

Attendees –

Doug Adams, David Adamy, Chris Baerg (non-voting), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Jessica Gaudy (athlete), Ed Harney, Lawaun Modrich (non-voting), Janet Pavidonis, John Peck (non-voting), Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor

Absent –

N/A

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm PST.

1. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
 - a. **David moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, Joyann seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
2. Reports from Sub-Committees
 - a. Coaches Reps meeting minutes discussion regarding rulebook.
 - i. Discussion about World Skate placements 1–3 being able to move back down to domestic A events.
 1. **Joyann made the motion to change a rule in AR.YD.103d from “National Championships” to “World Championship qualifying event”, Janet seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
 - ii. Discussion about Advanced Figures and Loops
 1. **Janet made the motion to add a sentence to AR.YD.103e. “in an event with six (6) or more contestants”, Doug seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
 - iii. Discussion about interruption rule. Directive to Ed to find previous wording and make sure our wording is the same in new rulebook. Additionally, Ed to add music interruption rule to officials section.
 - iv. Directive to Ed: Create judges requirement sheets for youth short program events
 - v. Discussion about team substitution. Decision made to remove from rulebook and place in officials rulebook instead.
 1. **Joyann made the motion to remove the team substitution rules from the Youth rulebook, Jodee seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
 - vi. Juvenile pairs time requirements should be 2:30, not 3:00. Juvenile/Elementary C team dance to be added. Directive to Joyann to correct in rulebook.
 - vii. Directive to Ed: Update grid to include “C” freestyle events.
 - b. Officials committee minutes discussion.
 - i. Proposed dress code discussion. We are in support of the World Skate dress code, especially to test this year in light of the lack of dinner breaks at this year’s Nationals.
 - ii. Discussion regarding officials for the World Team Qualifier.
 1. **David moved that we approve the Officials for the World Team Qualifier, Doug seconded.**
6 ayes, 0 nays, 3 abstentions, motion passed.
 - iii. Discussion regarding compensation for officials for Nationals.
 - c. Rulebook committee
 - i. Curt to continue working on Adult rulebook and Ed to continue working on Officials rulebook. Joyann will have the edits from tonight’s meeting implemented into the Youth rulebook by tomorrow. Aim is to be done with all 4 books by 1/25/19 so they can be sent out for review.
3. Unfinished Business

- a. Discussions of Youth program for 2019-2020 skating season (tabled from last meeting). Tabled until after America's Cup.
 - b. Gold Medals tests done at Regionals (Jodee was to research after last meeting). No rules found regarding this so no new rules are needed.
 - c. 2019 Qualifier status update. Ed finalized host hotel and is putting information packet together for announcement tomorrow.
 - d. Team Coach and Manager for 2019 World Roller Games and 2019 PanAm Games. Mike was selected as Team Manager for World Roller Games, the extension for coach applications will be announced on Friday's email blast (until 1/15/19).
4. New Business
- a. Review of Bio Lists, prior to submitting to webmaster. Any edits to be submitted to Ed by tomorrow 1/10/19.
 - b. Discussion regarding Dynasty Blues. Curt to fix PDF with beat error and clarify 4 beat swing (3 beats on outer, 1 on inner). Jodee will type up description to send back to Debra Blee.
 - c. Clarification of RollArt use besides qualifier and Nationals.
 - i. Discussion on if invitationals can use RollArt if desired, particularly regarding proper training of RollArt officials and USARS equipment.
 - d. Open B Creative Solo Show move up rule (email from Ed sent 1/3/19 1:04pm)
 - i. **Janet moved to eliminate AR-YD.194d (top quarter rule about move-up for Open B creative event), Chris seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 naves, motion passed.
 - e. Transgender rule finalization. Directive to Ed to clarify this subject and send reply to Tina.
 - f. Revisit Defending Champion Rule (Chris)
 - i. Chris is interested in reinstating the "Defending Champion" for 2020, not necessarily getting to skip Regionals, just the designation in the National program. She needs to research it further but is interested in the opinions of others. Discussion related to this ensued but will be tabled until more research is completed for a formal proposal.
 - g. Review Creative prop rule and definitions of footwork (Jodee)
 - i. **Jodee made the motion to remove the words "i.e.; cane or umbrella may tap the floor but may not give support or be used as a pivot for spins" from rule AR.YD.1005d, Chris seconded.**
6 ayes, 3 naves, motion passed.
 - h. Cross-tracing discussion (Curt) tabled until next meeting due to time.
5. Announcements
- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **February 13th, 2019 5:30 PM PST**

Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned, Jodee seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm PST.**

Minutes Approved - 9 approvals from the Committee