons - Referee  
Irene Allen – Scoring/Stats

### Discussions

Issue regarding vendor agreements and vendor behavior was brought to the committee for discussion. This has been tabled for further discussion and research.

Treasurer Michael Jacques asked leadership to evaluate what can be done about current world team members that have not paid their world team expenses for 2019 as of today. The consensus of the committee and confirmed by Jerry Pigsley legal counsel is that nothing can be done to sanction these individuals until July 14<sup>th</sup>. The current policy defining a member in good standing was posted on April 15<sup>th</sup> and therefore the 90 days is up on July 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the same whether it is for past year balances due or balances owed this year.

Eric gave an update on the conversation with USOC and the City of Colorado Springs about the many opportunities afforded to our NGB. Kay gave an update about her Best Practices training with the USOC this last week and will be sending the slides from the session when received.

As of today there are only 2 teams entered for Roller Derby nationals. There is a possibility the event may be cancelled.

The Foundation granted USA Rollersports \$30,000 to use for the Star Skate Program, Roll Art, and Safe Sport. Reports will be kept to show how these funds were spent on each of these programs.

Eric Steele left the meeting

Committee asked how things were going with the Figure Advisor. Kay mentioned she had not spoken to Pat nor had an update for awhile so will check.

The Communications and Tech committee has been investigation a platform to use for trainings that could be done through the internet. Kay will check on the product of Blue Jeans that might be available from the USOC either free or at a reduced cost. This is part of the shared programs available to NGB programs.

Motion to adjourn

Approved Unanimously

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2019

Attendees: Kay Gallatin, President and Chair, John Fearnow Board Chair, Annelle Anderson, Kylie Hughes, Heidi Permatteo and Eric Steele, Executive Director Guest: Fernando Regueiro

World Skate update – Fernando joined the call to discuss two sections of the proposal that will be put forth in Barcelona. These items will be voted on in July.

- Defines that each country will be allowed to only have one federation recognized through World Skate starting in 2020. For example if there are two federations representing a roller sports discipline in a country they will be required to merge into one.
- World Skate is proposing to be the governing body over all the confederations with more than just a name change. In the future the bylaws and reporting will be the same for world skate as for each confederation.

Discussion about new safesport policy regarding athletes and vendors.

MOTION – All members of the organization 18 or over 18 will be required to complete the Safe Sport Training as part of the good standing membership requirements effective as of 9/1/2019. Motion by John Fearnow and second by Heidi Permatteo. Approved Unanimously

Directive to Eric to work on wording for a similar policy for Vendors/Sponsors/Independent Contractors.

Derby only has 2 or 3 teams registered for Nationals. There has been a recommendation by the Finance Committee the Derby nationals be cancelled due to negatively impacting the finances of USA Roller Sports The Derby Committee also recommended that nationals be cancelled

MOTION – Cancel Roller Derby Nationals for 2019. Motion by AA Second by JF Passed Unanimously

The Finance Committee brought forth two recommendations for consideration

MOTION – This year and going forward the Meet Director or equivalent be awarded their own room for use during the Nationals Championships at the expense of USA Roller Sports. Motion by John Fearnow, Seconded by Annelle Anderson, Passed unanimously. NOTE – this should be updated in the finance policy

MOTION – Beginning with the 2019 World Team, available endowment harvest shall be allocated to each athlete based on his/her roller skating discipline: Art, Speed & Hockey (inline, rink). The discipline total available funds each year is allocated based on the number of skaters in each respective discipline. If the individual amount available is less than \$50, no funds for that discipline will be distributed. Available funds shall remain in the discipline total until such time as the harvest (including prior years) shall equal a minimum of \$50 per skater. Individual principal gifts will continue to be credited to the appropriate account in each discipline based on the donor's preference. The Harvest is to be distributed to all athletes who have qualified and paid entry fees for the world championships, regardless of the event that they qualified in. Motion by Heidi Permatteo and seconded by Annelle Anderson. Passed unanimously.

MOTION- Accept Suzie Harris as Scooter Team Manager per request of World Skate. Motion by Heidi Permatteo, second by John Fearnow. Passed unanimously

Discussed potential policy about limiting the people who can contact USA Rollers Sports Legal and Auditing services. This is important because this incurs an expense that USA Roller Sports then has to pay and makes it hard to manage these costs.

Strategic Planning – Eric wants the areas of the strategic plan the board is responsible for to be completed by next week for inclusion in the complete document. The compiled plans will be sent back through the committees for review before document completed

Star Skate – Moving forward with purchasing the items needed to have program started next month. Eric thought an additional \$4,000 was needed to finish the project and be ready by Nationals. Kay asked that this amount be double-checked.

There have been several safe sport reports done since the first of May. This are being processed.

Eric reported that Fanatics will be ready to launch soon.

Building has been experiencing some water coming up through the floor in the basement with all the rain. Normally only happens with extreme rain.

Eric left the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Kay brought the committee up to speed on the new employee Rod and his training.

The committee also discussed some issues with social media and how those should be addressed. Need to remind the whole board at the fall meeting about the social media policy and other policies.

MOTION – to adjourn, Motion by John Fearnow, seconded by Kylie Hughes. Passed unanimously

Minutes Approved Unanimously 6/11/2019

Executive Committee Minutes  
Wednesday August 28, 2019

Attendees: Kay Gallatin, President and Chair, John Fearnow, Chairman, Annelle Anderson, Kyle Hughes, Heidi Permatteo and Eric Steele, Director.

Grants – Several of the committees have requested that USARS work to find a grant writer to help secure funding. In order to accomplish this Eric will be asked to write a solicitation and recommend a timeline for seeking out a grant writer to facilitate asking for funds on behalf of USARS. Part of the information requested as part of this solicitation will be experience in sport grants, small nonprofit grants, grassroots programs etc., including successful funding. Since grant writers are paid by receiving a % of grants funded the solicitation will also need to indicate what % compensation for the work would be.

Audited Financials – The audited financials should be posted by Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> for the year ending August 31, 2018. Annual financials are targeted to be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup> for submission to the accountant this year.

Strategic Plan update – Eric gave an update on the completed strategic plan and the new formatting for the document. MOTION – to accept the strategic plan as presented and get posted to the Website. Motion by Annelle Anderson, Second by Heidi Permatteo. Motion carried unanimously.

Vendor Statement – As part of the new safe sport and athlete safety, vendors have been called out as needing to complete safe sport. MOTION – to require vendors on site, during all USA Roller Sports hosted events, camps or clinics be required to be safe sport certified if 18 or over effective 9/1/2019. Motion by Annelle Anderson, Second by Heidi Permatteo. Motion 4 Yes and 1 abstain. This is to be communicated through the FAQ section of the website and vendor contracts for those events.

Hockey Endowment/National Entry Fees – This item was to inform the current executive committee about a \$50 entry fee that is added to the national entry fee for Rink Hockey. This portion of the fee is collected by USA Roller Sports and then transferred to the Rink Endowment fund.

Fanatics update – The Fanatics program is not available as of now. There have been several communications trying to get this moved forward, but it seems to be stalled. Eric will continue to follow up on this and if something isn't resolved by October 1<sup>st</sup> then USA Roller Sports may choose to go with another vendor.

Sport Committee term limits – As the pool of athletes that are eligible to be on standing committees is very small, the question has been brought forth about eliminating these term limits. It was felt by the Executive Committee this needs to be discussed by the full board. There is also additional information coming from USOC as to who is eligible to be an athlete rep. As this will be decided at the board meeting it was requested that all applications for athlete positions be accepted even if they have reached the term limits in their current position, so their applications can be reviewed if this limit should change.

Worlds issues – Kay wanted to make sure everyone was aware of there were considerable issues and concerns with the transportation at worlds. Almost every team mentioned a problem with getting to

opening ceremonies or athletes to the track. This is not unusual, especially with a world roller games and the number of athletes.

Foundation Trustee approvals – The Foundation at their May board meeting requested the approval by USARS of two new members. MOTION to accept Marian Spooner and Steven Findlay as new members to the Foundation. Motion by John Fearnow, second by Annelle Anderson, approved unanimously.

CPRS Representative – World Skate has changed the rules for World Skate America, including the timing of their election process. Danny Brown will not be continuing in his current role as VP for North America after the next election. The board will need to put forth a replacement name for World Skate America's consideration for the open position. Since there have been several people expressing interest in this position there needs to be a formal application process. The recommendation is to have this handled by the Nominating Committee so this will be researched as a potential process. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

USOC Audit Compliance – a draft of the USOC Audit compliance document was shared with the committee by Eric via email this afternoon. This will be discussed in further detail at the next meeting in order to be in line with the Board directed policy of agenda items being presented to the Board before the meeting to allow for comment.

Nationals 2020 Motel contract information – this was briefly covered with the executive committee and will be discussed more fully at the next meeting.

Eric left the meeting at 8:45.

Further discussion followed about the finances and how expenses could be cut. John mentioned the committee members should be provided a copy of the financials. The committee was reminded those are available on the drop box and everyone should be reviewing.

MOTION TO ADJOURN. Motion by Annelle Anderson, second by Heidi Permatteo. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 central. WebEx is not available so Eric will follow up with a conference call number.

Minutes approved by 4 and 1 no response

Executive Committee Minutes  
Wednesday Sept 9, 2019

Attendees: Kay Gallatin, President and Chair, John Fearnow, Chairman, Annelle Anderson, Kyle Hughes, Heidi Permatteo and Eric Steele, Director.

USOC Audit Compliance – The document was discussed again and most of the items are on the way to being in compliance. The athlete representation request has been sent to the USOPC for review and approval. The insurance items are continuing to be provided as requested. The executive committee noticed that most of the items that were not in compliance are new items or new requests/policies.

Nationals 2020 Hotel – Two proposals were sent for being the host hotel in Cedar Rapids. Both proposals from the Marriott and the Double Tree were similar in composition. The Marriot provided free parking which is one item not provided by the Double Tree. Motion – accept the Marriot as the host hotel. Motion by Annelle Anderson second by Heidi Permatteo, unanimously approved.

CPRS Representative – Motion Move that USARS post through all media outlets to request anyone interested in being a CPRS representative to World Skate America provide their cover letter and resume expressing their interest and documenting their expertise for this position. Preference will be given to the candidate that is bilingual in Spanish and English. Motion by John Fearnow, second by Annelle Anderson. Unanimously approved. The time line for this is to have applications for October 15<sup>th</sup> so they can be reviewed and a decision will be made by the Board as to who to move forward to World Skate America.

Annual Request for Proposals. – Discussed with Eric the need to get these proposals done and posited in October for Review in November and award in December. Need to make sure we have a good way to collect the requested information that is standardized (bid document form) and can be forwarded to decision makers without the information about bidders identity.

Eric left the meeting at 9:20

MOTION TO ADJOURN Motion by Annelle Anderson, second by Heidi Permatteo. Passed unanimously.

