



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm ET by Patty

In Attendance:

- Patty Leazier
- Mikey Ratliff
- Jay Ingram
- Deb Alpers
- Robin Pendergast
- Mary Allmond
- Kelly Springer (last 30 minutes)
- Erin Jackson (15 minutes)

Missing:

- McKenzie Browne
- Tosha Hill

Declaration of Conflicts

- Patty/Mary/Mikey/Jay/Deb/Robin/Kelly all have skaters trying out for World Team

Team Selection Revisions & ODN

- Must be announced 6 months ahead of time
- Consider:
 - Criteria stated explicitly and take multiple scenarios into consideration
 - Will alternates travel and stay with the team
 - Will alternates attend residency if there is one
 - Are alternates part of the world team or not official part of the world team
 - Clearly state how alternates will be invited/added
 - State how skaters will qualify to skate the marathon
 - What if there is a cap – capture in writing what happens if the number allowed is more than the team
 - Can we use marathon events as the qualifier for our World Marathon team? Duluth etc or combination of events?
 - Avoid using the words possible or may, or even “weigh heavily” in order to avoid gaps
 - Overall team spot points also need to be examined – do that first and then address alternates
 - Go back through older processes to review how we have done in the past to help form future
 - Erin wrote up a proposal – will circulate to SC
 - Robin will reach out to Chris Springer to get ideas to share with the committee
 - Declinations have been an issue – people not planning to go but not declining
 - Consider athletes that try out that don’t want to go – do we consider getting a commitment first?

- Can we give them accept/decline letters and have them turn in the letters at the end of the competition
- Can we use financial incentive –
- For those that attend but don't pay, amateur cards held the next year until the bill is paid
- Do we take fewer athletes?
- We need to increase the participation at ODN, it's not just about tryouts. Awards have been deprioritized. Track down records so new records can be recognized.

Finalizing ODN Dates

- Mid-June ODN announcements made by Speed Committee at IDN
- Looking earlier in June (starting date 6/7 would maximize weekend dates)
- If we can finish by the 16th, it will give us 3 weeks between IDN and ODN

Closed Session (redacted)

BPP Clinic Details

- BPP changes.
 - Apply for permit first – applications in process now for November 10-12/December 27-30
 - Dates are reserved
 - Need to select clinic leaders
 - Will get a count of how many we have
 - Plan to have male and female coaches at clinics – try to get local coaches
 - SC will get the list of who has expressed interest via jot form
 - Demonstrators – consider who might be good to invite
 - Need to work on securing place to stay for out-of-town staff

Other

- Indoor Worlds selection proposal – where is it? Did it go to the Regional Reps to review?
- Where is Worlds? The city may not be able to handle capacity.

Mary made a motion to adjourn, Jay seconded. Adjourned 8:33pm ET.