

Minutes
2024 USA Roller Sports
Annual Spring Board of Directors Zoom Meeting
April 26 & 27, 2024

USA Roller Sports President Heidi Permatteo called the meeting to order in closed Executive Session at 7:35pm CT on Friday, April 26, 2024, via Zoom.

The following USA Roller Sports Board members were present: Heidi Permatteo - USARS President, Stephen Carter - USARS Vice-President, Kelly Springer, Scott Bartell, Michelle Higby, Joe Hanna, Ed Harney, Allison Kiger, Patricia Leazier, Joyann Donaldson, and Erin Jackson. Kevin Houseknecht, William Mihay, James Trussell and Dustin Roux were absent. Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Executive Director and Stanley L - treasurer were also present.

Heidi welcomed the Board members to the meeting. Topics of discussion were: Hall of Fame/Honors Committee report, update of USOPC's Audit, Bylaws, Inline Hockey, and Strategic Plan . Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm CT.

USA Roller Sports Annual Spring meeting started on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 10:06am CT. The following Board members were present: Heidi Permatteo - USARS President, Stephen Carter - USARS Vice President, Patricia Leazier, Scott Bartell, Joe Hanna, James Trussell, Joyann Donaldson, Allison Kiger, Ed Harney, Erin Jackson, Kelly Springer, Justin Sulley, Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Executive Director, and Stanley L - treasurer. Dustin Roux, William Mihay, and Kevin Houseknecht were absent.

Guests that were at the meeting throughout the day were: Brent Benson - office staff, Samuel Johnson, Justin Bradford, Buggy Allmond, Robin Pendergast, Jody Harrah, Annelie Anderson, Carrie Youngren, Bryce Robinson, Reggie Brown, Fred Bergeron, Charlene Ingram, Cory Locke, Tom Attkins, Nick Saccomanno, Scott Ferguson, and Misty Greer.

Heidi greeted Board members and guests.

Motion: Patty Leazier made the motion to ratify the approval of the 2023 Fall Board meeting minutes. 2nd by Joe Hanna - motion passed unanimously

Heidi asked if there were a new potential conflicts of interest since the last Board meeting.

Heidi Permatteo declared her athlete is trying out for the World Skate Figure Cup.
Scott Bartell declared his athlete is trying out for the World Skate Figure Cup.
James Trussell declared his daughter is trying out for the Rink Hockey World Team.
Allison Kiger declared her skater is trying out for the Artistic World Team.

C - Unfinished Business

C -1 Update on Strategic Plan. Ricci reported to the Board that the USOPC is reviewing USA Roller Sports draft of the Strategic Plan. The sport committees will be reached out for their 1-3-5 year plans. Ricci stated the overall strategic plan, including an update and discussion of the KPIs, was discussed with the Board on April 26th in closed session.

C -2 USA Roller Sports App - tabled

C - 3 Extreme Sport Committee. Heidi and Stephen have been in contact with potential candidates. Candidates have been encouraged to apply for the committee this coming fall.

C - 4 Sport Committee Guidelines - tabled

D - New Business

D - 1 Presentation for potential 2025 Indoor National Championship venues Ocala FL and Reno, NE.

Corey Locke and Rodney from Ocala presented a video for the Board members to view. Ocala has a mobile app. Expo center #2, on the property, is where the potential event would be hosted. The building is large enough to host two floors. There are 250 parking spots as well as a RV park on the premises with 270 slips.

Nick Saccomanno spoke on the behalf of Reno's . Reno's property where the potential event is attached to the Atlantis Resort. There is a possibility of obtaining a pass system for buses to get from downtown to the potential venue.

Ricci will set up site tours and report back to the Board.

D - 2 World Skate Games 2024 USA warmups. Sport committees reviewed bids and submitted their recommendations. The Board discussed one vendor for all sports.

Motion: Joyann Donaldson made the motion to accept CCN as Team USA warmup provider for all teams. 2nd by Allison Kiger - motion passed unanimously

D - 3 Ratify World Skate Figure Cup Team Staff - motion was previously approved.

D - 4 Sport80 potential ad ons. Board had a brief discussion. This item is office related. No action taken.

E - National Office and Confederation Reports

E - 1 President's report. Heidi thanked the Board for allowing her to retain her position so that she could see through projects such as the World Skate Resolution. She also thanked the staff for all of the their hard work they put in throughout the year. Heidi thanked Stephen for his continued support and guidance.

Heidi reported that membership is continuing to grow. USA Roller Sports is looking forward to the 2024 National Championship being at home in Lincoln NE. This year at the World Skate Roller Games, USA Roller Sports will be having representation in all of the 8 sports it governs.

Lastly, Heidi thanked Ricci Porter-Kmetz for doing an absolute outstanding job as Executive Director. Ricci has done an amazing job with the USOPC Audit as well as USA Roller Sports Safe Sport Audits.

E - 2 Executive Director's Report – Ricci thanked the office staff for their work throughout the year. The staff is currently working on Trials and USARS' multi-roller sport national events. Ricci also thanked the Board for their continued work and stated the staff is very thankful for the amount of time Heidi Permatteo puts into ensuring organizational success. Ricci gave an updated on current projects with timelines for completion.

E - 3 Museum Report - moved to later in the agenda to accommodate guest giving the report.

