Executive Committee Minutes
Wednesday August 28, 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Worlds issues – Kay wanted to make sure everyone was aware of there were considerable issues and concerns with the transportation at worlds. Almost every team mentioned a problem with getting to
opening ceremonies or athletes to the track. This is not unusual, especially with a world roller games and the number of athletes.

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

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

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

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

Eric left the meeting at 8:45.

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

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

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

Minutes approved by 4 and 1 no response