

**Figure Sport Committee meeting December 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, David Adamy (left at 7:19pm), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger (arrived at 5:49pm), Curt Craton, Ed Harney, Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich (non-voting, arrived at 5:56pm), Janet Pavilionis, John Peck (non-voting), Jodee Viola, Pat Jacques – USA Roller Sports Figure Advisor, Megan Schuller – USARS Advisor, Mykal Pedraza – Guest (Chair of Figure Fundraising Committee)*

*Absent – N/A*

Minutes:

**Meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm PST.**

1. Approval of Minutes from 11/20 Meeting

**Doug moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, David seconded.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

2. New Business

a. Introduction of Mykal Pedraza and Figure Fundraising Committee. Mykal joined the call to introduce himself and his background and tell the FSC about his vision and plans for this new committee.

i. One item discussed was related to fundraising for an organist during Adult Nationals, there have been two applicants – Ralph Brown and Marty Dumic.

**Tony moved that Ralph Brown be named our National organist for 2020, Curt seconded.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

b. Update from Finance (re: seminar funds). USARS does not “ earmark ” money raised, however the money from the webinars has been set aside. This money must be used before the end of the fiscal year (August 31, 2020). Additional discussion related to fundraising in the future and how this could affect our athletes and coaches in the future. Further discussion and plans were tabled for our next meeting.

c. Rules updates

i. **Joyann moved that a rule be added to the youth rulebook “skater may not participate in the Juvenile/Elementary or Freshman/Sophomore Short program events if they participate in another freeskating event that contains a short program segment at the National Championships,” David seconded.**

**Motion passed by acclamation.**

ii. Loop event discussion. No rule change was made.

d. Review final list of judges/coaches for Portugal seminar. Approved: Judges: Rick Cabral (judge – dance & freeskating), Nellie Lillie (technical specialist – pairs), Patricia Bauler (technical specialist – free skating), Rachel Dols (judge), Mike Jacques (attending, not testing); freeskating level 1s: Susan Andaluz, Cindy Schrader, Robin Young; Dance level 1s: Jessica Gaudy, Pat Jacques, Vickie Bateman; level 2: all previously certified level 1 coaches attending

e. Proposal related to World Skate National accreditation from the Academy Leaders. Discussion about requiring coaches to attend a World Skate webinar or seminar in order to coach a World Skate Junior or Senior event at Nationals. There have been several seminars in the last year and the webinars are currently available. Jodee volunteered to bring this topic back to the Academy Leaders for discussion, particularly for future seminars/webinars and keeping track of the coaches who have fulfilled the requirements.

f. World Team Manager and Coach selection

i. Team coach: Vickie Bateman, Cindy Schrader, Michael Jacques

1. Vote: **Vickie Bateman was unanimously chosen as team coach**

ii. Team manager: Michael Jacques, Cindy Schrader, Fred Smith

1. Vote: Fred Smith – 7, Cindy Schrader – 1; **Fred Smith chosen as team manager**

3. Announcements

a. Next meeting is scheduled for **January 22, 2020 5:30 PM PST.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm PST.**

Submitted

Joyann Barber

Secretary