Minutes approved unanimously

USA ROLLER SPORTS FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MOTIONS May 2019 to October 2019

**Committee Members:**

**Voting Members**

(MJ) Mike Jacques Committee Chairman, USA Roller Sports Treasurer  
(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(JP) Janet Pavilonis  
(SC) Scott Clifford  
(JM) Jonathan B. Mosenson Athlete Representative

**Non-Voting Members**

(JF) John Fearnow USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports President  
(AT) Al Taglang (Non-Voting)  
(ES) Eric Steele Executive Director

May 14, 2019

AT Motion to accept J. Graves recommendations for distributions of endowment money.  
**Second by AA - 4 approved Passed**

**SC Motion** – The National Meet Director should have a private room and all other officials must share a room. This is to begin with the 2019 National Championships. Motion to be sent to the Executive Committee  
**Second JP 4 Approved Passed**

June 4, 2019

**Motion SC** The Finance Committee recommends to the executive committee that the Derby National Championships be cancelled due to lack of participation which will cause a negative financial impact. **Second by JP Passed**

**Motion AA** that we charge a \$20 fee for the Rollercon single event card **SC second Passed**

July – No meeting

USA ROLLER SPORTS FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MOTIONS May 2019 to October 2019

August 13, 2019

**SC Motion JP** Second Beginning September 1, 2019 Finance Committee recommends that every event hosted by USARS have a dedicated manager that is responsible for the P&L of the Event. This position may be held by the meet director. **Motion Passed**

**SC Motion MJ** Second to bring in a volunteer consultant/advisor with accounting and Audit experience to the Finance Committee for advice and strategic planning. **Motion Passed**

September 10, 2019

**MOTION SC** Second AA that USARS purchase two more years of regional medals based on inventory on hand and inventory being held by the various regions. **PASSED**

**MOTION JP** Second SC to raise the capital threshold for equipment to \$5,000 **PASSED**

Tuesday October 08, 2019

**Motion AA Second SC** to approve the Finance Manual and send to the Board. **Passed**

**Directive** to USARS office to survey the Regions if they would like us to supply the medals at the current price or contract for their own medals.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday May 14, 2019 9:00PM EST

Committee Members:

### **Voting Members Attending:**

(MJ) Mike Jacques Committee Chairman, USA Roller Sports Treasurer

(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member

(JP) Janet Pavilonis

(JM) Jonathan B. Mosenson Athlete Representative

(SC) Scott Clifford

### **Non-Voting Members Attending:**

(JF) John Fearnow USA Roller Sports Board Member

(ES) Eric Steele Executive Director

(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports President

(AT) Al Taglang (Non-Voting)

Meeting Started at 9:05 PM EST

MJ Discussion regarding 2019 Endowment Distribution and email from J. Graves regarding distributions.

AT Motion to accept J. Graves recommendations for distributions of endowment money.

**Second by AA - 4 approved Passed**

Discussion regarding Museum payroll owed to USARS for payroll.

Discussion MJ and ES regarding ACH pull for Retirement \$735 and match for retirement.

MJ is there a Compliance/ Membership Eligibility Committee ES looking into the possibility of a bylaws committee this is going to Executive Committee.

9:35 Scott Clifford joined the meeting

MJ Discussion regarding Strategic Plan done by Al Taglang.

9:39 John Fearnow joined the meeting

MJ World Team Deposits are being collected from all teams. For speed members the final payment is due May 30.

ES QuickBooks Backup is with Electronic innovations. KG we should have an external hard drive to do weekly backups. ES will look into getting a hard drive.

MJ Single Room Policy – JM if spouse comes, they should pay for half the room. In Speed at worlds the Coaches get their own room. JF the meet director should have their individual room.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday May 14, 2019 9:00PM EST

JM left the meeting

**SC Motion** – The National Meet Director should have a private room and all other officials must share a room. This is to begin with the 2019 National Championships. Motion to be sent to the Executive Committee

**Second JP 4 Approved Passed**

**ES left the meeting 10:04 PM**

KG we should look into a finance company for the world team members to borrow funding for the world meets.

KG we should explore the idea of paying the National officials a flat fee and they cover all their own expenses.

Next meeting will be June 4, 2019.

Motion to Adjourn JP second AA Passed  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 PM EST

Respectfully submitted  
Janet Pavilionis

May 13, 2019

To: Members of the Finance Committee & BOD

From: Judy Graves, Co Chair, Endowment Campaign

To All:

Having just completed the "harvest" for the 2019 World Team(S), I believe we have some inequities in the distribution to the various team members. There were 19 Art team members who received nothing because the individual harvest was less than \$50 in their events. This was also true in our first year's harvest last year, though not so many received 0. The more team members going in say Sr. Free Style (Men & Women), the less they receive. (this year it is \$0)

When we started the endowment campaign some 14 years ago), members of the Foundation BOD thought we should set up separate funds for the various segments of our sport. They thought that this may encourage people who otherwise not give gifts, to step up to the plate to fund their special event (s). We had very few gifts with a specific event designation. Most of the time, I would make the decision based on my knowledge of the donor which fund to credit since the donor did not specify any particular team. If I did not personally know the donor; I would put the gifts in the discipline their amateur card was issued (i.e. Art, Speed, Hockey) If I didn't know the discipline, then I would put it into "All" At the time of harvest, the "all" would be allocated 1/3 to each discipline. This process has nothing to do with the actual investments. They are aggregated for investment purposes. The earnings are then distributed to 11 specific descriptive groupings based on a share purchase system from which the harvest is calculated. It is then broken down further into a more targeted event such as Sr., Jr. Figures Freestyle dance, precision, etc.

