



ADDENDA  
USA ROLLER SPORTS  
2021 SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 23-24, 2021

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**Figure Sport Committee Fall 2020-Spring 2021 Update**

The FSC has had 6 committee meetings since the Fall 2020 Board meeting and all minutes were provided to the Sport Operations Coordinator in a timely manner for distribution to the Board. The FSC has been continually working to improve communication and image with the membership of USA Roller Sports. The FSC has put together 3 competitions to help give value to being a member – the Axel through the Ages, Best Fail, and National Virtual Invitational – and are continuing to think of more ways to encourage our skaters. In addition to our already submitted meeting minutes, a motion recap is provided below along with summary updates from each of our sub-committees.

**Motion Recap:**

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, any numbers in parenthesis are the vote count: aye-nay-abstention)

November 18, 2020

**Motion 1: died without second**

Request to postpone meeting

**Motions/Votes 2-4: pass by acclamation**

Voting for new chair (Joyann), vice chair (Doug) and secretary (Jaymee)

**Motion 6: pass 5-3-0**

Keep team coach/manager and meet director from 2020 for 2021.

December 16, 2020

**Motion 2: pass by acclamation**

Janet, Jessica Gaudy, Joyann to remain on rules subcommittee

**Motion 3: pass by acclamation**

Doug, Curt, Ed Harney to remain on rules subcommittee

**Motion 4: pass by acclamation**

Axels through the Ages contest approved

January 13, 2021

**Motion 2: pass by acclamation (1 abstention)**

Technical Manual updates approved

**Motion 3: pass by acclamation**

Open Nationals not requiring placement at Regional Championships for 2021

February 10, 2021

**Motion 2: pass by acclamation**

Request to remove negativity from educational webinars prior to publication

**Motion 3: pass by acclamation**

Request to have material for future educational webinars reviewed/approved by FSC

**Motion 4: pass by acclamation**

Do monthly Facebook Q&A sessions

**Motion 5: pass by acclamation**

Allow C commission officials to serve on RollArt panel for NVI

**Motion 6: pass by acclamation**

Keep officials committee unchanged for current skating season

March 17, 2021

**Motion 2: pass by acclamation**

Draw requirements on April 1

**Motion 3: pass by acclamation**

Request that USARS communicate to all parties after committee members are selected

**Motion 4: fail (4-5-0)**

Add C events to Nationals for 2021

April 7, 2021

No formal motions made other than approving last month's minutes.

## **Sub-committee Summaries**

### Regional Representatives

Mission Statement-

- Regional Representatives put together a mission statement and forwarded to the FSC for approval

Correspondence-

- The Reps forward any official correspondence that comes from USARS: promotional fliers, jot forms, pertinent information. Over the last few months we have shared some of the following information: USARS axle contest, USARS fail contest, and fliers for the NVI and Remote Online Figure Competition.
- Any letters that are submitted directly to a Representative are discussed on the monthly call and forwarded to the FSC

Coaches Guide

- The Reps have agreed to update the Coaches Guide (provided by Gloria Manning) to have ready for the 2021-2022 skating season

Annual Requirements

- The Regional Representatives sent out a request to the coaches in their Region asking for any proposals or suggestions for the following season. The Reps collect that information and forward it to the Secretary, who then compiles it so that each item can be reviewed and sorted by the group. This season we reviewed and discussed 38 proposals submitted from the field.
- The Reps went through the youth and adult requirements and made suggestions for the 2021-2022 skating season based on the feedback from the field. Those suggestions were forwarded to the FSC.

## Officials

The Officials Committee has been receiving applications for consideration to judge at the National Championships. They also have been testing future officials for their C or B commissions. The judges continue to participate in the National Virtual Invitational (NVI).

## RollArt Technical

The Rollart Committee has completed the following items in the past 6 months:

- Hosted a Webinar detailing the official roles within the Rollart System (October 11, 2020)
- Updated the C Judges Exam which has already been distributed for use
- Updated the B Dance and B Freeskating Judges Exams for future use
- Prepared a comprehensive list of Rollart equipment necessary for region use
- Tested and piloted the use of remote Rollart scoring for the National Virtual Invitational

The Rollart Committee is still actively working on the following projects:

- Updating B Level Judges Exams for Pairs, Precision, Show, and Domestic Scoring
- Creating Domestic Technical Specialist Exams for Freeskating, Dance, Pairs, and Precision
- Using the Rollart Scoring for the applicable NVI events

The Rollart Committee has done preliminary planning on the following future project:

- Training webinars for new officials
- Officials training platform via Google Classroom

## Academy Leaders

Since the last board meeting, the Academy Leaders have focused most of their time creating discipline specific tests in G-Suite for the new Coaches Education Certification program which was approved at the last Board Meeting. We also have been continuing with our own WS education with their online courses from November to now. There will be 8 Leaders taking their final tests for Level 3 in May to be certified as "WS International Coach"

The Level 1 and 2 tests are now complete and we have begun planning with the FSC and office for online zoom testing for coaches.

We will be preparing to do some educational seminars and on skates training during the National Championships, and are currently planning on presenting some short presentations over facebook with tips for coaches on various topics.

Figure Sport Committee meeting November 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm PST –

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson (athlete), Ed Harney (outgoing Chair, departed at 6:30pm), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavidonis (non-voting), John Peck, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola, Pat Jacques – USARS Figure Advisor, Megan Schuller – USARS Sports Advisor*

*Absent – none*

Minutes:

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

1. Report from Board (Ed)
  - a. The Board approved our meeting minutes although there was confusion due to some items that were approved by FSC in our minutes but then not approved by Executive. Also approved the International Competitions document. The chair also submitted a request that any complaints that come to the Board, President, Executive director, etc. be brought to sport committees, which the Board agreed with and plans to put a new policy in place related to this.
  - b. Update on committee members – Katelyn Rodgers has been added to FSC to help bring us to 33.3% athlete representation compliance for all USOPC sports. John Peck and Lawaun Modrich were chosen to be voting members and Janet Pavidonis has a one year non-voting term. The chair informed us that there has been a dispute raised but it has not yet been resolved. It was suggested that we should postpone this meeting until after a final decision is made for the makeup of the committee. Further discussion about not wanting to postpone due to uncertainty in the skating community and instead we should hold the meeting going off the current list from the Board (even if that changes in the future) of Lawaun and John voting and Janet non-voting.

**John moved that we postpone the meeting until we have a clear picture of who is on the committee, the motion died without a second.**
2. Elections
  - a. Chair – Doug nominated Joyann, Joyann accepted; Jodee nominated Doug, Doug declined; Lawaun nominated Jodee, Jodee declined; John nominated Curt, Curt declined.
    - i. After much discussion about whether or not it would be appropriate to have an active competitive skater hold the position of FSC Chair, the vote was called. As there were no other nominees, **Joyann named chair by acclamation.**
  - b. Vice Chair – Tony nominated Doug, Doug accepted; John nominated Jodee, Jodee declined
    - i. **Doug named vice chair by acclamation.**
  - c. Secretary – Doug nominated Jaymee, Jaymee accepted as long as the meetings do not go later than 10:30pm EST
    - i. **Jaymee named secretary by acclamation.**
3. Approval of Minutes from 10/7 Meeting
  - a. **Doug moved that we approve the last meeting's minutes, Curt seconded. 7 ayes, 1 abstention, motion passed.**
4. Discussion of Team USA coach and manager for 2021 worlds and National meet director
  - a. **Doug moved to keep Vickie Bateman as team coach and Fred Smith as team manager and Ed Harney as National Meet director for the 2021 season, Tony seconded.**

Discussion about these people being decided on by the FSC last year and the events did not happen. However, there could be other people interested now that it is a new year with new timing. Currently, the FSC does not know if the 3 people are still interested.

**5 ayes, 3 naves, motion passed.**

5. Old business
  - a. 3 year rotation for adult events investigation: Janet, Curt, Tony
  - b. Juv/Elem B free/solo split, Fresh/Soph B team change to Open B team, eliminate crossover between domestic and world skate dance events – why is this coming to FSC from coaches reps and do the numbers support it? Lawaun, Jodee, Joyann
  
6. New Business
  - a. Requests for Pan Am Championships in Ecuador. Information was sent to those who submitted jotform requests but we have not had any formal requests sent to FSC yet for actual skaters interested.
  - b. Lawaun suggested that our multi-year Strategic Plan should be revisited at the next meeting.
  - c. Jodee suggested having Mykal on a future call for fundraising direction.
  
7. Announcements
  - a. Next regular meeting will be scheduled for **December 16, 5:30 PM PST.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm PST. (Doug made motion, Lawaun second)**

Submitted

Joyann Donaldson

Secretary (at start of meeting)

Action Items for Members of FSC:

Janet, Curt, and Tony to investigate possibility of 3 year rotation for adult dance/figure events

Lawaun, Jodee, and Joyann to investigate requests from coaches reps related to Juv/Elem B free/solo split, Fresh/Soph B team change to Open B team, eliminate crossover between domestic and world skate dance events

**Figure Sport Committee meeting December 16th, 2020 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson (athlete - Chair), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavidonis (non-voting), John Peck, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Sports Advisor, Mykal Pedraza (Guest)*

*Absent –*

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

1. Guest Mykal Pedraza to speak on fundraising
  - a. COVID has made fundraising difficult
  - b. Mykal would like a “wishlist” from the FSC to have a focus for fundraising.
  - c. Mykal suggests
    - i. reinstating the silent auction at Nationals
    - ii. Using Facebook birthday Fundraising
    - iii. Continue with plan for Corporate fundraising especially focused on advertising during Nationals Live Feed
    - iv. Look into reinstating the 50/50 drawing for the World Team. Asked for Curt’s input as far as the laws in Iowa.
  - d. Send fundraising ideas to Mykal and Jodee
2. Approval of Minutes from November 18th, 2020 Meeting
  - a. **Doug moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, Jodee seconded. 8 ayes, 0 nays/abstentions. Motion passed.**
3. Updates
  - a. All new members have been approved by board. Joyann mentioned that we only have one non-voting member (Janet), but that we usually have 2. Heidi was meant to be our second but cannot take the spot due to her new position. Looking into finding out if the board can approve the 2nd runner up.
  - b. New Google Drive. Everyone present confirmed having access to this folder.
4. Updates from Sub-committees
  - a. Rules
    - i. Technical Manual in Drive folder (updated with minor changes compared to last draft sent to FSC with edits from Doug, none of which altered the meaning of definitions)

1. Curt is in the middle of reviewing; looking at the consistency in terminology and looking for a document that will endure over time
  2. Joyann suggested making a deadline of providing feedback by January 1st, 2021
- ii. Possible change in how rules questions are answered: First the question and potential answer will be sent to FSC allowing 24 h for comments from FSC members, if no comments/feedback/discussion, the answer will be sent to the asker. (Other opinions welcome on this format, just a suggestion)
    1. All members agreed this was a good idea.
    2. Janet posed that all responses on rules should come from the figure rules email instead of Jessica Gaudy's personal email. Megan said the email is not currently set up that way but that she will see if USARS has the email space to create this email so that we can send rule responses from that email.
- b. RollArt Technical Committee - Minutes and RollArt Equipment estimator in Drive folder
- i. Scott compiled a technology list for running a RollArt panel. He also shared that USARS has 5 free licenses and any additional are \$500 each. In order to distribute RollArt to each region, each region should appoint a designated Data Operator who will be responsible for installing and updating the software as well as storing and maintaining the hardware.
    1. Joyann will reach out to Region Presidents to get a baseline for who is looking to purchase what as far as equipment
  - ii. Planning to run webinars for judges training with a goal of the first one being in Feb 2021
  - iii. They have begun discussions about the possibility of a virtual competition (likely very difficult and maybe not worth it but not impossible)
  - iv. Currently working on rewriting the B commission tests
- c. Officials - No meeting since the last combined Officials/RollArt Tech meeting
- i. The judges portion has been soliciting people who want to become involved in the judging field with several people taking the C exam. The B exam is more detailed as it involves some of the basic information included in the new scoring system (RollArt). There have been a few who took the exam and passed. The referee portion of their committee has had a slow start but a couple of skaters have taken the C exam.
- d. Regional Coaches Reps - Minutes and Jotform results in Drive folder
- i. Silver Moveup Rule, would we like to proceed on this? Regional Reps are willing to assist with this if FSC would like to move forward.
    1. Survey results are in favor of the rule

2. Jodee explained how the move up rule will help to create healthier competition in this level
  3. Curt mentions on the other hand how there is a retention issue with discouraging bronze level skaters who don't feel ready to move up to silver. Suggests fixing the rule so that the move up requirements are clear and simple so it is easy to enforce.
  4. Jodee suggests the requirements
  5. John, Curt and Jodee consulting with Janet on further research on this rule
- e. Academy Leaders - Minutes in Drive folder
- i. Coaches Certification Program - Level 1 tests being reformatted as needed
  - ii. Working on how to support and incorporate new Level 1 Coaches
- f. Subcommittee members who have left the FSC – do we need to replace them or would they like to remain on? (Rules, By-laws) Additionally, do any subcommittees need to be adjusted for the new year?
- i. Rules (Jessica - chair, Janet, Joyann)
    1. **Lawaun moves to keep Jessica, Janet, and Joyann on the rules committee. Seconded by Doug. 8 ayes. 0 Nays/abstentions. Motion passed.**
  - ii. By-laws (Ed-chair, Curt, Doug)
    1. **John motions to keep Curt, Ed, and Doug on the procedures committee. Jodee seconded. 8 ayes. 0 Nays/abstentions. Motion Passed.**
5. Old Business
- a. Jodee, Lawaun, Joyann - topics from Regional Reps (Juv/Elem B split, B team dance events, WS/domestic dance crossover)
    - i. Nothing to report. Need more time and more of a season to gather info.
  - b. Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events
    - i. Janet: presented research on the dance rotations
    - ii. Joyann proposed that Janet, Curt, and Tony continue to look into their rotation idea as a proposal for next season since many FSC members are in favor of the idea.
6. New Business
- a. Bios - need to update with new members: [Bios on USARS website here](#)
    - i. New members should submit their bios to Joyann
    - ii. Returning members should make any updates

- iii. These are due by January 1, 2021
- b. Discussion with Heidi (USARS President) about bringing value to our members
  - i. Suggestions for ways to provide value for having a USARS membership (example: a virtual competition including feedback from real judges, a competition for the best item, a zoom session to teach coaches and skaters about a specific topic). Looking for additional suggestions or ideas and what we think is best.
    - 1. Tony suggested an app to compile judging points and submissions
    - 2. Janet mentioned putting the development of such app on our fundraising wishlist for Mykal
    - 3. Janet shared an Axel through the Ages contest for USARS members with potential prizes
      - a. **Lawaun moved that we support this idea and send it to Heidi. Jodee seconded. 8 ayes, 0 naves/abstentions. Motion passed.**
  - c. FSC reminders
    - i. Effective and timely communication
    - ii. Unified committee and every member has an important voice
    - iii. Confidentiality with information discussed during meeting and documents shared in Drive folder.

