

**Figure Sport Committee meeting December 16th, 2020 at 5:30 pm PST –**

*Attendees –*

*Doug Adams, Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson (athlete - Chair), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavidonis (non-voting), John Peck, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola, Megan Schuller – USARS Sports Advisor, Mykal Pedraza (Guest)*

*Absent –*

**Meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm PST.**

1. Guest Mykal Pedraza to speak on fundraising
  - a. COVID has made fundraising difficult
  - b. Mykal would like a “wishlist” from the FSC to have a focus for fundraising.
  - c. Mykal suggests
    - i. reinstating the silent auction at Nationals
    - ii. Using Facebook birthday Fundraising
    - iii. Continue with plan for Corporate fundraising especially focused on advertising during Nationals Live Feed
    - iv. Look into reinstating the 50/50 drawing for the World Team. Asked for Curt’s input as far as the laws in Iowa.
  - d. Send fundraising ideas to Mykal and Jodee
2. Approval of Minutes from November 18th, 2020 Meeting
  - a. **Doug moved that we approve the last meeting’s minutes, Jodee seconded. 8 ayes, 0 nays/abstentions. Motion passed.**
3. Updates
  - a. All new members have been approved by board. Joyann mentioned that we only have one non-voting member (Janet), but that we usually have 2. Heidi was meant to be our second but cannot take the spot due to her new position. Looking into finding out if the board can approve the 2nd runner up.
  - b. New Google Drive. Everyone present confirmed having access to this folder.
4. Updates from Sub-committees
  - a. Rules
    - i. Technical Manual in Drive folder (updated with minor changes compared to last draft sent to FSC with edits from Doug, none of which altered the meaning of definitions)

1. Curt is in the middle of reviewing; looking at the consistency in terminology and looking for a document that will endure over time
  2. Joyann suggested making a deadline of providing feedback by January 1st, 2021
- ii. Possible change in how rules questions are answered: First the question and potential answer will be sent to FSC allowing 24 h for comments from FSC members, if no comments/feedback/discussion, the answer will be sent to the asker. (Other opinions welcome on this format, just a suggestion)
    1. All members agreed this was a good idea.
    2. Janet posed that all responses on rules should come from the figure rules email instead of Jessica Gaudy's personal email. Megan said the email is not currently set up that way but that she will see if USARS has the email space to create this email so that we can send rule responses from that email.
- b. RollArt Technical Committee - Minutes and RollArt Equipment estimator in Drive folder
    - i. Scott compiled a technology list for running a RollArt panel. He also shared that USARS has 5 free licenses and any additional are \$500 each. In order to distribute RollArt to each region, each region should appoint a designated Data Operator who will be responsible for installing and updating the software as well as storing and maintaining the hardware.
      1. Joyann will reach out to Region Presidents to get a baseline for who is looking to purchase what as far as equipment
    - ii. Planning to run webinars for judges training with a goal of the first one being in Feb 2021
    - iii. They have begun discussions about the possibility of a virtual competition (likely very difficult and maybe not worth it but not impossible)
    - iv. Currently working on rewriting the B commission tests
  - c. Officials - No meeting since the last combined Officials/RollArt Tech meeting
    - i. The judges portion has been soliciting people who want to become involved in the judging field with several people taking the C exam. The B exam is more detailed as it involves some of the basic information included in the new scoring system (RollArt). There have been a few who took the exam and passed. The referee portion of their committee has had a slow start but a couple of skaters have taken the C exam.
  - d. Regional Coaches Reps - Minutes and Jotform results in Drive folder
    - i. Silver Moveup Rule, would we like to proceed on this? Regional Reps are willing to assist with this if FSC would like to move forward.
      1. Survey results are in favor of the rule