I am proposing that this methodology be changed to just allocating the harvest by Discipline : ART, SPEED, & HOCKEY. Then, take the discipline total & divide by the number of SKATERS (not events they skate). If we do this, each art skater would get \$114.22. Speed & Hockey would still not have enough harvest to reach the \$50 threshold. Once their contributions reached enough to supply each team member at least \$50, we will continue to carryover the available balance.

As of 12/31/18, the market value of all principal funds was \$80,584.25. Broken down by Discipline:

Art	\$76,304.35
Speed	4,238.63
Hockey	<u>41.27</u>

I believe this process would satisfy our donors as all of the skaters would receive something once the principal for each discipline reached an amount necessary to produce an adequate harvest.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 4, 2019 9:00PM EST

Committee Members:

### **Voting Members Attending:**

(MJ) Mike Jacques Committee Chairman, USA Roller Sports Treasurer

(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member

(JP) Janet Pavilonis

(SC) Scott Clifford

### **Voting Members not Attending**

(JM) Jonathan B. Mosenson Athlete Representative

### **Non-Voting Members Attending:**

(JF) John Fearnow USA Roller Sports Board Member

(ES) Eric Steele Executive Director

(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports President

### **Non-Voting Members Not Attending:**

(AT) Al Taglang (Non-Voting)

Meeting Started at 9:04 PM EST

MJ Discussion regarding interest and late fees for past due accounts receivable and developing a policy for charging fees to past due accounts. KG making sure that deposits are paid in advance and that the organization does not go out of pocket. Discussion tabled.

MJ discussion regarding the wording for Endowment harvest for 2019. The wording in the motion needs to be clarified. AA we should go back to Judy Graves for her input. MJ will consult with Judy Graves

MJ discussion regarding cancelling Derby Nationals due to lack of entry.

**Motion** SC The Finance Committee recommends to the executive committee that the Derby National Championships be cancelled due to lack of participation which will cause a negative financial impact. Second by JP **Passed**

Discussion regarding Rollercon fee in the past being \$25 there is a request to lower it to \$15. A flight and a hotel room are already booked for staff to go to Las Vegas. Cost estimate \$1,000.

**Motion** AA that we charge a \$20 fee for the Rollercon single event card SC second **Passed**

Discussion regarding A/R issues and monthly credit card payments. MJ to call the credit card processing company to see if they have options for monthly auto payments

MJ discussion regarding floor storage fees. ES we should leave the floor where it is.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday June 4, 2019 9:00PM EST

MJ discussion regarding insurance on airline tickets and a policy for refunding this premium. AA we have not done this in the past. KG policies need to be considered for baggage fees and parking.

MJ discussion on wire fees and loss on hotel cancelation

MJ discussion regarding museum A/R and A/P plan for monthly billing

MJ discussion regarding Cedar Rapids Hotel bids. KG we should do our due diligence and get additional bids.

Review of April 30, 2019 reports. Timeline of future reports the reconciliation should be done by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month and reports are issued by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

ES left the meeting at 11:12 PM

Discussion on National budgets and expenses.

Next meeting will be August 13, 2019.

Motion to Adjourn JP second AA Passed  
Meeting was adjourned at 11: 47 PM EST

Respectfully submitted  
Janet Pavilonis

All voting members in attendance approved these minutes.

The following was later submitted to the Committee by email and approved unanimously:

**Motion MJ** to approve the following:

### Endowment Harvest Allocation Policy

Beginning with the 2019 World Team, available endowment harvest shall be allocated to each athlete based on his/her roller skating discipline: Art, Speed & Hockey (inline, rink). The discipline total available funds each year is allocated based on the number of skaters in each respective discipline. If the individual amount available is less than \$50, no funds for that discipline will be distributed. Available funds shall remain in the discipline total until such time as the harvest (including prior years) shall equal a minimum of \$50 per skater. Individual principal gifts will continue to be credited to the appropriate account in each discipline based on the donor's preference. The Harvest is to be distributed to all athletes who have qualified and paid entry fees for the world championships, regardless of the event that they qualified in.

SC seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 13, 2019 9:00PM EST

Committee Members:

### **Voting Members Attending:**

(MJ) Mike Jacques Committee Chairman, USA Roller Sports Treasurer

(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member

(JP) Janet Pavilonis

(SC) Scott Clifford

### **Voting Members not Attending**

(JM) Jonathan B. Mosenson Athlete Representative

### **Non-Voting Members Attending:**

(JF) John Fearnow USA Roller Sports Board Member

(AT) Al Taglang (Non-Voting)

(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports President

### **Non-Voting Members Not Attending:**

(ES) Eric Steele Executive Director

### **Guests Attending**

(RO) Rod Oliverius

(HP) Heidi Permatteo

Meeting Started at 9:04 PM EST

MJ introduction of Rod Oliverius and discussion

JP overview of Rod's training and the open points in the Current year QuickBooks

RO lack of communication regarding National Vendors. No information was given to him regarding contracted booths and prices. MJ questions on Regional Assessments. RO use A/R to track World Team Money.

MJ A/R list and Rspartz to catch members who owe money or if someone misses a payment that their membership status is put on hold. All A/R rules should be in writing in the policy and procedures manual. AA there is no policy regarding athletes in the manual. MJ we should be looking into a collection agency KG we need to research this.

9:54PM Rod Oliverius logged off

MJ Discussion regarding Regional Medals KG we need an inventory MJ we should order what we need to do one more year. Brent did an inventory. MJ National medals are ordered on a yearly basis. MJ to work with Brent to estimate the number of medals that would need to be ordered to do another year for the regions.

MJ thanked AT for the strategic plan all members are to review the plan for discussion on next call.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 13, 2019 9:00PM EST

JP concern regarding membership trends and lack of information. KG we need reports that show 3 year or more trends. KG to discuss with ES for SC to have access to the team view access for the dynamics 365 KG to contact the IT company.

JF we must look at certain thing's membership is down and we have to make some hard decisions.

JF Discussion regarding World Team travel and outlaying of money.

Discussion regarding membership cards and price increase for 2019-2020 - HP \$10 cards are not for Competition – \$45 Dollar cards Non-Qualifying event.

MJ Discussion regarding SW Region having a beginner league program that does not get a sanction or the \$10 cards.

AT we need additional revenues to cover the costs of background checks need to consider passing the cost of background checks to the adults required to get them.

AT we have 2 sources of revenue Membership and Event Revenue

JP we need project managers for every event. SC we see there is a problem with cost control.

**SC Motion** JP Second Beginning September 1, 2019 Finance Committee recommends that every event hosted by USARS have a dedicated manager that is responsible for the P&L of the Event. This position may be held by the meet director. **Motion Passed**

**SC Motion MJ** Second to bring in a volunteer consultant/advisor with accounting and Audit experience to the Finance Committee for advice and strategic planning. **Motion Passed**

HP seeking information on how to go about setting up collegiate leagues to build membership.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2019.

Motion to Adjourn JP second SC Passed  
Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 PM EST

Respectfully submitted  
Janet Pavilonis

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 08, 2019 9:00PM EST

Committee Members:

### **Voting Members Attending:**

(MJ) Mike Jacques Committee Chairman, USA Roller Sports Treasurer

(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member

(JP) Janet Pavilonis

(SC) Scott Clifford

### **Voting Members not Attending**

(JM) Jonathan B. Mosenson Athlete Representative

### **Non-Voting Members Attending:**

(JF) John Fearnow USA Roller Sports Board Member

(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports President

(AT) Al Taglang (Non-Voting)

### **Non-Voting Members Not Attending:**

(ES) Eric Steele Executive Director

### **Guests Attending**

Rsportz David, Chris, and Mark

Meeting Started at 9:04 PM EST

SC introduction to Rsportz demonstration regarding meet entries.

JF the Rsportz information needs to be sent to the Board.

MJ discussion regarding assessment fees. MJ will keep up with Rod to make sure all fees are correctly input in QuickBooks

MJ update on Regional Medals

MJ update on Finance Manual AA travel and expenses policy June 2017 amendment was made and we need to check before final approval. KG and AT updated the manual since 2017.

MJ we need membership data SC is still working on the program. MJ would like FYE 2019 and compare to FYE 2017.

**Motion AA Second SC** to approve the Finance Manual and send to the Board. **Passed**

MJ discussion regarding World Team Expenses such as shipping and Annual Federation fees to the athletes. Annual Federation fees will not be charged to athletes, but all entry fees will be charged to athletes as in past years. Shipping fees for new team members warm-ups will not be charged to athletes, and wire fees will be charged to athletes.

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MJ Discussion of the Foundation portion of the Tax fees. MJ to reach out to Lyndee regarding investment income.

Discussion regarding regional championships some being non profitable. KG members are looking for a more cost-effective way to run the regional championships. AA are we advocating an open Nationals. KG we just want it to be more cost effective. SC smaller regions we need to look at the sanction fees that are charged by days and not hours. MJ the finance committee is willing to work with the regions to help making it more cost-effective.

MJ to AA what was the reason for the \$1,000 bond. AA to make the regions comply and run a meet safe and successful regional meet.

**Directive** to USARS office to survey the Regions if they would like us to supply the medals at the current price or contract for their own medals.

MJ discussion regarding accounts receivable

AT discussion on Audit

KG ES is working on grants and a collection agency.

AA follow up on funds due to Spokane

Next meeting will be November 11, 2019

Motion to Adjourn AA second SC Passed  
Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 PM EST

Respectfully submitted  
Janet Pavilonis

**US Olympic & Paralympic Assembly  
Athlete Advisory Council Minutes**

**Sept 12-14, 2019  
Colorado Springs, CO**

**AAC Rep:** Annette Stapleton-Heywood

**Sept 12, 2019 Thursday**

**\*ACE MENTORSHIP Update- Leslie Klein & Jess Nerkowski-**

Athletes are asking for more funding, assistance in juggling regular life needs as well as sport needs, and media exposure. College, Lamda program- tuition free until you make \$50,000. Teamed up with Dartmouth & Harvard business school. Simon Grant, for high performance athletes showing financial need can apply.

They have expanded education opportunities and athlete assistance in 'adulting'. They are working on getting information out to the athletes for them to utilize the programs & assistance. They assist in tax preparation & resume creating. They are trying to stream line their processes, expand workshops (business based), and grant availability. They have a 'Entrepreneurship Training with a Shark Tank aspect.

PIVOT program provides workshops & monthly online meetings- for those planning on retiring, workshops are available. Wants to minimize the occurrences of athletes voicing helplessness during & after sport life by exposing more of their resources & to be taken advantage of applying for grants & participating in the programs. Health insurance is currently outside of ACE, but they are looking into including it. Talks of possibly setting up a Dashboard for more visibility for athletes & more connection & continual outreach to athletes.