7. Tabled for next meeting

- a. Strategic Plan (PDF in drive folder)
  - i. Membership numbers - 2017-18
    - 1. Officials- 263
    - 2. Skater cards (all types)- 1978
    - 3. Coaches- 345
  - ii. Membership numbers - 2018-19
    - 1. Officials- 275
    - 2. Skater Cards (all types)- 1129 (seems low according to Megan, cannot access Rsporz program for exact count)
    - 3. Coaches- 346
  - iii. Membership numbers - 2019-20
    - 1. Officials- 206
    - 2. Skater Cards (all types)- 537
    - 3. Coaches- 341
- b. Need to increase membership and build skating in the US. Ideas: Continue seminar series, better marketing, how to retain skaters better (more ideas/suggestions/action items welcome)
- c. Nationals Discussion



**Figure Sport Committee meeting January 13th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Attendees – Doug Adams, Tony Berger (left at 10:44pm), Curt Craton (joined at 8:37pm), Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilonis (non-voting), John Peck, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola*

*Absent – None*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm EST.**

1. Approve Dec 16 Meeting Minutes
  - **Tony motioned to approve, Doug seconded. Minutes approved by acclamation.**
2. Reports from sub committees and special committees
  - a. Rules
    - i. Technical Manual approval
      - **Janet motioned to publish the manual, Doug seconded. Motion approved by acclamation, 1 abstention**
  - b. RollArt Technical Committee
    - i. RollArt Equipment Update
      - Joyann spoke to Scott Clifford and to Regional chairpersons about:
        - desire to obtain RollArt equipment
        - Who they would train
        - If they have funds for the equipment or access to any equipment
  - c. Officials - No report
  - d. Regional Coaches Reps - Minutes in drive folder
    - Two letters from Chekon and Galleta that need a response from FSC
      - Conversation to follow focused on World Skate and how it works with our domestic program and better communication of our plans to use both to build USARS.
  - e. Academy Leaders - No report
3. Old Business
  - a. Announcement - Bios have been updated on website as well as committee names
  - b. Strategic Plan (PDF in drive folder)
    - Membership numbers - 2017-18
      - Officials- 263
      - Skater cards (all types)- 1978
      - Coaches- 345
    - Membership numbers - 2018-19
      - Officials- 275

- Skater Cards (all types)- 1129 (seems low according to Megan, cannot access Rsportz program for exact count)
  - Coaches- 346
  - Membership numbers - 2019-20
    - Officials- 206
    - Skater Cards (all types)- 537
    - Coaches- 341
- c. Need to increase membership and build skating in the US. Ideas:
  - i. Continue seminar series - Joyann, Lawaun, and Jodee to continue working on this
  - ii. better marketing
  - iii. retain skaters
  - iv. Considering the business side
  - v. Another contest after axel contest? - current contest has 4 entries to date
    - 1. Blooper “fail” contest - Janet and Joyann to work on flyer
- d. Nationals Discussion
  - i. Discussion on Open National qualifications
    - Per our August 27 meeting minutes “Doug moved that the FSC recommends to the Board of Directors that the 2021 National Championships be an Open Nationals (for 1 year only) and skaters must qualify by participating at the Regional Championship, Jodee seconded.”
    - Due to the fact that some regional championships could be cancelled due to COVID, this option was discussed.
    - Do we want to stick with this proposal? Heidi is asking for our proposal to be sent directly to her, Regional info needs to be sent out by end of month.
    - **Doug motioned for an open Nationals where a qualifying placement at the Regional Championships would not be required in order to attend. Motion passed by acclamation.**
  - ii. Order of Nationals to be confirmed by Joyann
- e. Jodee, Lawaun, Joyann - topics from Regional Reps (Juv/Elem B split, B team dance events, WS/domestic dance crossover)
  - Mentioned that overwhelming majority of coaches are in favor of the Juv/Elem B split
  - Tabled until the summer when we discuss requirements for next year and have a better idea on more current numbers
- f. Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events: no report
- g. Pan American Championships (Ecuador, Feb-Mar 2021) - no coaches have responded with interest in this competition

#### 4. New Business

- a. Rollart app (Tony): no report
- b. Silver Moveup Rule (Jodee, John, Curt, Janet): no report
- c. Virtual Critique Proposal (in Drive folder along with feedback from RollArt committee)
  - Must hold a membership in order to enter
  - Free of charge for first video
  - Up to two additional for \$10 each
  - Anonymous judging and technical calling
- d. National Virtual Invitational
  - i. Members to look over proposal
  - ii. Vote by email January 20th, 2021
  - iii. Doug to email the proposal out
- e. Committee member movement and public communication thereof
  - i. Tabled for next meeting

#### 5. Announcements

- a. Next regular meeting will be scheduled for **February 10th, 2021 8:30 PM EST.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:46pm EST. (Doug made motion, Jodee second) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy

Secretary

#### Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Joyann to send letters back to two letter submissions
- Continuing seminar series - Joyann, Lawaun, and Jodee to continue working on this
- Blooper contest - Janet and Joyann working on flyer
- Silver Move Up rule will be researched by John, Curt, Jodee, and Janet
- Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events
- Tony to research app development
- Everyone to review National Virtual Invitation and vote by email
- Doug to send email proposal for above competition for FSC vote

#### Action Items for other committees:

- none

**Figure Sport Committee meeting February 10th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Attendees – Doug Adams, Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson, Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavidonis (voting in place of John Peck), Katelyn Rodgers (athlete)*

*Absent – John Peck, Jodee Viola*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:53pm EST.**

1. Approve January 13th Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Doug Adams motioned to approve the minutes. Tony Berger seconded. Motion approved by acclamation**
  
2. Discussion of Webinars
  - a. **Tony Berger made a motion to remove negativity from webinars prior to publication. Doug Adams seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  - b. **Tony Berger moved to have all future educational materials be reviewed and vetted by FSC before publication. Doug Adams seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  - c. Suggestions for creating positivity for FSC image
    - i. Facebook Live Q&A sessions
    - ii. **Doug Adams motioned to have monthly Facebook Live Q&As with pre-selected questions. Tony Berger seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  
3. Reports from sub committees and special committees
  - a. Rules - 2 questions sent in, both answered
  - a. Procedures
    - i. Curt has finished his review of the technical manual
    - ii. Rules for sub-committees are being drafted and will be completed at next meeting
  - b. RollArt Technical Committee
    - i. RollArt Equipment Update
      1. Two Regions have not respond to email about equipment access, all other regions responded with interest except North Central
    - ii. Motion request from RollArt committee - current athletes with a C or higher commission be allowed to serve as assistants or judges on RollArt panel for NVI (as was approved for 2020 Nationals)

**1. Doug Adams motioned to allow current athletes with a C commission or higher to be allowed to serve as assistants or judges on RollArt panel for NVI. Lawaun seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**

- d. Officials
    - i. Procedures question: Al Taglang is a non-voting member of the Committee. According to the bylaws, there can only be three judges on the Committee. The FSC listed Al as non-voting in 2019-2020. Due to lack of a 2020 season, keep the same or change?
    - **Tony Berger motioned to keep the Officials sub-committee as is for the current skating season. Doug Adams seconded. Motion approved through acclamation.**
  - e. Regional Coaches Reps - no meeting since our last meeting
  - f. Academy Leaders
    - i. now a subcommittee of FSC, will need bylaws/procedures
    - ii. Continuing to work on tests, level 1 nearly complete, level 2 getting close as well
    - iii. Name of new level 1 coaches “US Academy Coaches”
4. Old Business
- a. Committee member movement and public communication thereof - tabled to next meeting
  - b. Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events
    - i. no new updates, dances need to be selected
    - ii. Discussed possibility of sharing during Facebook Live for public to learn and vote on
    - iii. May 2021 set as a goal for something to be presented to public
  - c. Rollart app (Tony) - no new updates
  - d. Silver Moveup Rule (Jodee, John, Curt, Janet)
    - i. Deadline of May 2021 for rule to be drafted and presented to FSC
  - e. Virtual Critique Proposal
    - Postponed until Fall 2021 due to competitions and 60 day limit for judges and callers (to Fall, maybe run in September, November, January every year?)
  - f. Building skating webinar update (Jodee, Lawaun, Joyann)
    - i. Joyann request to have someone to take her place.
    - ii. Katelyn to replace Joyann, Jaymee to join in the Spring
    - iii. Working on idea to award clubs for growth - Officials/RollArt committee tasked with growing judging panel and Regional Reps tasked with increasing coach numbers

- g. Axel Contest
  - i. 40 submissions
  - ii. Al Taglang organized judging of the contest - 7 judges used RollArt to judge the Axels
  - iii. Janet edited into clips to be published
  - iv. Joyann working on next competition - Best Fail Contest
  
- 5. New Business
  - a. Update about NVI (Doug, Janet, Joyann)
    - i. Janet to be meet direction, Danielle Storm to be assistant meet director
    - ii. Patricia Bauler heading up RollArt
    - iii. Debra Adamy lining up judges
    - iv. Joyann and Doug overseeing organization
    - v. Medals are being made
    - vi. Janet working on Jot Form for registration
    - vii. Deadlines are rolling
    - viii. Usarsnvi.com

Next meeting scheduled for March 17th, 2021 at 8:30pm EST.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:19pm EST. (Lawaun made motion, Doug second) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy

Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Curt to review bylaws over the next week

Action Items for other committees:

- Official & RollArt technical sub-committees to begin drafting a formal and structured judging school/panel to be available Nationwide.
- Regional Reps to work on ideas to increase coaching numbers
- Coaches' Reps to be looking at competition requirements for 2021-2022

**Figure Sport Committee meeting March 17th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Attendees – Doug Adams, Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson (Chair/Athlete), Bob Labriola (guest), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavidonis (voting in place of Tony), John Peck, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola*

*Absent – Tony Berger*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm EST.**

1. Bob Labriola discussion
  - a. Presented the problem of a drop in membership which translates to a loss of funds.
  - b. Attributes this problem to an over emphasis on the World Class events.
  - c. Believes we should prolong the career length of our members by taking a closer look at our domestic dance requirements.
  - d. Wishes to emphasize the business side of skating by revamping the domestic program to cater to participants of “average ability”
  - e. Believes that a stronger partnership with RSA will help prolong careers. Suggested requiring some level of testing prior to competition.
  - f. Questioned the efficacy of the input of Regional reps/coaches as far as requirements
2. Discussion following Bob’s presentation
  - a. Some agreement expressed a similar concern about the input from the field as far as requirements.
  - b. Reiteration of the idea of the “business” side and how this can be off putting for some even though it is important.
  - c. Discussion of a lack of education for coaches and judges and the need for traveling seminars
  - d. Mentioned that Seminars were not possible due to COVID but some virtual options have been available.
  - e. World Skate has taken a front seat due to its newness and need to be adopted quickly
  - f. The topic of the International runs/mohawks in domestic was discussed
3. Approve February 10th Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Doug motioned to approve the minutes, Curt seconded, approved by acclamation, Jodee abstained**
4. Reports from sub committees and special committees
  - a. Rules - email access set up
  - b. Procedures
    - i. Doug recommends to table until we find out what comes down from the board
    - ii. Joyann has a directive from Heidi to get FSC suggestions as far as bylaws.

