Figure Sport Committee meeting December 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm PST –

Attendees –
David Adamy, Chris Baerg, Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Janet Pavilonis (arrived during Rulebook Committee report), John Peck, Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor

Absent –
Doug Adams, Curt Craton, Lawaun Modrich (Chris and John both were voting members for this meeting due to these absences)

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm PST, after welcoming John Peck, our newest member to the committee.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
   a. David moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, Jodee seconded.
      8 ayes, 0 nayes, motion passed.

2. Reports from Sub-Committees
   a. Coaches Reps meeting minutes discussion. Nothing present requiring motions from us. Decision was made to table loop proposal until they have a chance to review.
   b. Officials committee minutes discussion. Several items require approval from FSC.
      i. Tony moved that we approve the request to remove the athlete representative from the officials’ committee, David seconded.
         6 ayes, 0 nayes, 2 abstentions, motion passed.
      ii. David moved to add Patricia Bauler and Al Taglang to the officials’ committee, Chris seconded.
          7 ayes, 0 nayes, 1 abstention, motion passed.
   c. Rulebook Committee. Ed forwarded the Elite and Youth rulebooks to Chris, John, and Lawaun as they are not already on the figurecommittee email. Discussion followed about who to ask for help reviewing the final rulebook, as we want feedback from both officials and coaches.
      i. Asking for 1 week turnaround for feedback from entire committee. Joyann will compile all edits on Thursday so we can send out to officials and coaches. Janet to make Jot form for feedback.
   d. Megan set up the figurerule email account for Figure Rule Subcommittee.
      i. Doug and Jessica will receive email request and research answer and then forward question and answer to entire committee for approval. Committee needs to respond within 24 hours and send response to Megan who will then send out response on behalf of the FSC.

3. Unfinished Business
   a. Ed gave an update on meeting with Eric and Trace on new FSC direction. Discussed updating the figure webpage so it is easier to navigate and has more information. Ed requests everyone to fill out Bio and send to him which he will compile and get approved before sending out. Discussed promoting and encouraging our members to be a part of the World stage so that we can continue to have a voice. Discussion regarding Mykal’s role with regard to Facebook and the website, Megan will inform us of exactly what his role is and how we will interface together. Also discussed upcoming meets.
   b. Status on 2019 America’s Cup contest and seminar: still waiting for final word from Nicola.
   c. 2019 Qualifier status update.
      i. Joyann made a motion to use RollArt for the judging system for both the April qualifier and Nationals for World Skate Junior and World Skate Senior events, allowing Non-certified Technical Callers and Judges if we do not have enough certified Callers and Judges to populate all events, Jodee seconded.
         9 ayes, 0 nayes, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
ii. Ed and John are working together on this meet. John is currently looking for a host hotel and Ed is working on coordinating officials. They will work together to make an announcement with details about the meet.

d. Team Coach and Manager for World Games and PanAm contest.
   i. Peggy is out of the office so we do not have a finalized list of applicants. Gloria Manning is working on a write-up of the roles and duties of team coach and team manager.
   ii. Directive for Ed: Put out a blast that America’s Cup is the qualifier for Pan American Games for 1 male and 1 female athlete in senior free skating and deadline is coming up soon for entries.

4. New Business
   a. Open discussion on Social Media and responsibilities as Coaches, Officials, and Committee members. Ed will send out reminder to officials and coaches with regard to Social Media use.
   b. Gold Medals tests done at Regionals. Ed made a directive to Jodee to research rules to allow Gold Medal tests at Regionals.
   c. Discussions of Youth program for 2019-2020 skating season (proposal by Jodee).
      i. Tabled for future discussion pending review of Youth numbers from the 2018 National Championships.
   d. Discussions of Youth program for 2019-2020 skating season (general discussion)
      i. Ed reviewed the numbers from the Youth events from the 2018 National Championships. He believes that the skaters from the current structure can feed into a new structure without a loss of participation.
      ii. Jodee expressed concerns on the financial implications of changing to a system that eliminates combined events. Ed pointed out that the proposed structure can be altered to accommodate finance.
      iii. There was discussion on changing the “Youth” age to eliminate the upper age limit, which would allow all current Sophomore aged skaters to skate international events.
      iv. There was a question about why skaters should have to choose between Domestic and International events. All members present were in favor of allowing skaters to compete in both Domestic and International events.
      v. Topic was tabled for future discussion.

5. Announcements
   a. Next meeting is scheduled for January 9th, 2019 5:30 PM PST

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