

Figure Sport Committee meeting September 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm PST –

Attendees –

Doug Adams, David Adamy (left at 7:03pm), Joyann Barber (athlete), Tony Berger, Curt Craton, Ed Harney, Jaymee Meloy (athlete, left at 7:07pm), Lawaun Modrich (voting in place of Curt), Janet Pavilonis, John Peck (voting in place of Tony for first motion, voting in place of David for last 2 motions), Jodee Viola, Pat Jacques – USARS Figure Advisor, Megan Schuller – USARS Sports Advisor

Absent – Curt Craton

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order at 5:38 pm PST.

1. Approval of Minutes from 8/12 and 8/27 Meetings
 - a. **David moved that we approve the last two meeting's minutes, Doug seconded.**
 - i. **Motion passed by acclamation.**
2. Updates from Sub-committees & mini committees
 - a. Request from Board Chairman to change the term of mini committees as this is not recognized in by-laws.
 - i. From this point forward, the term “mini committee” will be changed to “directives” for specific members and tasks of the committee.
 - b. Rules subcommittee
 - i. Rules subcommittee (with Vickie Bateman) has Technical Manual glossary and figure table almost ready to send out to FSC for approval (in next week or so).
 - ii. Jessica sent in a rules question about skating out of region for a local meet, FSC agreed that it was up to the league to make their own rules and policies.
 - c. Update on Building Skating Webinar directive (Lawaun, Joyann, Janet, David)
 - i. There have been about 25 responses so far. Megan will send it out to all figure on Thursday September 10 and Lawaun will ask Regional Reps to send out.
 - d. Regional reps (necessity and potential plans for implementation of a silver move-up rule if needed)
 - i. The Reps minutes state that this was missed previously when it was directed to them and was not asked directly by the membership so they were not aware. However, this has been added to the Regional Reps agenda and they are currently looking into this.
 - e. Update on International Competition rules/by-laws directive (Ed, Tony, Doug)
 - i. This is critical to be completed due to the upcoming Pan American Championships. They will finalize the document and send to FSC for approval.
 - f. Officials committee to give webinar for becoming a referee or meet director. Officials committee also to help develop criteria to recruit a minimum of one official per category for each region.
 - i. RollArt Technical Committee is having a combined meeting with Officials Committee to discuss recruiting officials. *Directive to Ed to ask officials committee for help with recruiting and giving webinar.*
 - g. RollArt Technical Committee
 - i. Licenses for RollArt system. Discussion about getting some of the larger regions the RollArt system. USARS only has a limited number of RollArt licenses. There have been some requests for using RollArt from a region and club so far. *Directive from Chair to RollArt Tech Committee and Officials Committee to provide criteria for FSC to approve RollArt license usage.*
3. Old Business
 - a. Academy Leaders proposal for coaches certification. (Ed forwarded email from Vickie to FSC)
 - i. Discussion about the process of approval of this new program (would need to go to Board). Discussion about this being started by Academy Leaders when they were a sub-committee of FSC and now they have been separated. Discussion about the tests and whether or not they would be sent with the

proposal. Discussion about what Academy Leaders are looking for from FSC which was answered to be feedback.

1. **Joyann moved that all FSC members send feedback about the Coaches proposal to each other by September 23 so that it can be sent to Academy Leaders on September 24, David seconded.**

Motion passed by acclamation.

- b. Investigation of three year rotation for adult events (beginning next season)
 - i. *Tabled until after board meeting (due to potential new members joining and old members leaving)*
 - c. Update from Megan about technology that our committee can use for future presentations.
 - i. Google Meet was determined to be the best (free with G suite), can have up to 250 attendees, able to screen share and show video. One concern is that it may not have a record meeting function but Megan believes it does. Megan will have Technology committee update us and Academy Leaders following their meeting.
 - d. End of season items. Juv/Elem B free/solo split, Fresh/Soph B team change to Open B team, eliminate crossover between domestic and world skate dance events
 - i. *Tabled until after board meeting (due to potential new members joining and old members leaving)*
4. New Business
- a. World Skate Academy for coaches, judges, and technical specialists to be run online beginning in October 2020 and February 2021.
 - i. Janet created a JotForm for coaches to apply for this Level 1 for this academy.
 - ii. **Janet moved that we send out the application to receive coaches resumes on September 11, Tony seconded.**

Motion passed by acclamation.
 - b. Pan American Championship competition in February 2021. This competition is the qualifier for the Junior Pan American Games (Cali, Colombia, September 2021).
 - i. **Joyann moved that we send out the Pan American Championship flyer and JotForm in the newsblast on September 18, Tony seconded.**

Motion passed by acclamation.
 - ii. Ed discussed with Michael Jacques that there is not money available to send a coach or manager and maybe not to send a judge. Ed will ask RollArt Technical Committee for recommendations and guidelines on whether we need to send a judge and if there are any requirements. Jodee volunteered to take this to Mykal and the fundraising committee.
 - c. Distribution of bulletin from World Skate about figures for 2021, men's solo dance for 2021, and requirements staying the same for 2021. *Megan will add this to the blast for September 11.*
5. Discussion about changing meeting time/day beginning in November once new members have joined
6. Announcements
- a. Next regular meeting will be scheduled for **October 7 5:30 PM PST.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm PST. (Lawaun made motion, John second)

Submitted

Joyann Barber

Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

Megan to send out Building Skating webinar advertisement to figure members on September 10; also to send out World Skate bulletin from July 24 and Coaches Academy blurb/jotform on September 11; Pan American Championship flyer and Jotform to be included on September 18 newsblast. Megan to have technology committee send update to FSC and Academy Leaders following next meeting.

Lawaun to ask coaches reps to send out Building Skating webinar advertisement.

Doug, Ed, and Tony to send international competition document to FSC for approval.

Ed to ask officials committee for help with recruiting and giving webinar.

ALL members provide feedback on Academy Leaders coach proposal by September 23.

Jodee to talk to Mykal/fundraising about raising money to send a judge to Pan American Championships

Action Items for other committees:

Rules subcommittee

Send technical manual glossary and figure table to FSC for approval

Regional Reps subcommittee

Investigate necessity and develop plans for implementation of a silver move-up rule if needed

Officials Subcommittee

Officials committee to give webinar for becoming a referee or meet director. Officials committee also to help develop criteria to recruit a minimum of one official per category for each region.

RollArt Technical Subcommittee and Officials Committees:

Provide criteria for FSC to approve RollArt license usage.