- iii. Janet brought up the problem of needing an official's rulebook for running Nationals.
- iv. Ed, Doug, and Bruce to form a committee to work on above rulebook
- c. Officials - request for National Judging School feedback
  - i. not positive feedback - may need more clarification to show positive intent
- e. Regional Coaches Reps
  - i. Motion request: Motion by Jody, second by Christel, that the official draw for requirements be moved to April 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2021 competitive season ONLY. This would make it more manageable for those skaters who start their seasons late to have a more manageable preparation for Regionals, especially if they don't plan to attend Nationals. Skaters who only have to learn three requirements for Regionals are more likely to compete than if they have to spend extra time learning six.
    - a. **Jodee made a motion to draw Regional/National requirements on April 1st for the 2020-2021 season only, Lawaun seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  - ii. Directive: Ask USARS to send tentative entry form out for Nationals to help with schedule.
    - a. Janet is working on a Jotform to send out to clubs
  - iii. Discussion of proposals
    - a. Over 34 proposals
    - b. Regional Reps are filtering through them before sending out to membership
  - iv. Move-up rule - should they be ignored for this year due to a potentially weaker year?
    - a. Discussion of not enforcing move up rules due to open Nationals but this was opposed.
- f. Academy Leaders - minutes in Drive folder
  - i. Coaches certification
    - a. Level 1 certification tests created, level 2 to be created by March 19
    - b. Proctoring exams:
      - i. Janet suggests elite coaches could proctor the test on Zoom
      - ii. Discussion of logistics of new coaching certification to be tabled to next meeting.
  - ii. Instructed by Heidi to form bylaws/guidelines and submit for approval to FSC
  - iii. Plans to send out newsletters on regular basis

## 5. Old Business

- a. Committee member movement and public communication thereof (Jodee)
  - i. Janet suggested requesting that the Board of Directors make a better effort at this communication since ultimately the decision comes from them.
  - ii. **Janet motions to request that after committee members are selected or not, that USA Roller Sports makes communications to all parties, Jodee seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.**

1. Discussion by Doug suggesting that we have more materials and orientation events for new members.
- b. Building skating webinar series (Jodee, Lawaun, Katelyn)
  - i. No update
- c. Fail contest update
  - i. 24 entries
  - ii. Final round currently happening
  - iii. Gained over 100 plus followers during the week of the contest
  - iv. Hoping to make a compilation video of all fail videos
  - v. Looking to make a new contest for after Nationals
    1. Something National themed and promote before/during Nationals
    2. Make decision at June meeting
- d. NVI update
  - i. 137 figure event entries (segment 1)
  - ii. Janet estimates an income of \$10,000 from this event.

## 5. New Business

- a. Coaches recognition program (file from Lawaun in drive)
  - a. Discussion for working out details - recordkeeping, financial awards, etc.
  - b. Potentially have a sponsor to help with financial aspects (giving memberships as prizes)
- b. Keats Foxtrot - Joyann suggests to put out a statement of clarification about the pattern to be used for competition
- c. Adult only invitational (Winter 2022?)
  - a. Table discussion to next meeting but put out feelers to see how people would feel about an event of this nature.
- d. Increasing Rollart understanding seminar (Janet)
  - a. Table discussion to next meeting
- e. Domestic Program issue discussion
  - a. Table discussion to next meeting - waiting on survey info
- f. Seminar/social skate/dinner?
  - a. Table discussion to next meeting
- g. Proposal to add C events to Nationals
  - a. There is enough room in the schedule
  - b. This would help with finances
  - c. **Doug motioned to add C events to Nationals for the 2021 season only, Curt seconded the motion. 4 Ayes and 5 Nays, motion does not pass.**
    - i. Joyann mentions this could start a domino effect of letting other rules slide
    - ii. Doug mentions this could help provide a venue for C skaters who may not have a Regional championships. This could go by another name and not "Nationals"
    - iii. John mentions the idea of cardboard cutouts to bring in money
    - iv. GL pulled out of their Regionals due to open Nationals with no requirement to pay the Regional entry fee.
    - v. Jodee discusses that bringing C events in could help hold interest

and encourage during a challenging time.

- h. Janet, liaison for the Finance Committee, gave an update on the positive changes being made at USA Roller Sports. USA Roller Sports is a viable corporation and working hard to overcome the setbacks from the Covid shut downs. Questions regarding outstanding World Skater debt were answered.

Next meeting scheduled for April 7th, 2021 at 8:30pm EST.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:13pm EST. (Lawaun made motion, Doug second) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy  
Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Joyann to reach out to Ed for help organizing the draw
- Joyann to contact Vicki about attending our next meeting to discuss coach certification
- Doug, Ed, and Bruce to use 2015 rulebook as reference to create a Nationals Procedure Rulebook for 2021
- Continue working on Silver moveup rule for May meeting -Jodee, John, and Curt with Janet as a resource
- Looking for sponsors for coach incentive prizes - Lawaun and Doug

Action Items for other committees:

**Figure Sport Committee meeting April 7th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Attendees – Doug Adams, Vicki Bateman (guest), Tony Berger, Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Janet Pavilonis (voting in place of Curt), Katelyn Rodgers (athlete)*

*Absent – Curt Craton, Lawaun Modrich, Jodee Viola*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:37pm EST.**

1. Announcements
  - a. John Peck has resigned from the FSC committee
  - b. Annette Stapleton resigned from the AAC Rep for the USOPC. Joyann was the alternate and is taking her place.
2. Discussion about coaches certification program with Vickie Bateman (Academy Leaders Chair)
  - i. Looked at an example test
  - ii. Discussed study materials
  - iii. Tests for each level and discipline - minimum score to pass: 80%
  - iv. Planning a Webinar to discuss the new testing process
    1. Joyann suggesting Heidi, Vicki, and herself as possible presenters
  - v. Discussed the possibility of elite coaches proctoring the tests
  - vi. Discussed tracking the levels and certifications for each coach
  - vii. Discussed monthly testing as a potential timeline
  - viii. Joyann to set up a meeting with Vickie and Heidi to discuss USARS support and role for this new coaches certification program
  - ix. Discussed possibility of tying the certification/testing process with the USARS membership dashboard
  - x. Joyann to send all the questions from Vicki's document to the FSC to discuss at next meeting
3. Approval of March 2021 Minutes
  - a. **Doug motioned to approve minutes, Janet seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
4. Reports from sub committees and special committees
  - a. Rules
    - i. Doug explained that he, Ed, and Bruce are working on the book but no updates for now.
  - b. Procedures

- i. Doug explained that he, Ed, and Curt are moving on this and have sent something out for procedures
    - c. Coaches Recognition Program
      - i. Doug reported this committee met and they discussed potential questions that need to be addressed
    - d. RollArt Technical Committee
      - i. no minutes sent to Joyann since last meeting
    - e. Officials
      - i. no minutes sent to Joyann since last meeting
    - f. Regional Coaches Reps
      - i. no meeting since last FSC meeting
    - g. Academy Leaders - briefly discussed coaches certification program
      - i. Discussed AL's role in coach/athlete education
      - ii. Discussed potential to release short instructional videos on the RollArt system, teaching basic jumping/figure skills, etc.
5. Old Business
- a. Building skating webinar series (Jodee, lawaun, Katelyn)
    - i. No update
  - b. RollArt Feedback Discussion
    - i. Katelyn discussed support of having skaters send in clips to get RollArt feedback
    - ii. Joyann explained the problem of judges being able to give feedback due to the 60 day deadline
    - iii. Tony suggested presenting this as a competition rather than a critique
    - iv. Katelyn and Tony to work on mocking up an event
    - v. Tony to contact Nellie and the RollArt Committee
  - c. NVI update
    - i. Segment 4 just submitted
    - ii. Figures are done and all results/videos are up!
    - iii. American Dance going up this week
    - iv. Domestic freestyle next
    - v. Lastly, RollArt will be judged
  - d. Fail Contest
    - i. Video is published to the Instagram and Facebook accounts
  - e. Silver moveup (Curt, Jodee, Janet)
    - i. Tabled to next meeting
6. New Business
- a. Discussion about seminars for Nationals (and dinner/banquet?)
    - i. Discussed brainstorming the types of seminars and the timing of them

- b. Increasing Rollart understanding seminar (Janet)
  - i. Joyann suggested adding Tony to organizing this seminar
  - ii. Tony, Janet, and Joyan to work on organizing
  - iii. Janet discussed that this is solely to revolve around the benefits of RollArt and should not be rule or World Skate based
- c. Domestic Program discussion (and anything related to Bob Labriola's discussion last month)
  - i. Tabled to next meeting
  - ii. Discussion of looking closer at requirements to ensure proper progression and consideration of feedback from coaches
- d. Adult only invitational (Winter 2022?)
  - i. Janet mentioned a previous and similar competition that was not well-received (Master's Games)
  - ii. Janet suggested inviting adult skaters to be on the planning committee
  - iii. Discussed putting out feelers to see who would like to help

Next meeting scheduled for May 12th, 2021 at 8:30pm EST.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:05pm EST. (Doug made motion, Tony second) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy  
Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Building skating series team (Jodee, Lawaun, Katelyn) to provide update
- coaches recognition program team (Lawaun, Doug) to provide update
- procedures subcommittee need to finish the suggestions for the bylaws (Doug, Curt, and Ed)
- Ed, Doug, Bruce need to complete the officials rulebook
- Joyann to meet with Heidi and Vickie
- All committee members to think about who might be able to help with adult competition committee
- Joyann/Janet/Tony to organize understanding RollArt webinar
- Katelyn/Tony to write up critique events
- Silver moveup rule team (Jodee, Curt, Janet) to propose rule for discuss and vote on next meeting

Action Items for other committees:

Oct. 2020 – April 2021

**1. October 2020**

- a.** Motion to maintain two 1 min. timeout per half for U.S. domestic games.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
- b.** Motion to send the club committee survey to all active members from the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 season..
  - i. Passed unanimously.

**2. November 2020**

- a.** Meeting cancelled.

**3. December 2020**

- a.** No motions passed.

**4. January 2021**

- a.** Motion for Bryce to pick a score keeping software to be used by all clubs, train score keepers nationally, and create a score keeper's schedule for the 2021 National Championship.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
- b.** Motion to accept the proposal from the Team USA coaches and staff in team selection for 2021.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
  - ii. Selection process is attached below.
- c.** Motion to wave the 3 sanctioned tournament requirements to qualify for the 2021 National Championship.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
- d.** Motion to guarantee that missing the 2021 National Championship will not negatively affect your coach or referee level.
  - i. Passed unanimously.

**5. February 2021**

- a.** No motions passed.

**6. March 2021**

- a.** No motions passed.

**7. April 2021**

- a.** Motion to accept the nominations for Kevin Lemons, Nic Robinson, Pat Fergusson, and Duane McMinn for full compensated referees for the 2021 National Championship.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
- b.** Motion to approve the three coaching tests drafted by Jim T.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
  - ii. New Coaching Level Tests will be provided on a separate document.
- c.** Motion to approve nomination of Widow Nolen and Max Cooper as full compensated scorekeepers for the 2021 National Championship.

- i. Passed: 7 approved, 1 abstain.
- d. Motion to forgo the \$50 per team collection from the 2021 National Championship.
  - i. Passed unanimously.
- e. Motion to table discussion on foreign players during the 2021 National Championship until May meeting.
  - i. Passed unanimously.

## US Rink Hockey Coaching Levels

**Level 1 Coach:** Qualifies to coach at a USA/RS sanctioned tournament or National Championship Event.

**Level 2 Coach:** Qualifies to coach at a USA/RS sanctioned tournament or a National Championship preparatory to qualifying for a level 3 test. Also, level 2 coaches may assist as a functions assistant coach for a National Team Coach. **\*Experience Exceptions can be applied for though the USA/RS Roller Hockey Committee.**

**Level 3 Coach:** Qualifies to coach in any USA/RS event as well International Club events. This level may apply to be a National Team Coach to be in the selection process by the USA/RS Roller Hockey Committee.

**Level 4 Category:** See requirements and criteria for Elite Level Coaching status and the applications process.

*USA Roller Sports Application For Elite Coaching Status*

## Categories of Coaches

1) Former National Team Players and Assistant Coaches who have participated in a World Championship Event. *This does not include spectators* or Junior World Championship participation for juniors. Adult Junior Team Coaches would qualify.

1. Apply for an experience exemption through the USARS Hockey Committee and **not** take 1<sup>st</sup> level or wait 1 year.
2. Must take the 2<sup>nd</sup> level test – wait one year-
3. After one year can take the 3<sup>rd</sup> Level test and upon passing it be immediately be eligible to apply for a National Team coaching position.

2) Non National Team players and Coaches who wish to progress to level 3 coaches

1. Must take level 1 coaches test
2. After one year take the level 2 Coaches test
3. After one year take the level 3 Coaches test and upon passing the test is immediately eligible to apply for a National Team coaching position.

*All coaches must complete the following to maintain their coaching status:*

1. Complete and keep up to date their Safe-sport training
2. Complete and keep current on their background screening
3. Must hold coaches and or player cards from USA/RS
4. Must be in good standing with USA/RS
5. Pass any coaching training with World Skate that mandatory for international coaching.

*Coaches that have current level 3 coaching status can keep their status providing they meet all the requirements to coach be staying current on the above items. No waiting period is necessary, and no regression in their status.*

***\*Experience Exceptions can be applied for though the USA/RS Roller Hockey Committee.***

- 1. Can be applied for and approved by the USA/RS Roller Hockey Committee.*
  - 2. A resume of experience and qualifications must be submitted to the committee for review.*
  - 3. Applicants must have prior Rink Hockey National coaching experience, international team player or coaching experience, or US national team experience in order to apply.*
  - 4. Take a level 3 coaching test*
  - 5. Complete all safesport training, background check, and any other requirements for US Coaches that may be necessary for National Team Coaches.*
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- The USA/RS Rink Hockey Committee reserves the right to approve the selection and promotions of all Applicants that apply to be USA Team Coaches.



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**2020/2021**

**REGISTERED LEVEL I RINK HOCKEY EXAM (RHCI)**

- This is an open-book exam. The following books can be found at [www.usarollersports.org](http://www.usarollersports.org)
  - *Bylaws of the United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating*
  - *USA Roller Sports General Rules for Competitive Roller Sports*
  - *Rink Hockey Rule Book*
- There may be more than one correct answer; circle the best answer(s) to each question.
- Your exam will be graded, and your certification will be awarded once you pass the exam with an 80% or higher and return your signed USOC Coaching Ethics Code. Multiple Choice questions = 1 points, Essay questions = 5 points
- Complete the Safe Sport Course
- And pass the mandatory Background check





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**2020/2021**

**REGISTERED LEVEL 2 RINK HOCKEY EXAM (RHCI)**

- This is an open-book exam. The following books can be found at [www.usarollersports.org](http://www.usarollersports.org)
  - *Bylaws of the United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating*
  - *USA Roller Sports General Rules for Competitive Roller Sports*
  - *Rink Hockey Rule Book*
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- Complete the Safe Sport Course
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**2020/2021**

**REGISTERED LEVEL 3 RINK HOCKEY COACHING EXAM (RHC3)**

- This is an open-book exam. The following books can be found at [www.usarollersports.org](http://www.usarollersports.org)
  - *Bylaws of the United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating*
  - *USA Roller Sports General Rules for Competitive Roller Sports*
  - *Rink Hockey Rule Book*
- There may be more than one correct answer; circle the best answer(s) to each question.
- Your exam will be graded, and your certification will be awarded once you pass the exam with an 80% or higher and return your signed USOC Coaching Ethics Code. Multiple Choice questions = 1 point, Essay questions = 5 points
- Complete the Safe Sport Course
- And pass the mandatory Background check



## 2021 Team USA Selection Process

2021 Team USA will be selected at the 2021 Nationals in Cedar Rapids, IA. Team USA coaches are encouraged to host training camps at their discretion. All players must be in good standing with USARS.

Applications to be a member of TEAM USA will continue to be accepted. The Tier system will be suspended for 2021. Should any division not have enough players tryout at the 2021 nationals' players on national team rosters meeting the division requirements can be selected to fill the division. Should the division still not be filled, players can then be selected from the applications received by the USARS office prior to July 9, 2021.

In the unlikely event the 2021 Nationals is canceled Team USA will be selected from applications that have been received by the USARS office prior to July 9, 2021.

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Brent Sisson (Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

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

**Timekeeper:** **Scott**

- 1. Welcome new committee member and USARS Board Rink Hockey Representative.**
  - a. Committee member: Brent Sisson.
  - b. USARS Board Rink Hockey Representative: William Mihay.
- 2. Nominations and voting for 2021 Rink Hockey Committee Chairman: **Jim J.****
  - a. Pat nominated Jim Jost for Chairman.
    - i. Seconded by Rodrigo.
    - ii. No opposition.
- 3. USARS Office Changes: **Brent B.****
  - a. USARS had four full time employees. Eric and Tina are no longer there, leaving two full time employees.
    - i. Board is looking into brining an interim director to replace Eric.
  - b. Duties are split between Brent B. and Megan S.
    - i. System is currently having issues transferring some of the background checks and SafeSport information.
      1. Contact Brent B. and he will upload it manually.
- 4. Fall Board Meeting Update: **Jim J. and Tom****
  - a. Rink Hockey Fund
    - i. Rink Hockey is unique in having their own fund, which was grandfathered into when USARS changed their system.
    - ii. It is unclear how the \$50 per nationals team will be collected and dispensed to the Rink Hockey fund.
    - iii. Finance Committee will have to clarify once a new treasurer is in place on how we will handle finances going forward.
  - b. Tentative dates for 2021 Rink Hockey Nationals would be on July 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. Waiting on confirmation from the City of Cedar Rapids.
    - ii. Rink Hockey will have their individual arena within the same building as the other disciplines.
    - iii. Rink Hockey will have a new floor for competition.
    - iv. There may be suction cups that can be used with the rink walls to stop the walls from moving.
      1. Tom will investigate the suction cups since we will not be allowed to use Velcro on the new floor.

2. Rink will be placed within an ice hockey rink with existing walls; therefore, one side of the rink hockey will be stopped from moving by the existing ice hockey walls.
5. **Changes to reporting foundation funds: Jim J.**
  - a. Rink hockey no longer has a 501c as it expired.
  - b. Discussion on starting a new 501c
    - i. Jim J. will send Brent S. the current information so that he can review the situation.
6. **Referee Committee Report: Duane** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Report on Kicking and Hooking is attached below.
    - i. Duane received a lot of complaints to the new rules during the Merced tournament.
  - b. Daniel Martinnazzo contacted Jim J. about a referee conference and requested that we include a Spanish or Italian speaking person.
    - i. Rodrigo of Jim T.
7. **Club Committee Report: Scott and Rodrigo** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Survey progress.
    - i. Survey draft has been shared with the committee.
      1. Comments are requested by Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
      2. Survey to be sent out by Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.
8. **Coach's Report: Brent B.** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Don is no longer in the committee and unclear if he'll want to continue working on coaching process. Tom will contact Don to clarify his intentions regarding Rink Hockey work.
  - b. Jim T. provided Level 1 and Level 2 tests to the committee.
    - i. Comments are requested within a couple of weeks.
      1. Aim for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, although comments afterwards will still be welcomed.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a. Update on training videos through Rink Hockey Facebook page: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
    - i. Trouble getting into the facility to record videos.
    - ii. Jim T. has purchased a whiteboard to be used during the videos.
  - b. Rink Hockey Training Development/Training Site: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
    - i. Are Facebook and Instagram accounts public? **Brent B.**
      1. Could not change private account into public, therefore Brent B. created a new account as public.
        - a. Private account will be closed.
      2. Instagram account has been deactivated as we cannot connect it to a new Facebook account.
        - a. Brent B. will create a new account and link it to the new public Facebook account to be used.
  - c. Scoreboard Software Request: **Bryce**
    - i. Software was not received from Don. Tom is trying to locate his copy.
      1. Copy was not received.
      2. Merced tournament used a different software which included most things.
        - a. Did not include shot clock.
    - ii. Need to decide what scoreboard software will be used for the national tournament.
      1. Tom will talk with Don later this week and will ask about the software.
  - d. USARS Training Webinar for Rink Hockey: **Tom and Jim T.**
    - i. Tom contacted Heidi. Daniel Storm is the new chairman of the training committee. Tom will contact Don to clarify his information on starting a club and leagues.
      1. Webinar will be a presentation to show how to start a club and league.
        - a. Webinars will be a part of membership perks where each discipline will be able to share about their sport.

- i. Brent B. will send the website to the committee which show the outline of the program.
  - b. First webinar will be in January.
    - i. Tom will confirm the date and inform the committee.
  - c. Rink Hockey needs to provide a training video of the basic of rink hockey, including how to put on equipment and how to hold a stick.
    - i. Tom will send criteria of the video to Rachel, Jim T., and Rodrigo.
- e. Criteria for Volunteer of the Year Award to be presented at Nationals by the committee: **Jim J.**
  - i. Should we include a question in the survey asking what the community thinks should be the criteria for the award?
  - ii. Send criteria suggestions to Jim J. by Wednesday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**10. New Business:**

- a. February Florida Hockey Tournament: **Jim J.**
  - i. Tournament flyer stated a “possible Team USA qualifying camp”. This has since been rescinded.
    - 1. Brent S. stated there may be two coaches from Spain that will be attending the tournament and are open to host a training camp.
      - a. Will not be an official Team USA training camp.
    - ii. Team USA staff will meet in January to decide how they will move forward in 2021.
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- b. Rink Hockey Grant Request: **Brent B.**
  - i. Ana Rabold helped with the application.
  - ii. Brent will get an update from Megan this week and will notify the committee.

**11. Next Meeting: January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**12. Motion 1: To adjourn the meeting by Duane**

- a. Seconded by Don.
- b. No opposition.

**Approved by:** 2 approved, 8 no response.

## **KICKING**

**Article 6.2-** The ball can be stopped with the skates or with the body, but never with the hands, except in the following cases:

- a. Attacking player when inside the rival penalty area.
- b. Defending player who, being inside his penalty area, deliberately cuts a pass or a shot from an obvious goal occasion, infraction that must be sanctioned with a penalty.

**Article 21.2.b-** When the ball is stopped or deflected by an involuntary rebound on the body or skates of a defending player. This action is not sanctioned by the Main Referees, as long as it does not prevent the achievement of a goal.

### **Article 15- Technical Fouls**

- b. Immobilize or keep the ball immobilized between the fence and the skates or between the fence and the stick.
- I. Avoid a goal by intercepting the ball with any part of the body.
- J. Defender who, while inside his penalty area, cuts a pass from an obvious goal opportunity with his skate or any part of his body.
- K. Intentionally kicking the ball with the skates.

## **HOOKING**

### **Article 18- Blue Card Fouls**

- 1g. Put the stick, foot, or own leg in front of the foot or leg, or between either feet or both legs of the opponent so that he trips and falls.
- 1h. Hooking the *skate (translation error from Spanish to English edition)* of an opposing player with the stick, *even in the event that it occurs involuntarily*, and the opposing player is not knocked down.
- 1i. Hooking or hitting the stick of an opponent preventing him from making a shot on Goal. *(old rule: 32.1.8- Hook, by means of the stick, the skate of an opposing player, even if done unintentionally and even if the player in question does not end up being knocked over)*

### **Article 19- Red Card Fouls**

1a- Very serious acts of indiscipline, as well as violent actions that can endanger the physical integrity of third parties. *(old rule: 33.1.5- Intentionally hooking an opponent's skate with the stick, making him hit the floor)*

## **HITTING THE STICK**

### **Article 17- Team Fouls**

4. With the match active and in its course, the team fouls are as follows:

- a. Contact fouls practiced without using violence and without serious physical consequences, such as grasping or pushing an opponent, **hitting the stick successively and with intensity**, or hitting him in the shin guards (NOT HOOKING)

## **ADVANTAGE RULE**

### **Article 26- Advantage Law**

5. The Main Referees must know how to correctly differentiate and evaluate all game situations, particularly when there are actions that can be considered punishable and among these, the situations in which the advantage law must be granted. *When a player makes a light "tap" on an opponent's stick, the Main Referees must allow the match to proceed normally, without signaling any foul.*

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday January 13, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Brent Sisson (Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting).

**Timekeeper:** **Scott**

- 1. Referee Committee Report:** **Duane** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Updated rules will be posted on USARS site by Brent B.
  - b. Pat would like a referee call to discuss the new rules and how to call them during games.
    - i. A referee meeting was held during the Merced tournament in November.
  - c. Looking for foreign referees to attend Feb. tournament, but COVID restrictions may limit the possibility.
  - d. Potential referee seminars from World Skate.
    - i. Waiting on updates from Daniel Martinazzo.
- 2. Club Committee Report:** **Scott/Rodrigo** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Progress on Survey:
    - i. Survey is ready to be sent out over the weekend of January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Coach's Report:** **Jim T.** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Coaching level test progress:
    - i. Tests for levels 1-3 are written.
      1. Jim is requesting comments and suggestions from committee.
      2. There are different requirements for people who have previously been part of Senior men or ladies' national teams.
      3. Current coaching levels will be grandfathered into the new system.
    - ii. There is a movement from World Skate to make a certification process for who would qualify to coach at international tournaments.
      1. Waiting on updates from Daniel Martinazzo.
      2. No official word yet.
      3. Jim T. will add to the criteria that any World Skate requirement must be met by US coaches who want to coach Team USA.
- 4. USARS Office changes:** **Brent B.**
  - a. Interim Director.
    - i. There's an interim Director for 90's. Board will be making a public announcement soon.
  - b. SafeSport and Background site update.
    - i. Individuals are being asked to re-enter some information after logging in.
      1. There are information migration issues.
      2. Contact Brent B. if you encounter any issues and he can manually upload the information.
      3. Software problem should be fixed later this year.
- 5. Old Business:**
  - a. \$50 per team reimbursement to Rink Hockey for 2021 National Championship.
    - i. How will the money be dispersed? **Tom**

