



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

1. **Date: Thursday, May 11, 2023**
2. **Meeting was called to order at 9:02pm ET by Patty**

In Attendance:

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

Declaration of Conflicts

- Patty: Coach for ODN and also parent of athlete trying out for team and Pan American, conflict for today's discussion of expedited coaching credentials
- Robin/Mikey/Kelly/Deb: Coach of athlete trying out for team & Pan Am
- Kelly: Coach of athlete trying out for World Team & Pan Am
- Tosha: volunteer for outdoor events in Florida, family runs the camera/timing system for ODN

National Team clarifications:

- US Citizens requirement must be on the document
- Timing for National Team – calendar year would make it easier for invitations to fall clinics
- USOPC used to require us to fill out a PPA for number of spots, and may require time frame for National Team – **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will check with Ricci
- Tosha made a motion to use the calendar year as the National Team time frame, with allowance to fluctuate members in, Mary seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**

ODN updates

- ODN panel/budget complete, trainer is not included as costs are unknown
- Tosha is working on the schedule. 200s will be Wednesday evening. Pan Am races must be run separately from ODN races. Tosha will look at 2018/2019 ODN schedules and send to SC for review (SC will have one day to review).
- Jay made a motion to use the 100m heats on the road to seed all the races. Kelly seconded.
- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will put out an electronic vote.
- Note: IDN panel selection went to the board, waiting for approval, requested both IDN and ODN registrations be opened

Funding for National Team/World Team – grants

- Patricia Harris will help us get large grants for Jr/Sr World Team – she is doing some pre-work to see how our sport is helping young individuals physically/mentally. Jay should have an update next week. She needs our coaches numbers/levels/beginner athletes/total athletes/special needs/females/ages. **ACTION ITEM: Jay** will collect the information for her.

Expedited Coaching Credentials request

- Waiting period after level 1 is 1 year. 2 year waiting after level 2.

Comments from Speed Committee:

- There is a lot of learning that takes place once you become an official coach for that one year. Being a good skater does not mean that it automatically translates to being a good coach.
- What level coach you are does not demonstrate how good of a coach you are, no reason to rush to get to level 3.
- Having to go through the waiting period demonstrates a high level of commitment.
- How can we use newer coaches in camps/clinics: Level 1 coaches can volunteer to help coach/demonstrate – but may not be leaders, volunteering to coach at clinics will build coaching skills

ODN Selection Process

- Similar to Indoor World Team selection process – should we have a process where there are multiple competitions to select the World team, so that it's not decided at 1 meet?
- SC will draft something up to present for feedback from membership
- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will put proposal together

Upcoming Town Hall

- Form went out to collect topics/ideas for Town Hall on 6/4
- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will send out date options and assignment options
- SC will set expectations and scripted responses if the discussion starts to stray

Coaches selection document updates

- World Team selection staff will submit suggestions for changes to the existing document
- **ACTION ITEM: Deb/Erin/Tosha/Robin** to get together to compile suggested updates

Building Numbers Sub-committee

- SC to meet with Sub-committee
- How do we suggest building numbers
- **ACTION ITEM: SC** to send ideas on how you have individually been successful

Rule-book Review

- Rule book has been sent to SC, please review. IT is still going through hard drives to find missing rule changes. Pick a partner to go through the book to see if there is anything missing.
- **ACTION ITEM: Deb** will reach out to Chris to get archived minutes
- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** to reach out to Tony to get archived minutes

Brian Piccolo Park Update

- Funding and volunteers have been completed. Just need approval from BPP to coat the track. Coating provider would like their logo on the track. Superintendent of the park has the presentation and will be making the decision. Patty will be the point person to have the relationship with BPP for coating and chartering, in order to make BPP a certified location.

IDN Qualifier

- USARS has requested us to consider a qualifier
- Seeding is not working with no qualifier
- A qualifier will eliminate skaters – and right now we need as many skaters at nationals as possible.

- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will share concerns with USARS about impact of eliminating skaters from Nationals with a qualifier
- **ACTION ITEM: SC** to suggest process to assist with seeding

Speed Committee discussion:

- Difficult to decide on how to make a timing system effective. Floor differences as one example, timing system as another.
- Use times from prior year nationals in the 500 (or?) to rank them, and anyone new would get a generic time based on division.
- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will ask Regional Reps to weigh in with suggestions on ranking

National Team/Developmental Camps

- Planning ahead for end of Sept/beg of Oct at Dave or BPP, possibly something in November
- 9/30 – 10/1 – Pascal coming to Dave's track in October?
- **ACTION ITEM: Patty** will reach out to Dave/BPP (do Dave's in Sept /BPP in 11/11 – 11/12 – Veteran's day thank you)

Robin made a motion to end the meeting. Tosha seconded. Meeting ended at 10:42pm ET