E - 4 Foundation Report - Annelle Anderson reported the Foundation has been working on funding more athletes. The Foundation has a good working relationship. The annual Foundation meeting was held again at the USA Roller Sports office during the National Championship.

F Committee Reports

F - 1 Culture Roll Sport Committee - Reggie Brown reported to the Board they held their first competition during September in Detroit. Culture Roll held a demo of the different styles. They are working on education for style.

The committee is working into getting into schools. There are 10 different schools they are speaking with.

The committee hopes to hold a demonstration at the National Championship. They are also working on a rules book.

F - 2 Artistic Sport Committee - Joyann Donaldson gave the report for the chair. Multiple skaters attended international competitions with one skater received gold in the solo dance event.

The committee has created task forces. Their subcommittee is working on education for coaches.

Motion: Allison Kiger made the motion to approve the ASC minutes. 2nd by Kelly Springer - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Joyann Donaldson made the motion to approve the ASC motions. 2nd by Joe Hanna - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Allie Kiger made the motion to approve the Team USA handbook. 2nd by Patty Leazier - motion passed. 1 - abstention

F - 3 Inline Hockey Sport Committee. No one was present to give a verbal report.

Motion: Scott Bartell made the motion to approve the Inline Hockey minutes. 2nd by James Trussell - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Joyann Donaldson made the motion to approve the Inline Hockey motions. 2nd by Scott Bartell - motion passed unanimously.

F - 4 Rink Hockey Sport Committee. James Trussell gave the report.

James was happy to report the rink hockey team earned a bronze at the Pan American Championship in Colombia moving the Team into the top eight for WSG. It was the first time since the 90s that a US men's team has placed this high.

The rink hockey committee is working well together. They are grateful for having Brent Sisson as their chair.

Motion: Kelly Springer made the motion to approve the Rink Hockey minutes. 2nd by Joe Hanna - motion passed unanimously.

F - 5 Roller Derby Sport Committee - Stephen Carter gave the board the update. For this year's World Skate Roller Games in Italy, the same team from 2022 will remain the same. (Roller Derby was cancelled in 2022).

Domestic rule set will be finalized before the National Championship.

Motion: Joe Hanna made the motion to approve the Roller Derby minutes. 2nd by Scott Bartell - motion passed. 1 abstention.

F - 6 Scooter Sport Committee - no minutes received in time for the Board meeting. Ricci gave the Board an update. Scooter hosted tournaments this season. The National Championship is going to be held on July 11th in Salt Lake City, UT at the State Fair Park.

F - 7 Speed Sport Committee - Robin Pendergast, chair, gave the report to the Board. Next season the committee is working on a grassroots division, clinics (& locations), and testing for coaches and officials. The committee is also working creating a bid process for ODN.

Both the committee and the coaches reps are looking at creating criteria for future IND World Championship.

Motion: Patty Leazier made the motion to approve the speed committee's minutes. 2nd by Kelly Springer - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Kelly Springer made the motion to approve the speed motions and note the 1st motion goes into effect immediately. The 1/18/24 motion will start on on the 2024/2025 season. 2nd by Joyann Donaldson - motion passed. 1 abstention
*(First motion is just a clarification)

Break 1:50pm - 2:20pm

Meeting went back to agenda item E - 3 Museum report

E - 3 Nellie Lillie, National Roller Skating Museum's Vice President, thanked USA Roller Sports Board and staff for all they do for the museum. The annual raffle ticket fundraiser will about to start.

Nellie Lillie also gave an update from World Skate America. The Pan Am Championship will be held in the beginning of July. This Championship will be the country qualifier for the Junior Pan Am Games. Age cut off (for the Junior age event) still needs to be determined.

F- 8 Finance Stanley Lebowskiz - Treasurer, thanked the finance committee. He reported that the committee holds monthly meetings.

Motion: James Trussell made the motion to approve the Finance Committee minutes. 2nd by Patty Leazier - motion passed unanimously.

F - 12 Honors and Hall of Fame - report was tabled.

G Standing Business

G - 1 Fall Board meeting dates - November 1 - 3, 2024

G - 2 Discussion on the 2024 National Championship. The host hotel is The Graduate. Information is already on the a lading page on the website. Speedway Village will put the bleachers in the venue that they had last year, plus another section. Sports that will be at the National Championship in Lincoln are: artistic, speed, rink hockey, and derby. The food is still a work in progress with the new management.

G - 3 Committee on Committee - elected member for this year's Committee on committee are: Heidi Permatteo, Stephen Carter, Patty Leazier, James Trussell, and Joyann Donaldson.

G - 5 Bids - Motion: Scott Bartell made to accept the bid by Petra Daney Designs. 2nd by Joyann Donaldson- motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Kelly Springer made to accept CCN for the Nation winner shirt and uniform vendor for speed. 2nd by Joe Hanna- motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Joe Hanna made the motion to accept the 2024 National Championship vendor in Lincoln. 2nd by Patty Leazier - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Patty Leazier made the motion to accept Stride for the National Championship awards vendor. 2nd by Patty Leazier - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: James Trussell made the motion to approve the Finance Committee minutes. 2nd by Patty Leazier - motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Joyann Donaldson made to go into closed session. 2nd by Stephen Carter - motion passed unanimously.

Topic for closed session was Speed's 2024 World Team Staff.

Motion: Joyann Donaldson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 2nd by Stephen Carter - motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 5:17pm CT