2. Jodee explained how the move up rule will help to create healthier competition in this level
  3. Curt mentions on the other hand how there is a retention issue with discouraging bronze level skaters who don't feel ready to move up to silver. Suggests fixing the rule so that the move up requirements are clear and simple so it is easy to enforce.
  4. Jodee suggests the requirements
  5. John, Curt and Jodee consulting with Janet on further research on this rule
- e. Academy Leaders - Minutes in Drive folder
- i. Coaches Certification Program - Level 1 tests being reformatted as needed
  - ii. Working on how to support and incorporate new Level 1 Coaches
- f. Subcommittee members who have left the FSC – do we need to replace them or would they like to remain on? (Rules, By-laws) Additionally, do any subcommittees need to be adjusted for the new year?
- i. Rules (Jessica - chair, Janet, Joyann)
    1. **Lawaun moves to keep Jessica, Janet, and Joyann on the rules committee. Seconded by Doug. 8 ayes. 0 Nays/abstentions. Motion passed.**
  - ii. By-laws (Ed-chair, Curt, Doug)
    1. **John motions to keep Curt, Ed, and Doug on the procedures committee. Jodee seconded. 8 ayes. 0 Nays/abstentions. Motion Passed.**
5. Old Business
- a. Jodee, Lawaun, Joyann - topics from Regional Reps (Juv/Elem B split, B team dance events, WS/domestic dance crossover)
    - i. Nothing to report. Need more time and more of a season to gather info.
  - b. Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events
    - i. Janet: presented research on the dance rotations
    - ii. Joyann proposed that Janet, Curt, and Tony continue to look into their rotation idea as a proposal for next season since many FSC members are in favor of the idea.
6. New Business
- a. Bios - need to update with new members: [Bios on USARS website here](#)
    - i. New members should submit their bios to Joyann
    - ii. Returning members should make any updates

- iii. These are due by January 1, 2021
- b. Discussion with Heidi (USARS President) about bringing value to our members
  - i. Suggestions for ways to provide value for having a USARS membership (example: a virtual competition including feedback from real judges, a competition for the best item, a zoom session to teach coaches and skaters about a specific topic). Looking for additional suggestions or ideas and what we think is best.
    - 1. Tony suggested an app to compile judging points and submissions
    - 2. Janet mentioned putting the development of such app on our fundraising wishlist for Mykal
    - 3. Janet shared an Axel through the Ages contest for USARS members with potential prizes
      - a. **Lawaun moved that we support this idea and send it to Heidi. Jodee seconded. 8 ayes, 0 nays/abstentions. Motion passed.**
- c. FSC reminders
  - i. Effective and timely communication
  - ii. Unified committee and every member has an important voice
  - iii. Confidentiality with information discussed during meeting and documents shared in Drive folder.

7. Tabled for next meeting

- a. Strategic Plan (PDF in drive folder)
  - i. Membership numbers - 2017-18
    - 1. Officials- 263
    - 2. Skater cards (all types)- 1978
    - 3. Coaches- 345
  - ii. Membership numbers - 2018-19
    - 1. Officials- 275
    - 2. Skater Cards (all types)- 1129 (seems low according to Megan, cannot access Rsporz program for exact count)
    - 3. Coaches- 346
  - iii. Membership numbers - 2019-20
    - 1. Officials- 206
    - 2. Skater Cards (all types)- 537
    - 3. Coaches- 341
- b. Need to increase membership and build skating in the US. Ideas: Continue seminar series, better marketing, how to retain skaters better (more ideas/suggestions/action items welcome)
- c. Nationals Discussion

- i. Should we begin to do any back-up planning and investigations for a virtual competition if it might be needed?
  - d. Other potential discussion items (pending a proposal and time): Rollart app/ranking system, Special Olympics events for Regionals/Nationals, and any other topic from 1:1 calls. Note: if you would like to discuss something not already on the agenda (including what is mentioned in the previous sentence), please leave a comment below so we can prioritize it:
8. Announcements
  - a. Next regular meeting will be scheduled for **January 13th, 2021 5:30 PM PST.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm PST. (Doug made motion, Jaymee second) 8 ayes, 0 nays/abstentions. Motion passed.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy

Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Feedback on technical manual to the rules committee by January 1st, 2021
- Megan looking into figure rules email can be converted to an active sending email account
- Joyann will reach out to Regional Presidents about RollArt Equipment
- Silver Move Up rule will be researched by John, Curt, Jodee, and Janet
- New and returning members should update bios by January 1st, 2021
- Jodee, Lawaun, Joyann continue researching Juv/Elem B split, B team dance events, WS/domestic dance crossover
- Janet, Curt, Tony - 3 year rotation of dances/figures in adult events
- Janet/Joyann to share Axel Through Ages contest with USARS
- Tony to research app development

Action Items for other committees: