

Figure Sport Committee meeting January 13th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –

Attendees – Doug Adams, Tony Berger (left at 10:44pm), Curt Craton (joined at 8:37pm), Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilonis (non-voting), John Peck, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola

Absent – None

Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm EST.

1. Approve Dec 16 Meeting Minutes
 - **Tony motioned to approve, Doug seconded. Minutes approved by acclamation.**
2. Reports from sub committees and special committees
 - a. Rules
 - i. Technical Manual approval
 - **Janet motioned to publish the manual, Doug seconded. Motion approved by acclamation, 1 abstention**
 - b. RollArt Technical Committee
 - i. RollArt Equipment Update
 - Joyann spoke to Scott Clifford and to Regional chairpersons about:
 - desire to obtain RollArt equipment
 - Who they would train
 - If they have funds for the equipment or access to any equipment
 - c. Officials - No report
 - d. Regional Coaches Reps - Minutes in drive folder
 - Two letters from Chekon and Galleta that need a response from FSC
 - Conversation to follow focused on World Skate and how it works with our domestic program and better communication of our plans to use both to build USARS.
 - e. Academy Leaders - No report
3. Old Business
 - a. Announcement - Bios have been updated on website as well as committee names
 - b. Strategic Plan (PDF in drive folder)
 - Membership numbers - 2017-18
 - Officials- 263
 - Skater cards (all types)- 1978
 - Coaches- 345
 - Membership numbers - 2018-19
 - Officials- 275

- Skater Cards (all types)- 1129 (seems low according to Megan, cannot access Rsportz program for exact count)
 - Coaches- 346
 - Membership numbers - 2019-20
 - Officials- 206
 - Skater Cards (all types)- 537
 - Coaches- 341
- c. Need to increase membership and build skating in the US. Ideas:
 - i. Continue seminar series - Joyann, Lawaun, and Jodee to continue working on this
 - ii. better marketing
 - iii. retain skaters
 - iv. Considering the business side
 - v. Another contest after axel contest? - current contest has 4 entries to date
 - 1. Blooper “fail” contest - Janet and Joyann to work on flyer
- d. Nationals Discussion
 - i. Discussion on Open National qualifications
 - Per our August 27 meeting minutes “Doug moved that the FSC recommends to the Board of Directors that the 2021 National Championships be an Open Nationals (for 1 year only) and skaters must qualify by participating at the Regional Championship, Jodee seconded.”
 - Due to the fact that some regional championships could be cancelled due to COVID, this option was discussed.
 - Do we want to stick with this proposal? Heidi is asking for our proposal to be sent directly to her, Regional info needs to be sent out by end of month.
 - **Doug motioned for an open Nationals where a qualifying placement at the Regional Championships would not be required in order to attend. Motion passed by acclamation.**
 - ii. Order of Nationals to be confirmed by Joyann
- e. Jodee, Lawaun, Joyann - topics from Regional Reps (Juv/Elem B split, B team dance events, WS/domestic dance crossover)
 - Mentioned that overwhelming majority of coaches are in favor of the Juv/Elem B split
 - Tabled until the summer when we discuss requirements for next year and have a better idea on more current numbers
- f. Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events: no report
- g. Pan American Championships (Ecuador, Feb-Mar 2021) - no coaches have responded with interest in this competition

4. New Business

- a. Rollart app (Tony): no report
- b. Silver Moveup Rule (Jodee, John, Curt, Janet): no report
- c. Virtual Critique Proposal (in Drive folder along with feedback from RollArt committee)
 - Must hold a membership in order to enter
 - Free of charge for first video
 - Up to two additional for \$10 each
 - Anonymous judging and technical calling
- d. National Virtual Invitational
 - i. Members to look over proposal
 - ii. Vote by email January 20th, 2021
 - iii. Doug to email the proposal out
- e. Committee member movement and public communication thereof
 - i. Tabled for next meeting

5. Announcements

- a. Next regular meeting will be scheduled for **February 10th, 2021 8:30 PM EST.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:46pm EST. (Doug made motion, Jodee second) motion passed by acclamation.

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy

Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Joyann to send letters back to two letter submissions
- Continuing seminar series - Joyann, Lawaun, and Jodee to continue working on this
- Blooper contest - Janet and Joyann working on flyer
- Silver Move Up rule will be researched by John, Curt, Jodee, and Janet
- Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events
- Tony to research app development
- Everyone to review National Virtual Invitation and vote by email
- Doug to send email proposal for above competition for FSC vote

Action Items for other committees:

- none