

**Figure Sport Committee meeting May 12th, 2021 at 8:30 pm EST –**

*Attendees – Doug Adams, Tony Berger (arrived at 9:00pm), Curt Craton, Joyann Donaldson (athlete, Chair), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Lawaun Modrich, Janet Pavilionis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Jodee Viola (arrived late)*

*Absent – none*

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

1. Approve April 7th Meeting Minutes and email vote on officials
  - a. **Doug moved to approve the minutes, Curt seconded. Motion approved by acclamation**
2. Email Vote on Judges Panel for Nationals
  - a. **Doug moved to approve the updated judges panel, Curt seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
3. World Skate compulsory and free dance combined event tabulation
  - a. **Doug moved to determine the combined champion of World Skate dance events (mini through youth) by totalling RollArt scores from both events (Free Dance determines the tie break). Curt seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  - b. Doug suggested contacting Styma. Joyann is going to contact him.
4. Reports from sub committees and special committees
  - a. Rules - all rules questions have been sent to FSC for approval prior to sending to submitter, update on Officials Rulebook
    - i. Rule for combined dance events
      1. **Doug moved to determine the combined champion of World Skate dance events (mini through youth) by totalling RollArt scores from both events (Free Dance determines the tie break). Curt seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
      2. Doug suggested contacting Styma. Joyann is going to contact him.
    - ii. Doug said the Rulebook will be done by Nationals
  - b. Procedures - update on bylaws (Note: these can be suggestions in bullet point format as the Board makes the bylaws)
    - i. Curt discussed that this is not in progress
  - c. RollArt Technical Committee - Proposal in drive - Use of Qualified Athletes for Rollart Technical Panels at the 2021 US Nationals
    - i. **Doug moved to approve the proposal, Curt seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**

- d. Officials - no minutes sent to Joyann since last meeting, but they had meeting to discuss National officials, John Lehni has resigned from this sub-committee.
  - i. Al Taglang is on the committee as a non-voting member and is now voting in his place.
- e. Regional Coaches Reps - minutes in drive, Proposals from reps include:
  - i. Revisit the proposal allowing a 65+ year old coach to compete in the Silver Division. This proposal was voted on by the coaches and passed by all nine Regions in 2019.
    - 1. Jodee discussed that this could affect the work going on with the Silver move up rule
    - 2. Joyann agreed that this proposal could only work IF a Silver moveup rule were in place
    - 3. Joyann recommended discussing this further when drawing up the requirements
  - ii. Encourage the subcommittee that is working on the Adult structure to put a Silver move up rule in place that would take effect based on the results of the 2021-2022 National competition. We will forward the detailed ideas sent to the Reps for the subcommittee to review.
    - 1. Tabled
  - iii. Recommend changing at least 2 dances between the Adult divisions 1,2, and 3. Leave 4 dances the same which helps local contests combine the divisions to keep competition strong throughout the season. A task force was set up to propose possible dances for our review at their next meeting.
    - 1. Tabled
  - iv. Find a way to give the youth A freestyle back. Consider the free style portion of Robyn's proposal for the 2021-2022 skating season.
    - 1. Tabled
  - v. Lessen the 2021-2022 requirements for the following Youth A events:
    - 1. Tabled

<b>Event</b>	<b>Take Out</b>	<b>Replace With</b>
Prim A SD	Put Academy Blues and Balanciaga in separate groups	
Juv A Fig	27	26
Juv A SD	Mary Lee Foxtrot	Carey Foxtrot
Elem A SD	Swing Dance	Mary Lee Foxtrot

	Carey Foxtrot	Dore Foxtrot
Fresh/Soph B SD	Rhythm Blues	Swing Schottische
Soph A SD	Continental Waltz	Rotation Foxtrot
	Carroll Swing	Metropolitan Tango

- vi. Academy Leaders - no minutes sent to Joyann since last meeting, Joyann & Vickie met with Heidi

#### 5. Old Business

- a. Building skating webinar series (Jodee, Lawaun, Katelyn)
  - i. Current idea for next webinar - Coaching as a business, tips for new coaches
- b. Coaches recognition program (Lawaun, Doug) - Document in drive folder
  - i. Lawaun discussed club awards (these encourage building/adding new members and skater retention). Awards include T-shirts and three plaques.
  - ii. This is something that could start in 2022.
  - iii. Doug questioned how far back we can look to check on membership data for the past 6 years.
  - iv. Tony mentioned that for some skaters Regionals is far so that it may be an unfair requirement.
  - v. Katelyn mentioned how a skater like her who is a “transplant” would count in this type of reward system.
- c. NVI update
  - i. It’s over as far as competition and scoring.
  - ii. Overall a success though lower participation in singles and dance
  - iii. Took longer than anticipated as far as making/posting videos and results
- d. Silver moveup (Curt, Jodee, Janet)
  - i. Curt presented a detailed proposal
  - ii. Lawaun mentioned that the move up rule being determined by 8 competitors could be problematic since the youth events move up based on 6 competitors.
  - iii. Joyann mentioned that two years for moving down may be too soon as it caused problems with a rotating champion every year.
  - iv. Joyann mentioned putting the move up rule in a survey to receive feedback from the membership.
  - v. Jodee mentioned that some of the Gold requirements may need to be revisited due to physical restrictions.

- vi. Lawaun suggested making some corrections on the proposal based on our discussion and put it to a vote at the next meeting.
- e. Adult only invitational
  - i. Potentially for Winter 2022
  - ii. Looking for volunteers (coaches/skaters) to help plan and promote the event.
  - iii. Jodee mentioned reaching out to some people who could help with the planning of this event.
- f. Domestic Program discussion
  - i. Jodee wants us to think critically about our current requirements
  - ii. Lawaun mentioned that many recommendations by the coaches are in line with Jodee's thoughts.
- g. Increasing Rollart understanding seminar (Janet, Tony, Joyann)
  - i. Joyann discussed the definition of RollArt as a scoring system and is not aligned with a particular country.
  - ii. Plan for seminar is on a Sunday with an open Q&A at the end.
- h. Critique event (Tony/Katelyn)
  - i. Tabled

## 5. New Business

- a. AMA question discussion - With so many events offered, at the local level most events will either not run or have minimal participation. Would the FSC consider scaling back the number of events offered so our local contests will have more skaters per event? Having someone to skate again will foster participation while being the only person in an event skating "for a score" will not. We have seen this time and time again where skaters do not participate in local contests because they've been the only skater contest after contest. Thank you
  - i. Joyann drafted a response explaining that local meets are at liberty to combine any events they would like in order to create competition.
  - ii. Curt pointed out this could be footnoted so that local meet directors know this.
- b. Discussion about seminars for Nationals (and dinner/banquet?)
  - i. Joyann brought up adding another meeting to get the seminars and requirements done.
  - ii. Doug brought up adding two more
  - iii. Jodee discussed getting as much done through email as possible.
  - iv. Joyann said email could be used to start seminar ideas.
  - v. Janet felt we could try to hold seminars while competition is going on

- vi. Jodee mentioned putting something out to the membership as far as suggestions
- c. Pairs discussion (Doug)
  - i. Tabled
- d. Begin discussion 2022 Requirements (excel sheet in drive)
  - i. Tabled
- e. Chasse Waltz (Jaymee)
  - i. Tabled

Next meeting scheduled for June 2nd, 2021 at 8:30pm EST.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:42pm EST. (Doug made motion, Jodee second) motion passed by acclamation.**

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy  
Secretary

Action Items for Members of FSC:

- Joyann to contact Styra about combined dance event scoring
- Joyann to attach the RollArt technical committee proposal to the minutes
- Joyann to attach the silver moveup rule proposal to minutes
- Everyone: look over the requirements in the drive!
- Everyone: Look over the loops that Doug sent out
- Everyone: Be responsive to email discussion as far as seminar ideas.

Action Items for other committees: