



Speed Committee Meeting - Dec 16th 2021

ATTENDEES

Gypsy Lucas	Erin Jackson
Kelly Springer	McKenzie Browne
Tony Cabral	Caleb Wakefield
Megan Schuller - Non-voting	
Mary Allmond	
Jay Ingram	
Deborah Alpers	
Patricia Leazier	

Meeting started at 9:00pm EST

Note: Plan to get the regional reps engaged under the guidelines & help Sammy achieve accountability of the reps & their regions. Heidi has offered to help them understand and get in line with the system.

AGENDA

1. Discuss the 2021 World Championships
2. Establish Race Schedule for 2022
 - 2.1. Camps and Clinics
 - 2.2. World Games (Alabama is not interested in World Skate or USARS help) (why do we only have 2 entries)
 - 2.3. World Games Qualifier
 - 2.4. 400m Flat Track Nationals
 - 2.5. World Roller Games Team Selection / Banked Track Nationals / Road Nationals
 - 2.6. International Opportunities
3. Other Business

DISCUSSION AREAS

1. **Discuss the 2021 World Championships**

- Committee discussed the World Championships, and each staff member shared their thoughts and concerns.
- Gypsy requested staff provide documented feedback to share with the Board by Jan 5th if possible. This way Heidi can give feedback to World Skate.
- Committee discussed working on continuing to improve our processes to include further investigating the use of our own transportation, accommodations, and meals by using an Airbnb option vs Host Country package option.

2. **Establish Race Schedule for 2022**

- Tony agreed to create a calendar of current sanctioned events to assist in planning Race and Camp Schedules.

2.1. **Camps and Clinics**

- Committee discussed planning of Camps and Clinics for the 2022 Season
- Colorado and Florida are the likely locations of possible camps
- Kelly will investigate Colorado options and see what requirements are in place regarding Covid-19. He indicated and committee agreed that its unwise to alienate a large portion of our membership through requiring vaccinations and so Colorado may prove difficult to plan if they have those requirements.
- Committee discussed the Florida location and the successful camp from 2018.
- Jay suggested looking into getting the Brian Piccolo road course's asphalt resurfaced (not just for camps, but for possible Future championships) and was tasked with contacting current members Michael Garcia & Vanessa Ayala for help and possible contacts in the area.
- Patty has local contact in her area that does asphalt re-surfacing and agreed to reach out for rough estimates for the Committee as soon as she can get the Road track dimensions and specs.
- March 17th – 20th was discussed for a USARS Florida Training Camp at Brian Piccolo Park and Velodrome with the 20th being a race day.
- Committee agreed we need to do an application for Camp Lead Coaches
- Deborah suggested that the Florida Camp would be a good opportunity to start creating the USARS video library discussed in the past by videoing in each group level. Agreed by all.

2.2. **World Games (Alabama is not interested in World Skate or USARS help) (why do we only have 2 entries)**

- Committee discussed World Games and possible dates for qualifier.
- Jay inquired about Host country having only 2 entries – in the past it has been 3 entries. Committee agreed this should be a question for USOC? or UUEE?
- Kelly agreed to message our Sports Performance contacts regarding 2 entries vs 3 entries.
- Kelly confirmed portal entry will be required 30 days prior to World Games.
- Kelly will continue trying to be liaison with someone regarding World Games in Alabama

2.3. **World Games Qualifier**

- Committee discussed Word Games Qualifier event. All agree we need dates for Alabama before we can set our event dates.
- Committee also discussed the possibility that a Banked track may not be completed in time for World Games and it may end up being on a Flat track.
- Several Dates discussed and committee agreed to put a pin on possible dates keeping in mind that a portal entry would be required 30 days prior to World Games. Dates Pinned are:
 - April 29, 30, and 1st.
 - May 6, 7, and 8th.
 - May 13, 14, and 15th.
 - June 10, 11, and 12th. (May not be possible due to portal deadline)

2.4. **400m Flat Track Nationals**

- Committee discussed and agreed that continuing this event would be beneficial. Continuing as the Labor Day event.
- Committee discussed the continuation of the “Labor Day Event” and it could be designated as the Bank and Road Championships while alternating “Bank and Road” one year and just “Road” the alternate year.
- Committee discussed and agreed that Flat Track championships should be put out for bid each time we do it.
- Committee discussed feasibility of doing a Flat Track Event in May or June allowing Invite of all divisions and allowing the ability of having the Senior Qualification for World Games at the same time.

2.5. **World Roller Games Team Selection / Banked Track Nationals / Road Nationals**

- Committee discussed and agreed that for 2022 over Labor Day (September) we will do Banked Track and Road Championships in Florida or Colorado.
- World Championships portal deadline would be due by September 24th. Since Worlds starts October 24th.

2.6. **International Opportunities**

- April has several European events planned to include: Giesingen Arena, Gross-Gerau, Trois Pistes.

3. **Other Business**

- Discussion on New Documents for Committee Members to sign will be available in coming weeks.
- Committee discussed inviting the Officials Chair to attend our meetings as a guest. All were in agreement.

FUTURE DISCUSSION TOPICS

Qualification system for 2022 & future (100m specialist) (marathon specialist) (how many athletes to take) **Tabled on 12/16/2021 to be discussed next meeting.**

International Opportunities

Update our officials' credentials and rebuild the outdoor and international official presence!

Discuss our direction in establishing the sub committees that we started on over the last few months.

Proposal North Central **Tabled on 12/16/2021 to be discussed next meeting.**

Last Meeting Follow-up

- None - The committee rolled right into current business.

New Business

- None

Committee Actions

Motion to Adjourn by Mary Allmond and 2nd by Deborah Alpers

Meeting concluded at 11:05 pm EST

Meeting Addendum: *72 hours after this meeting World Skate announced World Games qualifiers which was contrary to the Speed Committee's available information. Speed Committee will communicate with World Skate on the previous rules of 3 athletes and reconvene for further event preparation*

Minutes compiled by: T. Cabral