1. Brent will follow up with finance committee which met last night. Brent will report back to the committee.
- b. Update on how dasher boards will be secured for the 2021 National Championships (Suction cups vs. Velcro): **Tom**
  - i. Velcro will likely not be an option as Rink Hockey will be using the newly purchased floor.
    1. We'll need a new solution for attaching the boards.
- c. Scoreboard software and shot clock: **Bryce/Tom**
  - i. Currently do not have shot clocks.
    1. Previously used shot clocks are broken.
    2. Budget for 2021 National Championship will include new shot clocks.
      - a. We can use our own finances to buy the shot clocks if our budget is not approved.
    3. Duane will investigate new shot clocks and provide a list to the committee.
  - ii. How do we certify score keepers for the 2021 National Championship? **Bryce**
    1. People who used the score keeping software during the Merced November tournament will be in Florida and use the same software.
      - a. Bryce will ask Nic to show the software to Jim J.
    2. For other disciplines, USARS has a certification process.
    3. They would need to have SafeSport and Background check.
      - a. They must be a USARS member to do SafeSport.
      - b. Individuals can get membership as an official.
    4. Officials are ratified at the Spring Board meeting.
    5. Suggestion for a committee member to oversee score keepers.
      - a. Make sure we have one software, that multiple people are trained on the software, and create a score keeping schedule for the national championships.
        - i. Bryce has volunteered to oversee score keeping.
        - ii. **Motion 1** by Rodrigo for Bryce to pick a score keeping software to be used by all clubs, train score keepers nationally, and create a score keeper's schedule for the 2021 National Championship.
          1. Seconded by Brent B.
          2. Passed unanimously.
- d. Review of 501c Foundation Paperwork: **Brent S.**
  - i. Documents will be forwarded to Brent's lawyer and will be reviewed on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Brent will update the committee in Feb.'s call.
- e. Rink Hockey Development/Training Site: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
  - i. Training videos:
    1. Videos are being posted on Instagram and Facebook.
    2. Rinks remain closed in UT; therefore, they are waiting for the snow to melt in order to record more videos.
    3. Individual clubs have begun to post their own videos.
  - ii. Facebook and Instagram pages:
    1. New Instagram page is linked to the Facebook page.
      - a. Rachel has uploaded some videos.
      - b. What are the restrictions?
  - iii. We can grant Anna R. temporary access as administrators to the Facebook page so that they can post videos or stream on Facebook live.
  - iv. Brent B. will send the committee the specific Facebook groups and links for members to start inviting individuals throughout the Rink Hockey committee.

1. National Training Facebook page is now public.
  - v. Can Ladies Team USA ladies create their own Instagram page?
    1. Committee is fine with the Team having their own page.
    2. Brent B. will submit a request to the Executive Committee for guidelines that Ladies Team will have to follow and will report back to the committee.
  - f. USARS Training Webinar for Rink Hockey: **Tom/Jim T.**
    - i. Update on Don's information for starting clubs and teams: **Tom**
    - ii. Training video of basics of Rink Hockey: **Jim T.**
      1. Brent B. will check with Heidi to see if she is still interested in having Jim T. join the Star Skate program.
  - g. Volunteer of the Year Award: **Jim J.**
    - i. Award will be tabled until 2021-2022 season.
  - h. Update on Spanish coaches attending the Florida Tournament: **Brent S.**
    - i. There will be some international coaches at the tournament who will be holding training camps, including a first division Spanish goalie and coach.
- 6. New Business:**
- a. Team USA Staff proposal for 2021 Team USA section.
    - i. Proposal attached below.
    - ii. **Motion 2** by Bryce to accept the proposal from the Team USA coaches and staff in team selection for 2021.
      1. Seconded by Duane.
      2. Passed unanimously.
  - b. There may be a sanctioned tournament in Cumberland, MD, in March.
  - c. **Motion 3** by Rodrigo to waive the 3 sanctioned tournament requirements to qualify for the 2021 National Championship.
    - i. Seconded by Brent S.
    - ii. Passed unanimously.
  - d. What COVID requirements will USARS place on attending the 2021 National Championship?
    - i. Will vaccines be required? Will there be temperature checks? Will there be a waiver?
    - ii. USARS has not discussed requirements yet.
    - iii. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo that missing the 2021 National Championship will not negatively affect your coach or referee level.
      1. Seconded by Bryce.
      2. Passed unanimously.
  - e. What equipment will be used for live streaming the 2021 National Championship.
    - i. Has not been decided at this time.
- 7. Next Meeting: February 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- 8. Motion 5** by Rodrigo to adjourn the meeting.
- a. Seconded by Brent S.

**Approved by 7 approved, 3 no response.**

## 2021 Team USA Selection Process

2021 Team USA will be selected at the 2021 Nationals in Cedar Rapids, IA. Team USA coaches are encouraged to host training camps at their discretion. All players must be in good standing with USARS.

Applications to be a member of TEAM USA will continue to be accepted. The Tier system will be suspended for 2021. Should any division not have enough players tryout at the 2021 nationals' players on national team rosters meeting the division requirements can be selected to fill the division. Should the division still not be filled, players can then be selected from the applications received by the USARS office prior to July 9, 2021.

In the unlikely event the 2021 Nationals is canceled Team USA will be selected from applications that have been received by the USARS office prior to July 9, 2021.

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday February 17, 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Brent Sisson (Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), Nic Robinson (2021 Team USA Ladies Coach), Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA U19 Manager), Kevin Lemons (2021 Team USA Ladies Coach), and William Mihay (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting).

**Timekeeper:** **Scott**

**1. Discussion on World Skate Requirements for World Team Referee's & Coaches: Jim J. & Brent B.**

- a. <http://www.worldskate.org/about/world-skate-academy.html>
- b. Seminars for World Skate Academy will eventually be required to participate as a coach or referee in world tournaments.
  - i. Jim J. has questioned the seminars due to pricing, and time availability as they are based on European times.
    1. Costs will be per person.
  - ii. Seminars do not seem viable for U.S. officials.
  - iii. Once a U.S. member has participated in the seminars, they will be allowed to provide the seminars to other people in the U.S.
- c. World Skate bulletin describes that international referees will be required to renew their certification every two years based on these seminars.
  - i. <http://www.worldskate.org/component/phocadownload/category/786-2021-courses.html>
- d. Seminars will be in English.
  - i. Brent Benson will confirm how English translation will occur.
- e. Individual seminar registration must go through USARS.
  - i. Contact Brent B. if interested.
- f. Referees need to register by Thursday Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
  - i. All B3 officials qualify to participate.
    1. Brent B. will contact all B3 officials.
- g. Coach seminars will be in March/April.
  - i. All U.S. Level 3 coaches are qualified to participate.
    1. Brent B. will be contacting all Level 3 coaches.

**2. Verbal report on checking account balance: Duane**

**3. Referee Committee Report: Duane**

- a. No updates until World Skate Academy seminars are figured out.
- b. Names must be submitted for the Spring Board meeting: **Brent B.**
  - i. Names must be submitted to USARS office prior to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    1. Brent B. will post a form for all interested in being officials during the 2021 National Championships can sign up.
      - a. Application will be sent to all card holding members as well.
- c. All score keepers must have a USARS card, Safe Sport, and background checks.

**4. Club Committee Report: Scott & Rodrigo**

- a. Survey progress.
  - i. Survey has been sent out.
  - ii. Survey will end on March 6<sup>th</sup>, prior to March committee call.
  - iii. Survey was sent to 415 who have been USARS members in any seasons from 2018 through Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 5. Coach's Report: Jim T.**
  - a. Lever tests progress.
    - i. Final copy of the test will be ready in the next few weeks.
    - ii. Send any feedback to Jim T.
  - b. Discussion between U.S. coach levels vs. World Skate levels.
- 6. USARS office changes and interim Director: Brent B.**
  - a. Ricci Porter-Knetz is the Interim Executive Director
- 7. Score Keeping System Report: Bryce**
  - a. Same scorekeeping system used in Merced tournament will be used in Florida.
  - b. Shot clocks: Duane
    - i. Has sent a few options to Brent B.
    - ii. Will we have access to use the venue's scoreboard?
      - 1. Yes, however, the scoreboard would not be visible to us, therefore it will not be useful.
- 8. Report on primary & substitute score keepers for National Championship: Bryce**
  - a. Names must be submitted for the Spring Board Meeting. Brent B.
    - i. Date: April 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - 1. Brent B. will post a form for all interested in being score keepers during the 2021 National Championships can sign up.
        - a. Application will be sent to all card holding members as well.
  - b. All score keepers must have a USARS card, Safe Sport, and background checks.
- 9. COVID-19 requirements for attending 2021 National Championships: Brent B.**
  - a. Ex: Masks, temperature checks, social distancing in the stands, shot immunization records?
  - b. No determination currently. USARS will be discussing requirements with Cedar Rapids in March.
- 10. Live stream for 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
  - a. USARS is putting a COVID RFP together for photography and live streaming, which will be released the week of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
    - i. Proposal could be discipline specific.
      - 1. Contact Brent B. for further questions.
- 11. Old Business:**
  - a. \$50 per team reimbursement to rink hockey from 2020 National Championship – How will it be dispersed? Brent B.
    - i. Finance committee will determine the process on their next meeting of March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. How will dasher boards be secured for the 2021 National Championships (suction cups vs Velcro): Tom/Brent B.
    - i. Tom is following leads on suction cups.
      - 1. Difficult to find as it is an old system.
  - c. Review of the 501c foundation paperwork: Brent S.
    - i. Nothing has been filed since 2007.
    - ii. 501c can be reinstated but would require fees and penalties.
      - 1. Total costs are unknown until we look deeper into the problem.
  - d. Rink hockey team development/training site: Jim J., Rachel, & Rodrigo
    - i. Are videos being posted?
      - 1. Have not been able to film due to access issues to facility.

2. Jim T. will be at the Florida tournament and will plan on making videos there.
- ii. Has Anna R. agreed to help and receive access to post?
  1. Brent S. spoke with Anna and Jarrod who are interested in helping with videos.
- e. Guidelines for Ladies Team USA Instagram page. **Brent B.**
  - i. Page has been created and Nic has login information.
- f. USARS training webinar for rink hockey: **Jim T./Tom**
  - i. Star Skate program will begin in March which includes information on starting rink hockey clubs.
    1. Once Star Skate program is completed, individual discipline training programs will begin.
- g. Information for starting clubs and teams from Don: **Tom/Bryce**
  - i. Tom updated this information and sent it to the Star Skate program.

**12. New Business:**

- a. Discussion regarding National Championship rosters.
  - i. Brent B. will provide rosters two weeks prior to the championship to begin data entry.
    1. Rosters can be updated up until the first game played.
    2. Entries will then be updated at the championship.

**13. Next Meeting:**

- a. **March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**14. Motion 1:** To adjourn the meeting by **Duane**

- a. Seconded by **Bryce**

**Approved by:** 6 approved, 4 no response.

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday March 24, 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), ( and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** Carlos Pulido (United Florida Hockey Club and 2021 Pan American Championship), Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), and William Mihay (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting).

**Timekeeper:** **Scott**

**1. 2021 Pan American Championship: Carlos Pulido**

- a. Letter of intent due through Brent B. to WSA of June 30<sup>th</sup>, regarding how many teams will participate.
  - i. Late fees will be added after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b. City will dictate the COVID-19 regulations.
  - i. There are currently no restrictions in the city, and no expectation for any future restrictions.
  - ii. WSA cannot override city regulations.
- c. Floor will be available for Team USA practice a few days prior to tournament.
  - i. Rapid COVID-19 tests will be made available.
- d. Each delegation or team will be responsible for their own transportation.
  - i. United Florida Hockey Club is trying to collect some funds to support Team USA.
  - ii. USARS may be moving towards required entire team participation fee prior to tournament, rather than a deposit.
    1. Will received confirmation once Finance Committee minutes are approved.
- e. Requesting costs of using USARS wood floor in case it is needed for the tournament.
- f. Coaches seminar:
  - i. All three team USA coaches have registered for the seminar.

**2. Report on World Skate Referees Seminar: Jim J. & Brent B.**

- a. Carlos Pulido got World Skate Academy to extend the seminar one week.
- b. Notices sent out to 8 potential referees.
  - i. Nic Robinson was able to attend.
    1. Nic and Duane are the only referees in the U.S. that qualify for the 2021 Pan American Championship, however, Nic will be coaching.

**3. Verbal report on checking account balance: Duane**

- a. No updates.

**4. Referee Committee Report: Duane**

- a. Duane is working on rule clarifications to share with U.S. referees.
  - i. Discussion regarding different translations of the rules.
- b. National Championship Referee Application: Brent
  - i. ~7 referee applications have been submitted for the tournament.
  - ii. Will need committee decisions by next call, to obtain USARS Board Approval.

**5. Club Committee Report: Scott & Rodrigo**

- a. Survey progress.

- i. Discussed summary of responses.
      - 1. Will send responses to committee members.
  - b. Re-boot of the call.
    - i. Scott and Rodrigo will discuss how to re-boot the call this week.
  - c. Suggestion for sub-committee
    - i. Have an agenda.
    - ii. Keep minutes.
    - iii. Publish minutes in committee minutes.
- 6. Coach's Report: Jim T.**
  - a. Lever tests progress.
    - i. Tests are finished and have been sent to committee.
      - 1. Jim would like Duane to take a last look to confirm rules are correct.
    - ii. Documents include coaching requirements.
- 7. USARS Office Updates: Brent B.**
  - a. Board dismissed Rod from finance.
- 8. Score Keeping System Report: Bryce**
  - a. National Championship Score Keeper Application: Brent B.
    - i. Applications are being submitted.
      - 1. Will need committee decisions by next call, to obtain USARS Board Approval.
    - ii. Can minors apply as scorekeepers?
      - 1. Yes, no issue regarding background checks.
  - b. Score Keeper System.
    - i. Message Bryce or Nic R. with any questions regarding score keeping system.
  - c. All score keepers must have a USARS card, Safe Sport, and background check.
    - i. Minors are not required to have a background check.
- 9. Shot clocks**
  - a. Will cost around \$1,200.
    - i. Bluetooth with controllers in official stand.
    - ii. One behind each goal.
  - b. Will need committee decisions by next call, to obtain USARS Board Approval.
  - c. Could we put a plexiglass type protector in front of the clocks?
    - i. Yes. Will depend on the clock stand and how to set the protector.
  - d. Duane has found one to use for the May non-sanctioned tournament.
- 10. COVID-19 requirements for attending 2021 National Championships: Brent B.**
  - a. National planning committee has not met yet.
    - i. Meeting will be within the next two weeks and will discuss COVID-19 restrictions and/or requirements.
    - ii. Iowa currently does not have COVID-19 restrictions.
  - b. There is a question as to whether the state COVID mandates or the USOPC mandates take precedence.
- 11. Live stream for 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
  - a. Live stream RFP will be posted soon but will likely not be decided by the Spring Board Meeting.
    - i. One option will be about streaming the entire event, or by discipline.
  - b. Who will pay for the service and who will have access?
    - i. Will depend on the RFP.
- 12. Old Business:**
  - a. \$50 per team reimbursement to rink hockey from 2021 National Championship – How will it be dispersed? Brent B.
    - i. Finance committee was to meet March 9<sup>th</sup>.

- ii. Finance committee decided to cancel the \$50 club fee, and no longer wants fees running through USARS.
  - 1. Can committee take fees from clubs directly?
    - a. Will need to research our 501c and how to receive payment.
    - b. Tabled until April Meeting.
- b. Update on dasher boards for the 2021 National Championships (suction cups vs Velcro): **Tom/Brent B.**
  - i. Company that made the walls no longer makes suction cups.
  - ii. USARS does not want Velcro on the new floor, therefore Danny Brown said he can provide as many water barrels that we need.
- c. Rink hockey team development/training site: **Jim J., and Rachel.**
  - i. Rachel will be making more interactive posts.
    - 1. Will post player highlights.
      - a. Rachel has sent questionnaire to ~30 past and current players for future posts.
    - 2. Training posts.
      - a. Rachel asked community what type of training videos they would like to see and will begin filming them soon.
  - ii. Team development program:
    - 1. Have not been able to set dates yet due to pandemic.
    - 2. Jim T. and Alan Kiram hosted a training camp in Florida as substitutes for the Spanish coaches who were not able to attend.

### **13. New Business:**

- a. Discussion on Team USA Coaches being players.
  - i. Will allow for members to think of the issue through the next month and will be decided through a motion at April meeting.
- b. Discussion of the selection process for 2021 Team USA – ranking players.
  - i. Jim J. suggests having a ranking system with a minimum of four rankers, like the ranking system that used to be used.
  - ii. Jim T. suggests some sort of minimum number of rankers, including but not limited to committee members.
  - iii. 2017 rule book says national team selection committee will consist of the coach, two rink committee members, one (current or former) national team player to select the national team.
    - 1. Should add the manager.
    - 2. How will we decide who the athlete should be?
      - a. Does not have to be the same sex. Could have female players help in ranking the men.
  - iv. Will need a motion to be submitted and approved during the April meeting.
- c. Comment letters received by committee.
  - i. Jim J. has compiled several responses that can be sent out to the letters.
  - ii. Letters have been sent to committee members, Brent B., and some to committee members.
    - 1. Letters were received within a day of committee call.
    - 2. Members will take the next few days to review the letters and will meet on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - 3. Executive committee would like the Rink Hockey Committee to take the lead in responses and will then follow.

### **14. Next Meeting:**

- a. **April 14<sup>th</sup>. (Must meet this date to approve items for Spring USARS Board Meeting).**

**15. Motion 1:** To adjourn the meeting by Tom

a. Seconded by Duane

**Approved by:** 6 approved, 4 no response.

**2021 RINK HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS BUDGET - 4-15-2021**

ITEM	EACH	NUMBER	EST. AMOUNT	ACTUAL AMOUNT	
STAFF					
Meet Director Travel	\$ 300.00	1	\$ 300.00		Est.
Meet Director Lodging	\$ 100.00	10	\$ 1,000.00		Will pay 1/2 Room
Meet Director Per Diem	\$ 40.00	10	\$ 400.00		Set By USARS Finance
Statistician Travel	\$ 425.00	2	\$ 850.00		Previous
Statistician Lodging	\$ 100.00	7	\$ 700.00		2 to a room or pay 1/2 of the room
Statistician Per Diem	\$ 40.00	14	\$ 560.00		Set By USARS Finance
Statistician Volunteers	\$ 10.00	20	\$ 200.00		New Addition
Referee Travel	\$ 550.00	6	\$ 3,300.00		Average
Referee Lodging	\$ 200.00	14	\$ 2,800.00		
Referee Daily	\$ 400.00	14	\$ 5,600.00		Previous
Volunteers	\$ 2,000.00	1	\$ 2,000.00		Previous
Tournament Operations	\$700.00	2	\$1,400.00		Shot Clocks
Venue Rental	\$ 2,200.00	7	\$ 15,400.00		Estmate on venue amount.
Streaming Video	\$ -	1	\$ -		
Wall & Floor Supplies	\$ 300.00	1	\$ 300.00		
Auto Rental	\$ -	1	\$ -		
Snacks for Officials	\$ 200.00	1	\$ 200.00		
Water for Officials	\$ 50.00	1	\$ 50.00		
Medals	\$ 6.00	325	\$ 1,950.00		
7 X 9 Plaques	\$ 36.25	45	\$ 1,631.25		
6 X 8 Plaques	\$ 29.35	30	\$ 880.50		
Certificates	\$ 8.00	4	\$ 32.00		
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 39,553.75		

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday April 14, 2021**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting).

**Timekeeper:** Scott

**1. Pan American Championship: Brent B.**

- a. The championship may not be a qualifying event for the next world games.
  - i. South American nations are having issues entering the United States due to COVID-19 restriction and have requested exception from World Skate (WS).
  - ii. Further details and qualification requirements for world games TBD by WS.
- b. Update on letter of intent due through Brent B. to WSA before June 30<sup>th</sup>, regarding how many teams will participate.
  - i. Team registrations are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    1. Late registrations will be accepted up to Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Update on Finance Committee's requirements for Team USA payments.
  - i. Finance Committee will likely request full fee as soon as Team USA is announced. A chance that a 5 business day window will be provided.
  - ii. Finance Committee will provide an estimated fee once budget is solidified.
    1. Brent B. will provide a figure to the committee as soon as possible.
    2. Will be discussed during next week's board meeting.

**2. Referee Committee Report: Duane**

- a. National Championship Referee Nominations from the list of 10 applicants.
  - i. Names listed below.
  - ii. **Motion #1** by Tom to accept the nominations for Kevin Lemons, Nic Robinson, Pat Fergusson, and Duane McMinn for full-comp referees.
    1. Seconded by Bryce.
    2. Approved unanimously.
- b. Shot clocks.
  - i. Discussion on using shot clock in scoreboard vs. shot clocks behind nets.
  - ii. Costs for shot clock are in budget for the 2021 National Championship.

**3. Club Committee Report: Scott/Rodrigo**

- a. Survey responses.
  - i. Rodrigo will send survey responses to committee.
- b. Call reboot with minutes.
  - i. Scott has sent email to club representatives asking for best days and time to meet to reboot sub-committee calls.

**4. Coach's Report: Jim T.**

- a. Coach level tests
  - i. No comments on tests.
  - ii. New tests will have to be submitted to the BOD to be ratified.

1. Brent will confirm with the committee on when materials for the BOD meeting are due.
  - iii. **Motion #2** by Rodrigo to approve the three coaching tests drafted by Jim T.
    1. Seconded by Duane.
    2. Passed unanimously.
    3. Rodrigo will submit the tests to Brent B. along with the materials needed for BOD meeting.
- 5. Score Keeping Report: Bryce**
- a. 2021 National Championship Score Keeper Nominations from the list of 10 applicants.
    - i. Names listed below (primary & substitute Score Keepers for National Championship).
    - ii. **Motion #3** by Bryce to nominate Widow Nolen and Max Cooper as full comp scorekeepers.
      1. Seconded by Rodrigo.
      2. Passed: 7 passed, 1 abstain.
  - b. New score keeping software.
  - c. Scorekeeper scheduling.
    - i. Bryce will be in charge of the scorekeeper's schedule.
- 6. Update on COVID-19 requirements for attending 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
- a. No updates currently. Will be discussed in upcoming BOD meeting.
- 7. Live Stream for 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
- a. No updates currently. Will be discussed in upcoming BOD meeting.
- 8. 2021 National Championship Budget for approval: Jim J.**
- a. Budget will have to be revised per committee suggestions before being submitted.
- 9. Old Business:**
- a. Discussion on \$50 per team collection for the 2021 National Championship: **Jim J.**
    - i. **Motion #4** by Duane to forgo the \$50 per team collection from the 2021 National Championship.
      1. Seconded by Rodrigo.
      2. Approved unanimously.
  - b. Update on securing dasher boards with water barrels: **Tom/Brent B.**
    - i. No update.
  - c. Training Site Posts: **Rachel**
    - i. Rachel is continuing to contact passed Team USA players to post player profiles.
      1. Training videos will be posted ones the account's visibility has increased.
  - d. Submitted proposals for Team USA selection panel: **Rodrigo.**
    - i. Will follow the existing national team selection process which states the selection committee will consist of at least the coach, two rink hockey committee members, and one (current or former) national team player.
      1. Rankings will be sent and saved by Brent B.
      2. Coach and managers will discuss the rankings with individual players afterwards, so that they are able to know where they stand and what they should focus on improving.
  - e. Update on letters received form community: **Brent B.**
    - i. No updates from
- 10. New Business:**
- a. Foreign players at the 2021 National Championship.
    - i. Few teams have asked about international players competing at the 2021 National Championship.
    - ii. Brent B. will review the rules and post them once confirmed.
    - iii. **Motion #5** by Jim T. to tabled topic until the May meeting.

1. Seconded by Bryce and Tom.
2. Approved unanimously.

**11. Next Meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12. Motion #6** by Tom to adjourn the meeting.

- a. Seconded by Rodrigo.
- b. Passed unanimously.

**Minutes Approval:** 8 approved, 2 no response.

## Referees Applications

Pat Ferguson	- full comp (Attended and worked 1 tournament)
Kevin Lemons	- full comp (Attended and worked all 2 tournaments)
Nic Robinson	- full comp (Attended and worked all 3 tournaments)
Jeff Rabold	- paid per game (Attended and worked all 3 tournaments)
Scott Ferguson	- paid per game (Attended and worked 2 tournaments)
Adam Armbruster	- paid per game (Attended and worked 1 tournament)
Marc Woolfolk	- paid per game (Attended and worked 2 tournaments)
Wes Farmer	- paid per game.
Jarrold Rabold	- full comp or per game (Attended and worked all 3 tournaments)
Curtis Hamil	- paid per game.
Christopher Bias	- paid per game.

## Score Table Applications

Widow Nolen	- full comp or paid per game (Attended and worked all 3 tournaments)
Max Cooper	- full comp or paid per game (Attended and worked all 3 tournaments)
Jarrold Rabold	- full comp or paid per game (Attended and worked 1 tournament)
Isabella McCoy	- full comp or paid per game.
Hannah McCoy	- full comp or paid per game.
Wes Farmer	- full comp or paid per game.
Ciara Ashlock	- full comp
Irene Allen	- full comp
Christian Stang	- paid per game (Attended and worked 2 tournaments)
Jeff Rabold	- paid per game.

USARS Derby Committee Meeting – 12/17/2020

Attendees: Misty, Christina, Carrie, Stephan, Fernando, Sabra

Ethics form –

- December 7<sup>th</sup>, there was a post that needs to be completed by committee members. Please complete this as soon as possible.
  - o Christina and Fernando have confirmed they sent it in.
  - o Carrie is to contact Brent to make arrangements.

Skater Engagement –

- We need to come up with some for skaters to remain engaged during the pandemic.
  - o Ideas:
    - Virtual Xmas Fun Run – Scavenger Hunt
      - Use fitness tracking app to track progress. They can post their scavenger hunt finds in a group on social media.
      - Doesn't have to be holiday themed.
    - Virtual Skate around Island of Hawaii –
      - Participants can track their progress on the Strava App. 300 miles total. At different mile markers information about Hawaii would be shared to document where they would actually be at on the island.
      - There was a small fee charged potentially for prizes or a Team USA Fundraiser.
      - Do we have different levels for people that don't want to compete?
      - Accept donations
      - Misty to contact Niko and get the ball rolling.
    - Question and Answer Chat
    - Skate A Thon Fundraiser
      - Using a fitness tracking app to track progress.
- We don't have to be limited to one right now and we need to keep brainstorming ideas to keep it going.
- Stephen to work to get donations/gifts for prizes.

RSA Insights –

- The RSA is rumored to be working on making a partnership with WFTDA.
- In light of this, what can we do to build membership?
  - o What incentives/appeals for members to join USA Roller Sports?
    - SafeSport and background checks already available and in place.
    - JRDA/MRDA membership – is there a potential partnership available?
      - What impediments are preventing these groups from working with USA RollerSports?
    - Fitness group

Misty made motion to adjourn at 6:50pm, Christina 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Next Meeting: TBD**

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**Speed  
Committee  
Meeting  
December  
10, 2020**

**Attendees:**

Kelly Springer  
Debra Alpers  
Mary Allmond  
Tony Cabral  
Jay Ingram  
McKenzie Browne  
Erin Jackson  
Megan Schuller

Meeting started at 6pm PST  
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**Agenda:**

none presented

**Discussions:**

Kelly Talked about the Junior Pan American Qualifier  
Megan to send out invitations to the 2019 National Team  
Tony motioned to Invite the 2019 national Team be invited to the  
Junior Pan American Qualifier.

Seconded by Mary

Kelly suggested Coaches to encourage their members to at least  
get the \$45 card. If a coach doesn't have a rink due to the virus to  
maybe get a Charter out of their home. When their rink opens to  
then transfer their Charter to the rink without the transfer fee.  
Kelly went over the Finance call he was on. The Foundation will  
not let USARS fail.

Finance needs a total Business Plan from the Speed Committee.

The group talked how to raise some money for USARS

Debra suggested Virtual Camps, Challenges

Mary suggested outdoor events with camps also some test like  
the RSA does, But from USARS, proficiency test.

McKenzie suggested matching up a WC skater with a younger skater

The group talked about Regionals for Novice at least, but a full Regional  
Championship could be held. There would be benefits for those skating  
Regionals.

Grants were also discussed. Kelly to check on Grant writers.

Kelly checking on Beginner cards, \$15

Mary asked about the proposals, Kelly stated they were just waiting on the Monkey Survey to go out

Kelly was saying about a new website being worked on, Erin, Makenzie, Caleb and Darian to be speakers

Jay brought up IDN and ODN, is there any info  
Mary brought up the fact that maybe the Officials Committee should start on verifying on the previous Officials.

Tony motioned to adjourn at 10:12. Mary seconded

Mary



# Speed Committee Meeting - January 28th 2021

## ATTENDEES

Jay Ingram	Chris Payne - Non Voting
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	Dennis King
Tony Cabral	Kelly Springer - Non voting
Mckenzie Browne - Athlete	Gypsy Lucas
Mary Allmond	Erin Jackson - Athlete
Caleb Wakefield - Athlete	Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Non-voting
Deborah Alpers	

Meeting started at 6:30pm PST

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## AGENDA

- Junior Pan Am Qualifier
- Level One Camps
- Team Qualification
- 3 Person Relay Survey
- World Skate Academy

## DISCUSSION AREAS

### Junior Pan Am Qualifier

- Some frustration is building. The only person for sure is Valerie as shes already there.
- Kelly voiced concern that he is going as a private person IF he does go. He is not comfortable with any liability issues.
- Kelly suggested that we request a letter asking for a bye for the event due to risk and other factors for travelling to south america.
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### Team Qualification

- Kelly - Interested on Erins ideas from years past on qualification.
- Jay - please notice and read letters from years past on what qualification was. Attached later in the minutes.
- Gypsy - When the US stopped residency our medal count has dropped.
- Gypsy / Jay Residency worked well for people who really wanted to put in serious work and its needed.
- Gypsy - spitballing -- announce residency program - state requirements and athletes pay for the residency. Then serious people come and attend. We can still have events for national team and such but with current ROna stuff out there its near impossible to make stable and certain plans.
- Kelly goes over some of the methods other countries utilize and some of the methods USA used in the past and how effective they were.
- Should the team be selected from a residency program?
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### 3 Person Relay Survey

- Conflict with the information presented and feed back from the survey.
- Based on survey - The committee vote to keep 3 person relay to stay as written in the current rule book dated 2019.

### World Skate Academy

- Committee needs to select 5 people.
- Kelly is willing to be one of the 5 but has issues with taking a spot as he's already going there as an indoor rep. He will have more discussion with World Skate on that topic.
- What kind of process to choose the 5?
- World skates wants the people going to be the ones to train... so train the trainer type thing.
- Jay - is this for money? Is this for knowledge? Whats the driver behind this.
- Gypsy - USA should go... get that info and variety of thought.
- Criteria - Need to send out within the next few days.
  - Have you been a roller sports member
  - Lead a camp?
  - Coached at Internationally?
  - Level 3 or higher coach?

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### MOTIONS -

- Motion - GYPSY For [Jay Ingram](#) to create qualification times based on international competitions from 2019 those times to be used for eligibility for Team USA selections. UNANIMOUS - MOTION PASSED. No Abstentions
- MOTION - GYPSY - The committee motions to keep 3 person relay to stay as written in the current rule book dated 2019. MOTION PASSED - Unanimous - No abstentions

### Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm PST

Minutes compiled by Christopher Payne

1990 USAC/RS WORLD TEAM SELECTION SCHEDULE MAY 5 - 10

May 6, Sunday - Practice to be scheduled during the day \*Team meeting at track before practice begins.  
 May 7, Monday

8:30 - 11:30 am

<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
10,000 m (5 open)	5,000 m (5 open)
1,000 m Times	300 m Times
5,000 m (5 open)	1,500 m Times

2:00 - 5:00 pm

5,000 m (5 open)	5,000 m (5 open)
300 m Times	500 m Times
1,500 m Times	1,500 m Times

7:00 - 8:00 pm

5,000 m (5 open)	10,000 m (5 open)
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May 8, Tuesday

8:30 - 11:30 am

<del>10,000 m (5 open)</del>	<del>3,000 m (5 open)</del>
<del>300 m Times</del>	<del>300 m Times</del>
<del>5,000 m (5 open)</del>	<del>1,000 m Times</del>

2:00 - 5:00 pm

<del>5,000 m (5 open)</del>	<del>3,000 m (5 open)</del>
<del>300 m Times</del>	<del>300 m Times</del>
<del>1,000 m Times</del>	<u>1,500 m Times</u>

7:00 - 8:00 pm

<del>10,000 m (5 open)</del>	<del>5,000 m (5 open)</del>
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May 9, Wednesday

8:30 - 11:30 am

<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
<del>10,000 m (5 open)</del>	<del>10,000 m (5 open)</del>
<del>300 m Times</del>	<del>500 m Times</del>
<del>1,500 m Times</del>	<del>3,000 m (5 open)</del>

2:00 - 5:00 pm

<del>10,000 m (5 open)</del>	<del>5,000 m (5 open)</del>
500 m Times	1,000 m Times
1,500 m Times	3,000 m (5 open)

May 10, Thursday

The Selection Committee will be decided by the Board of Directors each year prior to the Trials. The twenty races that will be contested are as follows

MEN:

Timed Races (alone against the clock):

Number of races	Distances
3	300 meters
2	500 meters
2	1,000 meters
3	1,500 meters

Pack Races:

	5	5,000 meters
	<u>5</u>	10,000 meters
Total	20	

WOMEN:

Timed Races:

3	300 meters
2	500 meters
2	1,000 meters
3	1,500 meters

Pack Races:

	4	3,000 meters
	4	5,000 meters
	<u>2</u>	10,000 meters
Total	20	

1990 WORLD TEAM SELECTION TRIALS - Submitted by Charles Wahlig  
Approved by USAC/RS Board of Directors, October-1989

The 1990 National Team will compete in the "World Team Selection Trials" to decide who will be the four men and four women who will represent the United States in the 1990 World Speed Championships.

The National Team will arrive at the selection site and practice for at least one day before starting the "Trials". The Trials will consist of twenty races. There will be ten "pack" races and ten "timed" races against the clock. On the day before the Trials begin, the athlete will draw the order of skating for each of the twenty races.

"Pack Races" -- The athletes will draw the order of their position in each race and each pack race will have a rolling start. During the pack race the lead skater will rotate to the end of the pack each lap until the race is declared "open" and the racers will then race to the finish in the manner they choose.

All skaters are expected to race every race according to the accepted rules of amateur speed skating. Any violation of these rules, especially unsportsmanlike conduct, will result in disqualification in that race. Continued unsportsmanlike conduct may result in being completely eliminated from continuing in the Trials.

In all pack races, each skater will be expected to maintain a pace that is determined by the Selection Committee and which is consistent with "World Class" levels of competition. In all pack and timed races the order of finish will be recorded and each skater will receive an ordinal reflecting the placement. At the end of the twenty races all ordinals will be tabulated, however, each skater will be able to "drop" his worst 2 performances (due to falls, sickness, disqualification, mechanical failure, etc.), and his 18 top performances will be added to arrive at their total.

Example: If a skater wins every race then his total would be 18. If a skater finished second in every race then his total would be 36. If a skater finished 5th in every race then his total would be 90.

The four men and four ladies with the lowest point totals after adding their best 18 performances will be considered the Official World Team.

If skaters are tied in points, the tie must be broken to decide who are to be the four members of the World Team. It will be done as follows:

The skaters involved in the tie will draw three races from the following five distances: MEN - 300, 500, 1,500, 5,000, 10,000 meters. WOMEN - 300, 500, 1,500, 3,000, 5,000 meters. Each skater will race alone against the clock and the results will be tabulated in the same manner as earlier used in the Trials. If after racing the three races there is still a tie, then one distance will be drawn from the two distances not drawn earlier and raced against the clock to determine the winner.

Speed Committee Minutes  
March 11, 2021

Attendees: Kelly Springer, Mary Allmond, Gypsy Lucas, Jay Ingram, Deb Alpers, Mckenzie Browne, Erin Jackson, Tony Cabral, Caleb Wakefield, Megan Schuller

1. Mary requested an update on the ratification of the Regional Reps proposals.
  2. Mary updated us on the Regional Camps.
    - SE intended to skate end of May. Brian and Gypsy next weekend. Deb will work with Ken for West Coast. Mary working with Eastern. Mary to work with Dean for Great Lakes. Need update from Joe for Florida. Kelly and Joe to set up NC.
    - Discussion on who is open and the restrictions. Discussion on how to assist the coaches to lead the regions to recovery.
  3. Outdoor Nationals
    - The committee has asked Megan to monitor USOPC program request
    - The committee agreed to wait till April 15 before planning in UTAH Road only option.
  4. World Skate Coaches
    - We discussed World Skate, Coaches should be a level three or Elite Status. A time frame for resumes would be Sept 1 pending Megan confirmation of dates. Coaches in good standing
    - Gypsy mentioned how difficult it is with the time allotted to do this program, other Coaches as well
  5. Regionals
    - what can the committee do to help coaches encourage each Region to host a Regional/Invitational in each Region.
  6. Indoor Nationals
    - also how can we as Coaches encourage participation
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- It was suggested to have a meeting March 25 with the Regional Reps and the Speed Committee to discuss Regionals, Indoor Nationals, Outdoor Nationals and the camps
  - Jay suggested using a more modern way of getting National entries in
  - Jay also suggested to get a parking lot, etc donated for Outdoor Nationals and the donator could use it as a write off
  - Also it was suggested to let the Meet Directors and Tabulator to do the National Schedule

Meeting Adjourned

**Attending:** Jon Roux (Chairman), Chalie Sgrillo, Jonathan Mosenson, Dave Marmorstein, Chalie Sgrillo Jr. and Melanie Bogus

**Missing:** Keith Noll and Dustin Brown

**World Skate America Games** – World Skate America held a competition in early 2021 in Colombia. Due to Covid, the committee did not send a team. For the second year, a rogue group of players entered a team and called themselves Team USA. This is a problem. Jon Roux has spoken to USARS regarding this. Jon mentioned that to prevent this, we need to send a team anytime there is an event. If it is an unofficial event, perhaps we send a team consisting of seasoned players along with younger player to grow the program and build skills among younger players. Jon Roux has stated that we need at least 6 months to prepare sending a team to an official event.

**World Championships** – This is being held in Colombia in August-September. This year, it is an unofficial event. Due to Covid, the qualification for the World Games (postponed until 2021) is being based on the results of the 2019 games. In the Senior Men's division, USA is in first place. The senior coaches from 2019 have expressed an interest in taking senior teams to these games. The committee decided that since these games are unofficial, they would be allowed to use the name Team USA, as the group that has entered a team in the World Skate America Games has done for the past two years. The coaches will need to comply with all requirements from World Skate. Jon Roux will check with USARS to verify any minimum requirements needed from USARS. It was noted that the unofficial team that has attended the World Skate America events (with no USARS approval) have not notified or complied with any USARS or USOPC requirements. Coaches have been informed that we do not sanction their teams and they are responsible to assure all requirements are met. They have agreed with these stipulations. They are arranging for uniforms through Labeda.

