

**Figure Sport Committee meeting November 17th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Present: Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jody Harrah, Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilonis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Kristen Taylor*

*Absent: Jodee Viola*

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

1. Approve October 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Lawaun moved to approve the minutes, Curt seconded. Motion approved by acclamation. Two abstentions.**
  
2. Elections
  - a. Curt nominated Joyann for the position of Chair. Joyann accepted.
  - b. Joyann nominated Janet for the position of Vice Chair. Janet accepted.
  - c. Curt nominated Jaymee for the position of Secretary. Jaymee accepted.
  - d. Jody nominated Lawaun for the position of Assistant Secretary. Lawaun accepted.
  - e. All four named to their respective positions due to no other nominees.
  
3. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. RollArt Committee
    - i. October meeting minutes can be found in our Drive folder.
    - ii. Presented over the weekend with season updates.
  - b. Regional Reps
    - i. Motion made by Carrie, second by Lawaun, to permit pairs and dance teams who have partners in different regions to submit entry fees to their own region for those events, but have their participation in the Regional Championship waived for the 2022 season, and to be revisited after that. Carried unanimously. Motion to be sent to FSC for discussion and forwarding to the Board.
    - ii. **Janet moved to adopt the motion request by the regional reps. Jody seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
      1. Discussion included the benefits of encouraging more partnerships and teams.
      2. Noted that Bob Styma would be able to keep track of this.
    - iii. Proposal from Jody, second by Gloria, that USARS needs to establish a contingency plan regarding medical byes for Covid-19-related illnesses within 10 days prior to the Regional Championships.
      1. Discussion included the current medical bye procedures and how those correlate with this proposal
      2. Also discussed that the executive board needs to clarify the medical bye procedure and how we can address this.
    - iv. Figure survey
      1. still waiting on results which will be forwarded to FSC
      2. Heidi is also working on gathering info from other federations
  - c. Bylaws

- i. Submitted Bylaws for review to FSC.
  - 4. Old Business
    - a. Requirements - dances
      - i. Donna Lee Tango
        - 1. Curt contacted the original creators to provide clarifications on the dance description. The creator suggested to use the description for the Harris Tango Double Pattern for step 15 since that is from where the step in question is inspired.
          - a. Curt realized this will not work exactly as worded so had a modified version written up.
    - b. Italian Foxtrot
      - i. Current version sent out for international domestic event is the new version from World Skate.
      - ii. Discussion included that the event should skate the women's steps from the original Italian Foxtrot.
      - iii. Kaitlyn to review the diagram and send out.
    - c. Daponte Doblax
      - i. Discussion included a lack of baseline.
      - ii. Noted that it is not always necessary but that in the future to consider updating the requirement of the dance drawings for the OCD event.
      - iii. Joyann suggested putting this on the rulebook subcommittee to update in the future.
    - d. Modern Dance Tempos
      - i. Jody, Kaitlyn, and Jaymee to begin organizing and determining tempos and dances to be used.
      - ii. Starlight (Senior) practice tempos (some are incorrect in the folder). Janet to update.
      - iii. Cadet/Youth Waltz - Ed Sheeran version may have an issue with the music (beat) dropping for a measure. Janet, Katelyn and Jaymee to listen and investigate with skaters.
    - e. World Team
      - i. Accounting for 2021 World Team is still being worked on. Still working on trying to get additional funding for this past season (still fighting to have staff expenses covered).
    - f. World Team Organizing/Fundraising
      - i. Tabled
5. New Business
  - a. World Skate Level 1 Coaches
    - i. Were all accepted and notified today
  - b. Ethics form/membership
    - i. All FSC members must be up to date on their USARS memberships
  - c. Bylaws
    - i. Discussion about competitors not being allowed on officials subcommittee (conflict of the interest)

1. Curt updated wording in Officials Subcommittee bylaws (member makeup)
2. Curt updated wording on how often this committee meets (from once a month to as needed)
- ii. Discussion about RollArt Technical Committee missing from Bylaws (as a standing committee)
- iii. Discussion on definition of “quorum”
  1. Curt to change the definition to a majority vote
- iv. Discussion about the amount of FSC members on subcommittees since many of our subcommittees do not have any FSC members - this stipulation was removed.
- v. Members to review the bylaws by end of the weekend.
- vi. Curt suggested to remove the calendar from the bylaws.
- d. Robin’s Split Region Question
  - i. Joyann to contact Robin once we hear back from the Exec Board.
- e. National Virtual Invitational
  - i. Discussion on whether or not we still need it due to the availability of in-person meets
  - ii. Suggestion to put out a participation survey
  - iii. Discussed the large workload required to do this.
  - iv. Discussed other possibilities including critiques/judging for RollArt events.
  - v. Discussed how this event was a valuable tool for training judges, officials, coaches, and skaters as far as RollArt
  - vi. Joyann to reach out to RollArt Technical Committee about timing and format for an event like this.
- f. National Meet Director
  - i. Discussed putting out a call for applications to be voted on at our next meeting.
  - ii. Joyann to ask Brent to add a call for applicants in the news blast.
- g. World Team Coach/Manager
  - i. Discussed putting out a call for applicants.
- h. World Team Seamstress
  - i. Discussed putting out a call for bids with a three year contract with potential to expand.
    1. Applicant must be able to commit to the three year contract
    2. Applicant must be able to create costumes in between nationals and worlds.
    3. Applicant must be able to provide a rough design.
- i. Junior Quartet and Junior Precision for Worlds
  - i. **Janet made a motion to add the World Skate Junior Quartet and World Skate Junior Precision events to elite section of Nationals. Curt Seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
- j. Governance
  - i. Tabled
- k. New season rules presentation

- i. Joyann, Jody, and Jaymee to meet to work on this. This will have a domestic focus.

Next meeting scheduled for December 15th, 2021 at 8:30pm EST.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:52pm EST. (Janet made motion, Curt seconded) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy  
Secretary

**Action Items for Members of FSC:**

- Joyann to send “split region team” motion to board.
- Joyann to bring the COVID medical bye questions to the executive board.
- Curt to send Donna Lee description correction to the creator to be updated.
- Kaitlyn to review the Italian Foxtrot diagram for the International Domestic event.
- Janet to contact the creators of the Barsalona Bosa Nova for a diagram to include short and long axis.
- Cadet/Youth coaches to take a look at skaters practicing with Ed Sheeran (132 Waltz) to see issue where beat cuts out.
- FSC members to finishing reviewing bylaws and email questions by end of weekend.
- Joyann to reach out to RollArt Technical Committee about timing and format for an event like this.
- Joyann to ask Brent to add a call for national meet director, world team manager, and world team coach applicants in the news blast.

**Action Items for other committees:**

- Rulebook subcommittee to look at updating the OCD rules for more detailed diagrams including the short and long axis.