

**Minutes**  
**2025 USA Roller Sports**  
**Annual Spring Board of Directors Zoom Meeting**  
**May 2-3, 2025**

USA Roller Sports President Heidi Permatteo called the meeting to order in closed Executive Session at 7:35pm CT on Friday, May 2, 2025, via Zoom.

The following USA Roller Sports Board members were present: Heidi Permatteo - USARS President, Stephen Carter - USARS Vice-President, Katelyn Lee Rogers, Joe Hanna, Misty Greer, Michelle Higby, James Trussell, David Ademy, Kelly Springer, Scott Bartell, and William Mihay. Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Executive Director and Shawn Schmelcher - treasurer were also present. Guest on the call was Erik Ladewig - CPA.

Heidi welcomed the Board members to the meeting. Topics of discussion were: Review of audit from Mountain West Advisers, Treasurer's report, update on World Skate, Strategic Plan, and update of USOPC. Meeting adjourned at 9:01pm CT.

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USA Roller Sports Annual Spring meeting started on Saturday, May 3 at 10:08am CT. The following Board members were present: Heidi Permatteo - USARS President, Stephen Carter - USARS Vice President, Scott Bartell, Joe Hanna, James Trussell, Michelle Higby, Katelyn Lee Rodgers, Michelle Higby, Kelly Springer, William Mihay, Ricci Porter-Kmetz - Executive Director, and Shawn Schmelcher - treasurer.

Guests that were at the meeting throughout the day were: Trey Knight, Jody Harrah, Suzi McElhiney, Fred Bergeron, Patricia Bauler, Mary Almond, Jefferey Foster, and Robin Pedergast.

Heidi greeted Board members and guests.

**Motion:** Joe Hanna made the motion to ratify the approval of the 2024 Fall Board meeting minutes. 2nd by Scott Bartell - motion passed.

Heidi asked if there were a new potential conflicts of interest since the last Board meeting. No new conflicts were declared.

**C - Unfinished Business**

C -1 Update on Strategic Plan. The Board discussed the Strategic plan during closed session. Ricci stated USA Roller Sports is still holding with the 1-3-5 plan that evolves with improved infrastructures. KPLs continue to be monitored and evaluated.

C - 2 Extreme Sport Committee. The potential committee members have not fulfilled their obligations to USA Roller Sports. Out of five committee members, only one had was a member in good standings.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to repopulate the Extreme Sport Committee's four available positions (2 being athletes). 2nd by Joe Hanna- motion passed unanimously.

## **D - New Business**

D - 1 Engaging Coaches. USA Roller Sports realizes the value and convenience of online training for its members. The office has received feedback that members miss the in person coaches education has done in the past. This education can be done either sport specific or as a multi sport conference. USA Roller Sports will be sending out a JotForm on preferences to how and where they would like the conferences to be held.

D - 2 Artistic Pan Am Staff selection. The Artistic Sport Committee submitted their choice for Pan Am staff.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to approve the Artistic Pan Am Staff selection. 2nd by Joe Hanna - motion passed unanimously.

## **E - National Office and Officers Reports**

E - President's report. Heidi recognized and thanked Ricci for her incredible leadership and all she does for the organization. Ricci has successfully lead the organization through 2 USOPC audits being renewed in Good Standing. Heidi also thanked Stephen Carter for being supportive and always available to help. She is looking forward to the first National Championship to be held in Reno, NV. Heidi thanked the staff and Board members for all of their dedication to USA Roller Sports.

E - 2 Executive Director's report. Ricci started off by acknowledging the president for the countless hours of work to help the organization. Ricci also thanked the Board members for their time and service. Ricci also stated USA Roller Sports was renewed in Good Standing. If anyone on the call wishes, they can see the results in the public facing report. Ricci praised the USA Roller Sports staff.

## **F - Committee Reports**

F - 2 Artistic Sport Committee report. Jody Harrah, chair of the artistic sport committee reported the Pan Am country qualifier just took place at the Ohio Cup. Three skaters qualified

to compete in Paraguay for the US. There is a task force working on the grassroots C Championship. The officials committee is working on the updating rules books and the National Championship schedule.

**Motion:** Scott Bartell made the motion to reduce the sliding scale for B events only to begin in the 2025-2026 season (details in the ASC Feb 2025 minutes) as well as split al the Fresh/ Soph B events into Freshman B and Sophomore B, and the Juv/Elem B solo event into Juvenile B and Elementary B. 2nd by Kelly Springer - motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Scott Bartell made the motion to table the ASC motion to instate a rule that placement in senior at the National Championships prohibits a skater from competing in junior at subsequent championships in the discipline. 2nd by Joe Hanna- motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to approval of the Artistic Sport Committee minutes from November 2024 - April , 2024. 2nd by Misty Greer - motion passed unanimously.

F - 3 Culture Roll Sport Committee. No reports or minutes received by the office. No one was on the call to give an update.

F - 4 Rink Hockey Sport Committee. Report given by James Trussell. Rink hockey is prepared for the 2025 National Championship. The committee is excited to promote the Championship and grateful to be part of the sports in Reno. Coaches have been selected for the World Team. At the World Championship, the men's team played at the pro-level. The women's and Junior teams were young and did well. This will be a growing year. The committee is looking towards future growth and new marketing skills to grow their sport.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to approve the Rink Hockey's minutes. 2nd by Misty Greer - motion passed unanimously.

F - 5 Roller Derby Sport Committee. Report given by Misty Greer. Last year the National Championship had its challenges with growth and officials. The committee decided to take a different approach for this upcoming National Championship. World Skate is requiring 8 teams at the next World Skate Championship in order to remain in the Roller Games. The committee is continuing to work on the creation of a USARS junior division.

**Motion:** Scott Bartell made the motion to accept the World Team roller derby staff. 2nd by Kelly Springer - motion passed.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to for Junior officials aged 15 and older to be permitted to officiate adult roller derby level provided that they are accompanied and supported by a predominately adult officiating crew. Junior officials aged 11-14 to be permitted to officiate at the junior roller derby level provided that they are accompanied and

supported by a predominately adult officiating crew. 2nd by Scott Bartell - motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to table the annual charter league fee for roller derby leagues. 2nd by Joe Hanna- motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Scott Bartell made the motion to approve Roller Derby's minutes. 2nd by Kelly Springer - motion passed unanimously.

F - 6 Scooter Sport Committee. No reports or minutes received by the office. No one was on the call to give an update.

F - 7 Speed Sport Committee. Kelly Springer and Robin Pendergast gave the report to the Board. Kelly reported the speed 5 year plan is starting to see success with multiple athletes receiving medals at the World Championship. The committee has been working on additional event for the indoor national championship in hopes of growing the sport. The committee is has been discussing in person and online coaching training to foster broader coaching development and expanding the number of teams across the country.

**Motion:** Scott Bartell made the motion to add any World Championship or World Roller Games marathon medalist to the National Team in any age group. 2nd by Misty Greer - motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** Scott Bartell made the motion to approve the Speed Committee's minutes. 2nd by Misty Greer - motion passed unanimously.

F - 8 Finance Committee. The finance committee has reviewed and approved the derby committee's suggested 2025 National fees as well as the Artistic, Indoor Speed, and ODN officials expense reports. Shawn Schmelcher believes the committees are doing a great job to try and keep expenses down. Ideas had been discussed during closed session on how to continue to grow the sports.

**Motion:** Kelly Springer made the motion to accept the Finance Committee's minutes. 2nd Joe Hanna - motion passed unanimously.

F - 9 Hall of Fame and Honors tabled during closed session.

## **G - Standing Business**

G - 1 August and Fall Board Meeting dates. The Board will hold a closed session call on August 28, 2025. The fall Board Meeting will be held November 21-22, 2025 due to the numerous events being held during the fall.

Heidi thanked the guests for attending and taking time out of the weekends to join USA Roller Sports Board meeting.

**Motion:** Misty Greer made the motion to adjourn the Spring Board Meeting. 2nd by Joe Hanna - motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 12:37pm CT.