

Figure Sport Committee meeting February 13, 2019 at 5:00 pm PST –

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, Jodee Viola, John Peck (non-voting), Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Eric Steele – Guest Speaker

Absent –

N/A

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:07 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. Content judging sheets being worked on by Ed
 - b. Ed is updating requirements grid for C freestyle events, also will add ages.
 - c. Defending Champion proposal (Chris) – tabled until next meeting as Chris was not present yet right at the start of the meeting
3. Update from Eric Steele, guest speaker:
 - a. Discussion about Strategic Plan, which involves coming up with 3–5 goals per year (for 3 years) with a designated FSC committee member in conjunction with someone from the National office responsible for managing each goal.
 - i. Eric gave some potential examples of goals, including: “have XX number of RollArt callers by the end of the year,” “increase/decrease number of contests,” “membership increases to XX new members,” “Provide online video seminars for training coaches in each discipline” (can build off goals year to year or could have separate goals each year)
 - ii. Timeline: Draft completed in next 8 weeks; if each member comes up with 1–2 goals, this would help achieve this timeline.
4. Reports from Sub-Committees
 - a. Coaches Reps meeting minutes review. The Coaches Reps had 3 questions for the FSC to answer:
 - i. Advanced Loops – number of repetitions.
 1. **David made the motion to continue doing 3 repetitions in Advanced Loops as is stated in AR YD.305, Doug seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
 - ii. Classic Gold Figures – all inner starts in one group, all outer in the other, can we swap one of the figures in each group.
 1. **David made the motion to switch 23 and 22 (move 22 to Group 2 and 23 to Group 1) for Classic Gold Figures, Janet seconded.**
9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, motion passed.
 - iii. Can you skate Advanced Figures/Loops and Freshman/Sophomore Figures/Loops?
Yes, provided you have not placed out in advanced (AR YD.103e)
 - iv. Discussion regarding dance teams with multiple partners and Seminar information distribution.
 - v. Discussion about potential new Youth program. Ed has a proposal and is seeking feedback from all committee members. A lengthy and good discussion took place surrounding the future youth structure.
 1. **Janet made the motion that we adopt the World Skate Youth Program events and requirements for Solo Dance, Team Dance, Freeskating, and Pairs including additional**

supplemental Freeskating events of the World Skate Youth Program not reflected in Ed Harney's written proposal and to maintain in all disciplines our current Domestic events that don't overlap with the World Skate Youth Program. Curt seconded.

8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstentions, motion passed.

- b. Rulebook committee
 - i. Ed to forward rulebook feedback for Elite and Youth rulebooks to Rulebook Committee and they can implement changes as needed.
 - ii. Adult and Officials will be ready to be sent out for review very soon.
 - c. Update from National Championship Planning Committee (Ed and David)
 - i. Requesting that all FSC members if present to volunteer to help at Nationals.
 - ii. Ed asked for ideas of advertisement in the program at Nationals (RollArt, World Youth program, etc.)
 - iii. What is the best "hour" of figure skating to advertise? Everyone to send ideas to Ed after looking at schedule
 - iv. Suggestions for vendors for Nationals (Ed and Doug). Possibly local massage therapists, florists, hair/makeup artists.
5. New Business
- a. Directed by Finance Chair to discuss an increase on National entry fees for this season. *Note: next year's membership fees will be increasing by 10% (already passed).*
 - i. Discussion regarding new events we have already added this year to help increase our entry fees (Youth short programs, Youth freestyle combined events, Adult loop events, Adult figure/loop combined events, Adult OCD events, Advanced figure/loop event). This should all come with a substantial increase in entry fees.
 - ii. Looking for a 10% increase from last year's entry fees
 - 1. David moved to make the first entry fees for Nationals \$90, and not change additional events (\$80) or combined events (\$25), Janet seconded.**
 - b. Jodee asked Ed to correct the naming of the creative solo events on the National schedule, Joyann also mentioned that the short program events should have an "A" designation on them per our grid.
 - c. Discussion about Jodee putting together a notice to judges to clarify difference in judging points between creative events and free dance events as was discussed at the seminar, the committee agreed and supported this idea.
 - d. Discussion about Figure Sport Committee's involvement with German Cup and other international competitions
 - i. FSC needs to publish more international events
 - ii. Several points were brought up regarding international competitions such as the German Cup, including: whether or not skaters should be approved by FSC for international competitions? Is a new USA team outfit is needed for international competitions? How is the team coach/manager decided for international competitions? Is there a way to determine who to choose if more than the allowed number of skaters for an event wish to participate? Should there be minimal requirements to participate in International Championships?
 - iii. It was decided that we need to make a policy for skaters entering international competitions, Doug volunteered to write it up and send to committee for edits.
 - e. Discussion regarding requirements about non-US citizens being allowed to skate World Skate events at Nationals, no desire to change our current rules was expressed.
 - f. World Skate is asking that any international judges invited to a US contest be sent first to them. Megan clarified that the office already verifies all judges on all sanctions. Ed to clarify "international judge" terminology from Nicola.
 - g. Discussion about expectation of the Officials committee (especially regarding RollArt): Training, mentoring, and recruiting judges. FSC should be encouraging all of these actions which are already beginning.
 - h. Need to vote on 2019 World Roller Games coach to partner with Mike Jacques as the manager, coach applicants include: Danielle Storm, Vickie Bateman, and Scott Clifford. Topic was tabled for a discussion

to go hand in hand with Pan Am Games coach discussion/vote over email. Ed will send out the applications/resumes for each applicant.

- i. Pan Am Games coach: John Burchfield (member of 2019 Pan Am Games team) emailed us a request regarding the Pan Am Games coach, discussion took place and it was decided to table it for an email discussion surrounding this and the WRG coach because some voting members had left the call at this point.

6. Announcements

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for **March 13, 2019 5:00 PM PST**

Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned, Curt seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm PST.**

All nine voting committee members in attendance approved these minutes.