

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

*Attendees –*

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

*Absent –*

*Jodee Viola*

Minutes:

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

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

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

5. Announcements

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

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