



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

1. **Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023**
2. **Meeting was called to order at 9:02pm ET by Patty**

In Attendance:

- Patty Leazier
- Jay Ingram
- Mary Allmond
- Mikey Ratliff
- Robin Pendergast
- McKenzie Browne
- Kelly Springer
- Deb Alpers
- Tosha Hill
- Erin Jackson

Declaration of Conflicts

- Mikey/Kelly/Deb/Jay/Patty: Coach of athlete trying out for team & Pan Am

Regional Representative Proposals

- Grand Premier division proposal for 70 & older (5, 7, 10 for both men and women) discussion
 - Numbers presented in proposal were from 2022.
 - Athletes that are over 70 years old have stayed home from Nationals due to not wanting to skate against 65 year olds.
 - The ladies' Premier division has had a maximum of 3 skaters since the division was created.
 - The men's Premier division has had more, this year was a final.
 - Consider as a pilot program to see if this just splits the existing Premier division, or if it will bring in additional skaters. Would like to see at least enough to fill the podium.

Jay made a motion to approve a pilot program for Grand Premier for 2024 to evaluate numbers at Nationals, must be 3 men/3 ladies minimum. Kelly seconded.

- 2 Abstain, 6 Agree, motion passed
- Declassification/Victim Rule proposal discussion
 - There is too much variation in referee opinions and things will get judged differently, so it is good that the decision is just with one person (chief referee).
 - Declassification rule is in effect with 2 laps to go, where victim rule is only in effect with 1 lap to go. Are these two rules meant to be considered together?
 - Declassification is used in final situations, victim rule applies to advancing to finals
 - World Skate declassification rule definition is similar, and we might take a look to see if there is any additional language from that rule that we could use.

Robin made a motion to send back to regional reps for a little more work on defining the two rules. The committee will send some scenarios to work with. Also, clarification regarding if these two rules must be approved together, or if they are considered separate. The speed committee is supportive of these two rule proposals, but would like more clarification. The committee would like to be able to get this approved before the next board meeting, so will ask for quick turnaround from the Regional Reps. Jay seconded.

- Motion passed unanimously

ODN Check

- Everything has been shipped or already on site.

- Officials know assigned housing, additional official coming in as a non-paid volunteer in order to upgrade credentials next year.
- Rental cars ready
- Schedule is complete and posted.
- Athlete packets will be put together once Tosha arrives.
- Labels will be put on medals once Tosha arrives.
- Jay has skaters coming early and can help with labels, or unloading, etc.

Closed Session proposed by Patty, Robin seconded

Discussion continued in closed session

World Championships Check

- Covered in closed session.

Town Hall Scheduling and Format

- October may be good time to schedule a town hall. Dates will be proposed for the Speed Committee to consider. Weekend date preferred. Will check board meeting and clinic dates.
- Topics and agenda will be put together.
- Canned responses for anyone talking out of turn.

Pan American Coach Selection

- Brent gave us only 4 names, so we will circle back to make sure there are no other applicants.
- Speed Committee will receive an email with names, and we will schedule a separate selection meeting (minus any SC members who may have applied).

Tosha made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Deb seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:02pm ET