

USARS Roller Derby Sport Committee Meeting Minutes



Conference Call January 14th, 2019 – 6:30 PM PST

Meeting called to order: January 14th, 2018 – 6:35pm PST

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

(non-attendees designated in bold)

Item #1 – Barcelona Updates

- Discussion surrounding hotel location vs venue location. Questions surrounding transportation to/from venue. World Skate recommends staying as close as possible to the venue. USARS is responsible for make decisions on hotel. Misty to reach out to Gypsy.
 - How and when will officials be selected?
 - The timeline is on the application, which has already been published.
 - Last week of February/First week of march would be when announcement is made.
 - Are we only allowing certified officials to attend world games? Last year the application process was open to all.
 - Requirements need to be determined by USARS. World Skate will support.
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Item #2 – Officials Certification

- Discussion surrounding certification program. Stormy discussed in detail the information published.
 - Waiting for forms to be uploaded to the website.
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Item #3 – Sponsorship

- 501c3 update? Sarah who skated on Team USA last year is willing to help Carrie the sponsorship/fundraising head.
 - Fernando to call tomorrow for 501c3 update.
 - Misty created spreadsheet for possibly companies to contact and track contact attempts.
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Item #4 – Nationals Timeline

- Co-Ed Rules need to be discussed. Misty to discuss with Tony Muse/Stephen Carter/and Jane.
- In March, team registration will open. Last year we used our own JotForm to submit payments, how are we doing this going forward? Per Brent, we can still use JotForm, but we need to use the USARS jotform. Brent to follow up with Eric tomorrow re: access/form creation.

- Fees for last year were provided to Brent by Misty. At the BOD meeting it was discussed about a potential price increase. Is there an answer to this? Currently under review from the Finance committee. Nothing has been set yet. This would need to be approved by the Board.
 - Discussion surrounding official compensation.
 - Co-Ed Ruleset for Nationals suggestions:
 - 16-person roster, 8 women / 8 men
 - Alternate jams by gender
 - Suggested we develop and beta test rules before integration into World Skate Rules
 - Men's Teams: If a limited number of teams register, instead of cancelling the tournament, we host a best of tournament so they can still get play time.
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Item #5 – UK Tryouts

- UK had tryouts were held last weekend. There was a small turn out but are accepting video submissions.
 - Considering hosting a clinic in April to learn the rule set, strategies and drills.
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Item #6 – Minimum Age Requirement for Officials

- 14 would be the minimum age for an official, to follow the same rules as the junior elite program. This excludes a head official.
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Item #7 – Team USA Updates

- Stephen asked how soon players can start the Safe Sport program. Now that is the new year, we need to push players to register for the new membership if not done already. There are links in the membership dashboard via RSpportz that show the current status.
 - The Women's/Men's team has been selected and shared with Fernando to created social media announcements. PR needs to be sent to Brent to ensure the website is updated as needed.
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Item #8 – Membership Growth

- Gypsy is working on the Star Skate program.
- Potential changes at WFTDA re: MRDA
- Clinic in California is a potential.
- Targeting Juniors – Juniors are not aware of the Junior Elite. Need to target the demographic.
- Junior Olympics? Potential 2020 in Fairfield, VA. Where is AAU hosting their tournament. Need to follow up with AAU and begin discussions/relationship management for next event.

Stormy made motion to adjourn, Christina 2nd at 7:32 pm PST