

USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



Conference Call January 13th, 2020 at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order: January 13th, 2020 at 6:33pm PST

Attendees: Christina Gerrish, Misty Nicolet Greer, Sabra Bunger, Fernando Reguerio,
Robyn Clark, Carrie Conlee Craft, Stephen Carter, Brent Benson

(non-attendees designated in bold)

Item #1 – Cedar Rapids Roller Girls

- Team is interested in anyway they can help. Concerned about NSO roles because they are not familiar with the ruleset but are interested in participating to the fullest of their capability with promotion and such.
 - NSO roles are like WFTDA. Anyone with WFTDA experience could likely pick it up quickly.
 - Areas of Need: Track maintenance, team wranglers, water, hospitality, promote at local events
 - Playing is the most important job they can do to help promote the sport of roller derby. If they are willing to participate, we can offer them a discounted entry fee.
 - If they say they do not know the rules we can offer a clinic to help.
 - We can offer cross promotion on social media, etc.
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Item #2 – Nationals

- Dates: July 31st – Aug 2nd
 - USARS Members: \$300 fee / Non USARS member - \$500
 - \$100 non-refundable intent to play.
 - Women / Co-Ed Teams can compete, may open to Men if there is enough interest.
 - Final Payment due by May 30th / Intent to play due by March 30th
 - We can use USARS jotform account to create the form. Brent will create form to begin prep for promotion
 - Brent will create a volunteer form for officials, NSO and announcers. Stormy to pull up old form to send to Brent as an example.
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Item #3 – Team USA Tryouts

- Devon and Misty have been talking offline about places to host tryouts. One place they would like to host tryouts would be at Nationals. Will we have time available to host tryouts after the tournament?
 - Tryout will be based on bracket and National schedule
- Thinking about spreading out tryouts and final cut through beginning to later in the year since Worlds are later in 2021.

- Another potential is to have a tryout opportunity at Rollercon since many skaters will be available. We will only have one MVP track at Rollercon. Concern about number of players who would tryout. Could we offer a registration window to keep tryout numbers manageable? Players would be required to buy USARS membership and Rollercon pass.
 - Another alternative would be placing individuals in groups at 90 seconds to run through drills.
 - Weed out members as the tryout progresses so you can separate based on skill.
 - Press release early on so we can get word out so people know in advance about tryout requirements.
 - We could then have everyone play in USARS game to see how play in a real game situation.
 - For the final cut/invite we could potentially have a couple different options. Carrie has offered her rink in CA. East coast rink would be available as well. We would need to decide when a final cut would happen.
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Item #4 – WFTDA Reciprocity Agreement

- Do want to renew the reciprocity with WFTDA?
 - Its been in place but it was never signed by anyone. Operating fine without keeping in place.
 - If the adults are unwilling to play with junior elite team members, they will refuse to play regardless if the document is in place or not.
 - We could create a new document that would educate members about what benefits would provide.
 - For WFTDA card holders to be covered at USARS events or USARS members to be covered at WFTDA events, a reciprocity agreement would be needed.
 - Brent will confirm if the reciprocity agreement is needed by the insurance provider.
 - Committee members will need to review for language/document changes.
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Item #5 – Jr. World Team Member Grant Eligibility

- Derby is included in this grant, but the document needs to be updated.
- The eligibility requirements can be updated for the Roller Derby Discipline:
 - The member must participate as an athlete or official at the National championship.
- Brent to follow up on deadline for language changes and report back to the committee.

Misty made motion to adjourn at 7:42pm, Sabra 2nd

Next Meeting: February 10th, 6:30pm PST

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