**APPLICABLE ATHLETES:** National A/B Team- Elite Athlete. Still working out the actual hierarchy tier of applicable athletes so currently- pretty open.

**\*Outreach & Engagement- Julia Clukey, Rule 40 (Image Rights while an Olympian) -**

USOPC is looking to evolve it for Tokyo 2020, hoping things will become more relaxed. German Olympians took their OC to court & won the ability to acknowledge their sponsors.

**Athlete Listening Timeline & Responsibilities-** currently creating a survey to collect data on athlete needs & wants (services, benefits). Surveying current, exiting, & exited athletes. Want to ensure that all athletes know: how to navigate the USOPC, it's community & culture, its programs, on & off boarding, and athlete tiering. The goal os to optimize & centralize athlete experience & enhance digital resource accessibility.

**USOPC Proposed Maternity Policy-** female athletes that get pregnant keep their benefits & resources throughout pregnant & for 1yr afterwards. They would then would have to re-qualify. They are not required to compete. Plan to finalize Oct 15. Set implementation plan for USOPC resources Nov 30. Phase 1 launch Jan 1, 2020. Hopefully to completely launch Jan 1 2021. Current Athlete Insurance: EAHI plan, BlueCross Blue Shield.

**\*Athletes Ombudsman- Kacie Wallace, Athlete Ombudsman-**

Cases by Action: Jan 1- Aug 884 cases: 532 Advice, 296 Assistance, 52 General Support, 4 Referred to elsewhere (basically wrong calls). Most popular is 1- Team Selection, 2- Anti Doping, 3- Safe Sport 51% Sexual, 49% Not Sexual. Ombudsman assists athletes: Emerging Elite, Elite, And Retiring

**\*LA2028 Update- Casey Wasseman, Kathy Carter, Janet Evans-**

Currently building up youth sports programs in hopes to double the numbers by the

games, in LA- Core Sport Programs. Post Olympics/Paralympics it will be up to the city & organizations to continue the programs. Sports proposed to be added will be announced later. LA2028 looking to give back to the Olympic/Paralympic athletes with the Athletes First motion. Website: LA2028, click Bid Book- Athlete Programs for Athletes of the world. They are working with the ACE Program. They are using & renting current venues so there will not be resident displacement or vacant venues post olympics.

**\*Collegiate Advisory Council (CAC), Sarah Wilhelm leads dept-**

Created in 2015, Student Athletes, project to strengthen the collegiate contribution to Team USA/Olympians- pipeline from college to Olympian. Purpose- Identify & remove impediments faced by national team athletes who are personally developing training & competing collegiately & internationally. Had a survey of college athletes & found **Issues:** training limits, resource restrictions, post collegiate gaps- (contracts, insurance, agents, & paralympic imparity-rules need to apply). **Reform Concepts:** training flexibility (provide national team athletes with discretion to request voluntary training/coaching), resource access (permit USOPC discretion to issue unrestricted developmental funding, permit athlete earned awards to be used for development post eligibility), post-collegiate support (provide athletes with education & tools to aid them in the post collegiate transition) , paralympic inclusion (include para in ALL Olympic exceptions). Goal is to strengthen Olympic sport programming at the college level. Through increased national & local engagement, the programs will thrive. Currently, 124 schools have joined in with this program.

**\*USOPC Bylaw Reforms (in a 60day comment period)-**

**Main adjustments:** \*Direct elections for AAC & NGBC directors to the board of USOPC. \*Direct reappointment of SSC & NGBC directors of the board of the USOPC. \*Dropping 'Op-Gold from the qualification for Athlete Rep/AAC. Want the AAC to decide the best pool competition to pull from for representation. Currently AAC does not have control of reappointment for subsequent terms. Currently in a 60 discussion period after which they can be amended, restricted, or approved.

**Meeting Day 1 adjourned**

**Sept 13, 2019 Friday**

**\*USOPC Board- Beth Brook-Marciniak, Whitney Ping, Kikkan Randall, Brad Snyder-**

Gave overview of what they are hearing as needs from USOPC- trust, voice, power, transparency, recognition, engagement, meaningful feedback, flowing communication. By laws proposed changes: move to 33% athlete representation on the board, direct election of AAC reps, funding for professional AAC Staff, & ability to control its own budget.

**\*Rule 50, Podium Protest-**

AAC & USOPC want to relax it with social media, podium expectations & consequence are not exactly set & defined. Want athletes to be aware of the rules & possible consequences before team is made.

**\*AAC & NGBC Joint Meeting-**

Overviewed the goals of the proposed bylaw changes.

**\*SafeSport-**

Funding, CJS Appropriations Bill, hoping to be assisted through federal funding- \$2.5million. Safesport is asking for \$20million from the USOPC.

**\*Athlete Advocacy & AAC Professionalization-**

Fundraising for the AAC, trying to create a sustainable donor program & budget. Went into Executive Session.

**\*USADA-**

Whereabouts violation- on going obligation to update your whereabouts within an hour frame. Missed tests are whereabouts violation. Testers arrive before or after that hour, trying to hinder athletes from modifying the test results. Filing Failure occurs when there is a whereabouts violation. Athlete's may receive a 'Missed Test' for failing to be at the location specified during the required 60min window. 3 strike rule within 12months- upon which, the athlete is in violation. The athlete can be ineligible to compete between 1 & 2 years.

