

**Figure Sport Committee meeting December 15th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Present: Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jody Harrah, Jaymee Meloy (athlete - late arrival - 9:15), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavidonis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Kristen Taylor*

*Absent: Curt Craton*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm EST. Meeting officially started at 9:30pm EST when guests departed.**

1. Discussion with Natalie Motley about Inline Structure
  - a. Meeting opened with a presentation by guest Natalie Motley regarding the new-found popularity of in-line skating and her request to add events to accommodate varying ages and abilities of in-line skaters.
  - b. Her presentation was shared with the FSC for consideration.
2. Discussion with Heidi Permatteo about figures at the World Championships
  - a. Heidi Permatteo came on as a guest to discuss the removal of figures from the World Championships.
  - b. She has been holding Zoom meetings with coaches from around the world to discuss how to bring figures back.
  - c. Heidi referenced minutes from the FSC meeting of 8/7/19: “World Skate is removing figures from Worlds effective 2021. Discussion about joining forces with some other countries to express unhappiness about this decision towards World Skate” and asked that we as the FSC compose a letter to send to World Skate through Megan at USARS emphasizing our request that figures be returned to the Championships.
3. Approve November 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - a. **Lawaun moved to approve the minutes, Jody seconded. Motion approved by acclamation. One abstention.**
4. Reports from sub committees
  - a. Bylaws - tabled due to Curt’s absence
  - b. Regional Reps
    - i. Discussion about using in-region judges for regionals due to several overlapping regionals
    - ii. Questioning about rules as far as the ratio of in-region and out-of-region judges
    - iii. **Lawaun motioned to suspend rule GR 10.04.04 for the 2021-2022 season. Jodee seconded. Approved by acclamation.**
      1. Joyann to clarify the rule at the board level.
    - iv. Open Nationals - mentioned as a potential topic of discussion but no longer is needed
  - c. Officials
    - i. Ed Harney elected chair

- ii. Discussed trainings for World Skate and domestic officials, and World Skate officials requirements
- 5. Old Business
  - a. Requirements
    - i. Curt updated the Donna Lee Tango
    - ii. Janet created 3rd version of the dance PDF - ready for publication
  - b. Music (dance)
    - i. Goal to have contemporary music out by 1st of the year
    - ii. Working on spot checking for tempo, rhythm, etc.
    - iii. Some songs may need editing/tempo changes still
    - iv. WS and other musics ready for publication (Janet)
  - c. World Team organizing/World Team fundraising (tabled)
  - d. NVI
    - i. RollArt Tech Committee is in support of this type of meet again.
    - ii. Patricia suggested putting out a questionnaire as far as participation (for coaches and skaters) - directive to Joyann to prepare this questionnaire
  - e. New season rules presentation
    - i. Joyann reported that progress is slowed on this due to holidays
    - ii. Suggested to move to after America's Cup and present at end of January
- 6. New Business
  - a. National Meet Director
    - i. **Janet moved to nominate Ed Harney as National Meet Director. Jody seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
    - ii. Meet director questions answered
      - 1. World Skate elite/youth events should be first, then A, B and lastly Adult
      - 2. Yes, seminar time is needed. Scheduling similar to last year worked well. Positioning between A and B could work well. Also considering toward the end of skating as to not disrupt skater technique during competition
      - 3. Social Skate - B/adult time would be the best time. Discussed that it could save time to leave it out. If it fits into the schedule would be great, if it's adding an extra day - remove. Discussed that precautions would need to be taken to ensure floor cleanliness. Also discussed perhaps doing an afternoon time instead of evening time. Also discussed doing a one hour each social skate split up. It could be helpful to pair with the seminars
  - b. World Team Coach/manager
    - i. Vicki named team coach
    - ii. Committee wants additional info from applicants and clarification of job description set out and verification that applicants can fulfill
  - c. Governance - Jodee
    - i. Discussed sending email to WORLDSKATE asking what the proper procedures are for sending proposals and what is the process on determining an outcome

- d. Discussion about Regionals requirements
  - i. Janet noticed and discussed a lack of consistency amongst regional rules and reqs
  - ii. Further discussion tabled to next meeting
- e. Requirement draw date and discussion
  - i. Date to be voted on by email
- f. Inline (tabled)
  - i. To be discussed and voted on by email
- g. Figures
  - i. Discussed drafting letter to World Skate about keeping figures in World Meet
  - ii. **Jodee made a motion to write a letter to World Skate to reinstate figures at the World level. Lawaun seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
    1. Jodee to draft letter to World Skate about reinstating figures

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12th, 2021

**Meeting adjourned at 11:12pm EST. (Lawaun made motion, Jaymee seconded) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy  
Secretary

**Action Items for Members of FSC:**

- Joyann to clarify the general rule at the board level.
- Jodee to draft letter to World Skate about reinstating figures

**Action Items for other committees:**

- New rules presentation committee to meet and be ready by January meeting