

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

Attendees –

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

Absent – Curt Craton, Lawaun Modrich

Minutes:

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

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

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

5. Announcements

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

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