**\*Meeting Adjourned**

**Sept 14, 2019 Saturday**

**\*USOPA- Dick Fosberry USOPA Pres, Carol Lewis- USOPA's AAC Liaison-**

Hoping to connect, work closer, & communicate more with the AAC. Want to increase athlete representation on the USOPC board. Want to extend the 10yr rule for athlete representation. Developing a database of athletes (olympian/paralympian) to reach out to to fill spaces on the board. Going to join in on meeting calls on both sides as well as SafeSport's working group. Wanting to include assistance of sports that are not Olympic/Paralympic status (but not a boarding position). Changing the newsletter name from The Olympian to The Olympian & Paralympian. Want to include a section for the AAC to the newsletter. Trying to implement a program through United Airlines to hire Olympians & Paralympians.

**\*Rule 40-**

Set a motion to abolish has been tabled. Because of the success in Germany, the rule modification is on the table of the NOC (National Olympic Committees), have the power to ultimately change it. There is a fear of funding being decreased or denied due to breach of the contracts with the IOC & renewal of contracts sponsorship.

**\*USOPC- Sarah Hirshland, USOC CEO**

USOPC has created a Mental Health task force to support athletes with a 24/7 access care. Life cycle transitions- improve assistance.

**New Mission:**

**Empower Team USA athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence & well being.**

**4 pillars of focus: 1-Athletes First, 2-Partners Success (improve communication & transparency with everyone under the USOPC), 3-USOPC Commitment to excellence, 4-Global leadership on the road to LA2028.**

**\*Meeting Adjourned**

**ANEC**- Athlete & NGB Engagement Committee,

**DAB**= Direct Athlete Benefits= pay check

**IAB**= Indirect Athlete Benefits= dietitians, trainers, medical, etc

## ADDENDUM K

### USA ROLLER SPORTS STANDING OFFICERS Effective on November 3, 2019 for 2019-2020

President (one-year term)  
Chairman of the Board (one-year term)  
Vice President (one-year term)  
Treasurer (one-year term)  
Corporate Secretary

John Fearnow  
Michael Jacques  
Stephen Carter  
Kay Gallatin  
Peggy Young

### USA ROLLER SPORTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 3 Year Terms, Unless Otherwise Noted

#### Terms Expiring:

2020: Ex Officio-World Skate America  
(CPRS VP North America–Term Expires in 2020)  
Ex Officio-World Skate (Derby Committee–Term Expires in 2020)  
Ex Officio-USOC AAC Representative (4 Year Term Ending 12/31/20)  
Speed Athlete  
Rink Hockey Athlete  
Grassroots  
Clubs  
At-Large (Inline Hockey Expertise – one-year term)  
At-Large (Derby Expertise – one-year term)  
At-Large (Special Finance Expertise – one-year term)

Danny Brown  
Fernando Regueiro  
Annette Stapleton  
Erin Jackson  
Kylie Hughes  
John Fearnow  
Annelle Anderson  
Jon Roux  
Misty Greer  
Michael Jacques

2021: Officials  
Grassroots  
Figure Athlete  
At-Large

Kay Gallatin  
Gypsy Lucas  
Allison Kiger  
Stephen Carter

2022: At-Large  
Inline Hockey Athlete  
Coaches

Tom Hughes  
Charles Sgrillo II  
Heidi Permatteo

Executive Director

Eric Steele

2019-2020 Sport Committees	<i>Committees will</i>
Following 2019 Fall Annual Board Meeting	<i>Re-Elect Chairs, etc.</i>
<b>Roller Figure</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<i>Lawaun Modrich - non-voting-1st alternate</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
<i>John Peck - non-voting-2nd alternate</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
David Adamy	Fall 2020
Ed Harney	Fall 2020
Janet Pavilionis	Fall 2020
Tony Berger	Fall 2021
Joyann Barber - Athlete	Fall 2021
Doug Adams - Vice Chair	Fall 2021
Curt Craton	Fall 2022
Jodee Viola	Fall 2022
<i>Jaymee Meloy - Athlete</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
Pat Jacques - Figure Advisor	
Megan Schuller - Staff Advisor	
<b>Roller Speed</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Chris Payne	Fall 2020
<i>McKenzie Brown - Athlete</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Gypsy Lucas	Fall 2021
Jay Ingram	Fall 2022
Kelly Springer	Fall 2022
Harry Stuart	Fall 2022
Tony Cabral	Fall 2022
<i>Erin Jackson - Athlete</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
<i>Mary Allmond</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
<i>Dennis King, Jr.</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
Ricci Porter (Lead Advisor)	
Megan Schuller (Staff Advisor)	
<b>Rink Hockey</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<i>Duane McMinn - one year (Referee)</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
<i>Don Allen - Non-Voting</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Jim Jost	Fall 2020
Rodrigo Calvo-Leni - Athlete - Secretary	Fall 2020

Scott Ferguson - Athlete	Fall 2021
Bryce Robinson	Fall 2022
Rachel Trussell	Fall 2022
<i>Jim Trussell</i>	<i>Fall 2022</i>
<i>Tom Hughes</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
<i>Pat Ferguson</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
Brent Benson (Staff Advisor)	
<b>Inline Hockey</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<i>Arlene Lehman (one year non-voting)</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Charlie Sgrillo, II - Athlete	Fall 2020
Keith Noll	Fall 2021
David Marmorstein	Fall 2022
Charlie Sgrillo	Fall 2022
Jonathan Mosenson - Athlete	Fall 2022
<i>Jon Roux</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
<i>Melanie Bogus</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
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Brent Benson - Staff Advisor	
<b>Derby</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Christina Gerrish	Fall 2020
Carrie Craft	Fall 2020
Fernando Ragueiro	Fall 2021
Robyn Clark	Fall 2022
<i>Misty Greer - Athlete</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
<i>Stephen Carter - Athlete</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
<i>Sabra Bunger</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
Brent Benson - Staff Advisor	