**Master's and Veteran's Teams** – We would like to open these events to everyone who would like to apply. By taking over these events, we can make the selection more equitable, based on skill. This is something we would like to work on in the future. By taking over these games, we can assure all requirements are being done in compliance with USARS, USOPC and World Skate mandates. Currently, we have no control over what is or is not done.

**Grass Roots** – Although the committee is extremely organized and assures that all requirements are completed in a timely fashion, the attention to detail leaves little time to improve the program. By freeing the committee's time from unofficial events and placing this responsibility on the coaches, the committee will be able to focus on building a grassroots program. We would like to work on doing training programs at the Olympic Training Centers. This would allow us to grow the program while teaching skills. Camps can be planned in Chula Vista and Colorado Springs. Lake Placid does not have a rink and, in the past, a rink had to be brought in by USARS.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11.

## USA Roller Sports Finance/ Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday December 10, 2020 8:00PM EST

Addendum F

### Finance Committee Members Attending:

(HP) Heidi Permatteo USA Roller Sports President  
(SC) Steven Carter USA Roller Sports Vice President  
(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(AS) Annette Stapleton USA Roller Sports Board Member Athlete Representative  
(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(JP) Janet Pavilionis Finance Committee Member

### Executive Committee Members Attending not on Finance:

(AK) Allison Kiger USA Roller Sports Board Member Athlete Representative

### Board Members Attending:

(JF) John Fearnow USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(KS) Kelly Springer USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(JR) Jon Roux USA Roller Sports Board Member  
(TH) Tom Hughes USA Roller Sports Board Member

### Guests

(RP) Ricci Porter-Kemitz

Meeting Started at 8:05 PM EST

Meeting brought to order by HP USARS President

Discussion regarding input from the Foundation explaining that they would like an aggressive business plan from USARS.

Discussion regarding the development of a business plan: JF start with the budget which was passed by the board and see where we want to go and how we get there. For the Business plan we are tied to USOPC hard to have it only financially driven. We need a positive plan or change how we do business. Possible model would be the individual sports have there own 501C3 and USARS acts as an umbrella.

KG A business plan is a written document that describes in detail how a business — usually a startup — defines its objectives and how it is to go about achieving its goals. A business plan lays out a written roadmap for the firm from each of a marketing, financial, and operational standpoint.

HP Changing our model will not happen overnight. Hard to build members when rinks are still closed.

KG to develop a template for the new Business Plan. Detail the completed changes to operations and the new suggest changes including input from the Sport Committees for input on the plan.

KS Separate business plans from each of our sports. How is each sport going to generate income during this pandemic?

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**Action Item:** HP to send email to sport committee chairman to request input on membership value and generating income.

Discussions on strategies for attracting and keeping members were discussed:

KS We are a membership organization and we need members. Most have no reason to be a member. We need to create COVID-19 membership to keep the members so they are still supporting the association. We could then set goals as in biggest club in the region. This would keep them members and they will come back.

HP each sport committee to come up with ideas that would give value for the membership  
Such as virtual competitions.

AA we should put stories about athletes and other information on the website to direct traffic there and generate some excitement. Everyone liked to read about the sport. HP something similar to our old on-line magazine. KG tease on social media.

KG. It will take some time to get the business plan complete because of the research required on some of the suggest changes.

HP Question: do we have to offer insurance to all the athletes, or can we allow them to choose a membership without insurance?

**Action Item:** HP research the possibility of a members only area for our website. RP a member only area will create value for members.

SC share infomercials drive membership AK infomercial people will click to get membership

**Action Item:** AK/SC to get moving on infomercials and athlete articles look for help from Candice H. and LA Roller Girls who have experience.

JP request members send in their best fall footage

KS some cross over with the sports Art skater doing slap shots

SC Extreme sports. Section on the Website

Communication should come from the coaches Reps

TH Lower price amateur virtual membership card that would allow access to the members only website – HP to check with Sport 80

Discussion regarding insurance cost for star membership. We need definition on what the memberships cover. We no longer have a developmental card only the limited card.

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KG possibility of a two-year membership or discount on the second year. TH Hockey Committee did a plan for multiple year cards he will obtain the plan to share.

Discussion regarding National Championships JF there is a call tomorrow with the facility. Do they have a minimum financial impact? JF they know it could be less because of the pandemic. HP Marriott do we have other options. Deposits impossible currently. HP can we have less days at the venue. JF that will be in the conversation tomorrow. Discussion regarding official hotel costs and cancelation fees. Concern with signing contracts for rooms at Nationals.

JP Once we announce that we will have a National Championships we will get memberships. SC if meets happen in speed the memberships will increase. TH Hockey tournaments are already happening and they have to buy membership.

Discussion regarding Volunteer proposal everyone should have a spot in the organization. Chief Volunteer and data keeper. Volunteer training may make people more likely to volunteer.

Next meeting for the Finance committee to be determined when Board of Directors appoints a Chairperson.

**Motion** to Adjourn JP Second AA **Passed**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM EST

Respectfully submitted

Janet Pavilonis

Executive Zoom meeting held on 2/23/21

The Zoom meeting started at 7:33pm CT. Those in attendance were: Heidi Permatteo, Kay Gallatin, Annette Stapleton, Allison Kiger, and Stephen Carter. Guest board members on the call were Annelle Anderson, Tom Hughes, Kelly Springer, and William Mihay.

Agenda:

- FSC national proposal
- World Skate training classes for coaches and officials
- Marketing & Tech Committee website suggestion
- Special Advisory Committee
- Vendors RFP
- FSC motions regarding the webinar series
- Discuss of FSC working of bylaws and rules for subcommittees
- Concerns about Ethics and Compliance Committee
- Volunteer data base

Agenda items not discussed in order of the agenda.

Heidi started the call with discussion about the creation of a special Advisory Committee to help with communication between the standing & special committees and the board of directors. Stephen Carter will be the main connect. Five board members will be needed to be in contact with the committees on a regular basis. Board members do not need to be on the committees calls or attend those meetings. The executive committee feels that this new Advisory Committee will help with the Ethics and Compliance committee. See the attached flow chart.

Committee discussed the FSC's national proposal.

Motion made by Annette:

*2021 Indoor National Championship will be held as an Open Nationals Championship. No Regional qualification will be required. Regional Championships are encourage where appropriate.*

2nd by Allison

**Motion passed unanimously**

Discussion for the Marketing & Tech stand alone website.

Motion made by Kay:

*Set up a website to be linked to our USARS website to be used by members only for additional content.*

2nd by Stephen

**Motion passed unanimously**

Discussion for a volunteer data base. No motion needed. Data base will collect no sensitive information.

World Skate Academy training discussion on how the different disciplines were gathering resumes for prospective coaches and officials to attend representing the US.

Motion by Kay

*Resumes for all disciplines will be asked to be in by September 30th. Sports committees will review the resumes at their October meeting. Approved resumes will be send to the Exec Committee for approval at the Fall Board meeting.*

2nd by Stephen

**Motion passed unanimously**

FSC creating bylaws and rules for subcommittees was discussed. The executive committee agreed that sports committees can not create bylaws and rules. The sport committees can make suggestions and give input to the creation of bylaws and rules. General Rules 21 was directed to be reviewed and reworded in the past. Nothing has be being done with it. Heidi and Ricci will work to the wording.

Discussion on the two FSC's motions regarding the USA Roller Sports Training webinars. The executive committee declined to approve the 2 motions the FSC made on the last conference call regarding the training webinars . The committee did approve adding a disclaimer to the webinars.

RFPs for USA Roller Sports vendors were discussed. The committee asked that the video section of the RFP be changed.

Motion made by Stephen

*Approve the RFP with changed that will be made to the live video.*

2nd by Annette

**Motion passed unanimously**

A reminder was made by Kay to contact the National Planning Committee for their budget and what they need. Heidi will contact the committee tomorrow.

The committee was told about the release of an employee.

Stephen discussed Black History month and how we will move forward as an organization and do better with diversity and inclusion.

Motion to adjourn made by Stephen

2nd by Kay

The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 9:17pm CT.

Monday February 8, 2021 7:30 PM EST

**Also see Executive  
Committee Minutes**

Finance Committee Members Attending:

(KG) Kay Gallatin USA Roller Sports Board Member, Treasurer, Chair

(HP) Heidi Permatteo USA Roller Sports President

(SC) Steven Carter USA Roller Sports Vice President

(AA) Annelle Anderson USA Roller Sports Board Member

(AS) Annette Stapleton USA Roller Sports Board Member Athlete Representative

(JP) Janet Pavilonis Finance Committee Member

Guest:

(AT) Al Taglang

Not Attending:

(RP) Ricci Porter Acting Executive Director

Meeting started at 7:39 PM EST

Meeting brought to order by the Chair

HP Additional changes in staff were done in the office today in that Rod was released. There was discussion about when and how a replacement bookkeeper would be brought on board.

HP Accounting firm Michelle Ehlers resigned and will no longer be working for USA Roller Sports effective February 1, 2021.

USOPC provided a grant to pay for compliance activities which are being done by the staff. We are still in compliance with the grant.

KG Brent has found the following areas to cut office costs:

Copier 8 months left on the current copier lease. There is the possibility of a new five-year lease which would pay off the existing lease and reduce monthly costs to 600 for the lease and a \$40 service fee. That would be a monthly savings of about \$1,300 a month overall. There is also an option of another company so additional information is needed to move forward with this.

**Action Items:** Committee members to review contracts. HP to get current stats on the number of copies used.

Phones: Analog voice lines contract up April 17, 2021. Changing to digital would save money monthly and telephones would be included in the contract. HP and KG will continue to research.

**Motion:** JP Second AS to cancel phone contract with the current carrier within the timeframe in the contract before the April 17, 2021 end date. **Passed Unanimously**

USA Sponsored events should have a budget approved before the event. The budget should be submitted to the office by the host of the event.. The budget should include proposed income and expenses.

## USA Roller Sports Finance Committee Meeting

Monday February 8, 2021 7:30 PM EST

**Action Item:** JP and KG to review the QuickBooks and determine the coding. The office will track the income and revenue by sport but not by event.

AT do the virtual competitions need a sanction? Virtual events have been getting sanctions and KG all participants must be members.

Donations through Go Fund Me. If individuals are collecting money, they can then donate the funds to USA Roller Sports. USA Roller Sports is not currently sponsoring any Go Fund Me Accounts.

The line of credit disbursement of \$35k was done and is in the operating account.

Rink Hockey is looking for guidance from the Finance Committee and will be joining our call next month.

HP spoke to Lyndee Black regarding Audit deadline.

HP Cloud based Server proposal. Server would be no cost through Tech Soup and the labor would be approx.. \$6,100.00. This has been on the list of needed upgrades for several years.

### **PAST ACTION ITEMS UPDATES:**

**Action Item:** RP to Investigate if the Audit can be done on a every other year basis. Request that the By-laws are changed. Are there requirements from the USOPC or AG. **The current requirements from USOPC are that annual audits must be done. Further followup will be done after the board recertification is complete.**

**Action Item:** HP to add Sponsorship levels to the Marketing Committee agenda. **Discussed on call and they are still discussing.**

**Action Item:** RP - Rink Hockey Team Entry Fees need to be reviewed for payment to the Hockey Group. **This will be part of the call next month with the Hockey group.**

**Action Item:** JP to follow up with Rod regarding 1099's **Done**

**Action Item:** HP to send email to sport committee chairman to request input on membership value and generating income. **Phone calls were made to chairman and they will be getting back to her with ideas.**

**Action Item:** HP research the possibility of a members only area for our website. RP a member only area will create value for members. **Cannot do this on the USARS website but there is a possible work-around.**

**Action Item:** AK/SC to get moving on infomercials and athlete articles look for help from Candice H. and LA Roller Girls who have experience.

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JP request members send in their best fall footage

KS some cross over with the sports Art skater doing slap shots Move to marketing committee

***HP to bring to Marketing Committee***

Next meeting for the Finance committee will be March 9, 2021 AT 7:30 PM EST

**Motion to Adjourn HP Second AS Passed**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM EST

Respectfully submitted

Janet Pavilionis



# Treasurers Report

April 22, 2021

By

Kay Gallatin



- General Notes
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- Received grant from USOPC for high performance sports and operations \$30,000
- Received grant from USOPC for safesport and compliance \$35,000
- \$35,000 from line of credit (LOC) was put in the operating account in February and returned to LOC in March. This was to alleviate temporary cash shortage and was not needed.
- Received 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP loan of \$27,500
- SBA Approved loan forgiveness of 1st PPP loan for \$79,500
- Audit was completed with an unmodified finding (this is good). Has been posted on the web.
- 990 is complete and being filed.
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- Nationals
  - Some awards and ribbons were purchased last year for 2020. Some of those were dated and can't be used again.
  - Deposit on the hotel is paid. There is a hold of 15 room nights for each day of nationals.
  - There are national expenses incurred all year not just at nationals with the floor storage etc. Those expenses still happened even through the event was not held.
  - Working on list of anticipated expenses for each sport to see what over cost will be.
  - Travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the traveler and be reimbursed at the event (receipt required).
  - Finance Committee is recommending reimbursing up to a set amount for travel to help with budget.
  - Reimbursement will be for travel, 50% of hotel, \$40 per diem only.
  - Only the meet director, tournament director etc. will be allowed 100% of the room.