<b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b>	<b>Became two-year terms in new Bylaws</b>
<b>Executive Committee (existing)</b>	<b>Expires</b>
John Fearnow - Chair	Ex Officio
Michael Jacques	Ex Officio
Annelle Anderson	Fall 2020
Heidi Permatteo	Fall 2020

Kylie Hughes - Athlete	Fall 2020
Alternate Athlete, if needed, Annette Stapleton, Heywood	Fall 2020
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>Finance Committee</b>	
Kay Gallatin -Treasurer	ex-officio
Michael Jacques - non-voting	Fall 2020
Scott Clifford	Fall 2020
Janet Pavilonis	Fall 2020
Annelle Anderson	Fall 2020
Annette Stapleton Heywood - Athlete	Fall 2020
Al Taglang - Foundation Representative -non-voting	ex-officio
John Fearnow USARS President - non-voting	ex-officio
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>Insurance and Risk Management</b>	
Keith Noll - Chair	Fall 2020
Fernando Regueiro	Fall 2020
Jim Foy - Consultant (non-voting)	Fall 2020
Brent Benson - Staff Advisor	
<b>Ethics Committee</b> - Merged the Ethics Committee with the Membership Eligibility Committee. Committee Membership TBD	<b>New Name is Compliance Committee</b>
Curt Craton	Fall 2020
Grant Schnell	Fall 2020
Ken Shelton	Fall 2020
Kelly Springer	Fall 2020
Linda Lavelle	Fall 2020
Jon Roux	Fall 2020
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>Membership Eligibility</b> - Merged the Ethics Committee with the Membership Eligibility Committee. Committee Membership TBD	<b>New Name is Compliance Committee</b>
<i>Ken Shelton - Chair</i>	Fall 2020

<i>Gloria Manning</i>	Fall 2020
Curt Craton	Fall 2020
Hannah Patawaran	Fall 2020
Joe Hanna	Fall 2020
<i>Lani Nacol - Speed Athlete</i>	Fall 2020
<i>Jessica Gaudy - Figure Athlete</i>	Fall 2020
<i>Joy Garvey - Inline Hockey Athlete</i>	Fall 2020
<i>Kimberly Hughes - Rink Hockey Athlete</i>	Fall 2020
<i>Derby Rep Needed</i>	
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
Tina Brendle - Staff Advisor	
<b>Sports Medicine Committee</b>	
Dr. John Hulquist - Chair	Fall 2020
Dr. Scott Kleiman	Fall 2020
Lori Brandon	Fall 2020
Brian Richardson	Fall 2020
Jay Ingram	Fall 2020
Kylee Berger Qualey - Athlete	Fall 2020
Dustin Roux - Athlete	Fall 2020
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>Hall of Fame and Honors</b>	
Bill Spooner	2020
Tom Hughes	2020
Annelle Anderson	2020
John Gustafson	2020
Keith Noll	2020
Peggy Young - Staff Advisor	
<b>Committee on Committees</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Kay Gallatin - Chair	Spring 2020 - President
Annelle Anderson	Spring 2020
John Fearnow	Spring 2020
Allison Kiger - Athlete	Spring 2020
Tom Hughes	Spring 2020
Peggy Young - Staff Advisor	

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	
Trace Hansen - Chair	Fall 2020
Annette Stapleton - ExOfficio AAC Rep	Fall 2020
North Central Region -TBD	Fall 2020-rotating
Southern - TBD	Fall 2020-rotating
Great Lakes -TBD	Fall 2020-rotating
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
Peggy Young - Staff Advisor	
<b>Roller Sports Athletes Advisory</b>	
Annette Stapleton - Chair	Based on
Brian Talley	current BOD
Kylie Hughes	Athletes and
Charlie Sgrillo II	those who ran for
Dustin Roux	athlete positions
Erin Jackson	
Allison Kiger	
Brent Benson - Staff Advisor	
<b>Elite Coaches Selection</b>	
Tom Hughes - Chair	Fall 2020
Bob Labriola	Fall 2020
Ken Shelton	Fall 2020
Gloria Manning	Fall 2020
Jim Pringle	Fall 2020
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES:</b>	
<b>Fund Raising Committee Special Committee</b>	
Mykal Pedraza - Chair	
Joe Hanna	
Kristine Heger	
Kylie Hughes	
Kelly Springer	
Jonathan Mosenson.	

Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>National Championships Planning</b>	
Danny Brown - Co-Chair	
Kelly Springer	
David Adamy	
Ed Harney	
Kylie Hughes	
Gypsy Lucas - Co-Chair	
John Fearnow	
Jim Jost	
Mykal Pedraza	
Steven Carter - Derby	
Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Speed Advisor	
Pat Jacques - Figure Advisor	
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	
<b>Special Committee on Education.</b>	
Annette Stapleton-Heywood	
Heidi Permatteo	
Gypsy Lucas	
Jon Roux	
Steven Carter	
Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Speed Advisor	
Pat Jacques - Figure Advisor	
Megan Schuller - Staff Advisor	
<b>Special Communications and Technology Committee</b>	
Charlie Sgrillo II - Chair	
Chris Payne	
Roberta Jackson	
Christina Gerrish	
Heidi Permatteo	
Cara Ross	
Patricia Bauler	
Frank Joutras - Staff Advisor	
Eric Steele - Staff Advisor	