

Artistic Sport Committee meeting January 24th, 2024 at 8:30pm EST –

Present: Joyann Donaldson (athlete), Jody Harrah (chair), John Hultquist, Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Stephanie Moore, Janet Pavilonis, Katelyn Rodgers (athlete), Kristen Taylor, Amy Waters

Absent: Lawaun Modrich

Meeting was called to order at 8:36pm EST.

1. Officials Committee
 - a. Co-chairs, Ed Harney and Patricia Bauler, joined the meeting.
 - i. Briefly discussed updated judges exams and the new, streamlined format
 - b. Nationals Schedule
 - i. Need five full days for World Skate. Suggested removing seminars and social skate to free up more time.
 - ii. Adult practice day - discussed breaking up the practices with competition because it is a long day.
 - iii. World Skate order - discussed beginning with all junior and senior events, then the figure qualifier, then the Tot through Youth events.
 - c. World Skate Scoring System (WSSS) events
 - i. Discussed where to direct questions about which events will use the system
 - ii. Discussed ways to make sure the WSSS is being used equally amongst invitationals and regions
 - d. Qualifying Scores
 - i. Discussed skaters being allowed to use scores from any invitational using the WSSS
 - ii. Discussed having a list of skaters at Nationals who have already met the minimum score to quicken the process
2. America's Cup update
 - a. Schedule ran close to planned
 - b. Discussed long hours on the stage for some judges
 - c. Discussed demands from world skate that might make running the meet difficult
 - d. Discussed the need for another data operator
 - e. Discussed the need for another webinar for content sheets, music, and music authentication
3. Declaration of Conflicts
 - a. Katelyn reminded committee of her coach-skater relationship to applicants for world team coach/manager to be discussed later in meeting
 - i. Decided that katelyn could take part in the discussion but not the vote

- b. Jody declared her coach-skater relationship with a team to be discussed at the end of the meeting
 - i. Determined Jody would leave the call during discussion and voting
- 4. 2023 December Meeting Minutes
 - a. **John moved to approve the 2023 December Meeting minutes, Amy seconded. Eight ayes, one abstention.**
- 5. Subcommittees
 - a. Regional Reps
 - i. Discussed a program where parts of the WSSS is introduced at the grassroots level
 - ii. Discussed the requirements being released at Nationals
 - iii. 2024 December Meeting Minutes accepted
 - b. Officials Committee
 - i. Discussed the fact that co-chairs can now vote on the committee
 - ii. 2024 December Meeting Minutes accepted
- 6. International Travel Task Force Updated
 - a. Reviewed action items determined at the meeting
 - i. Collecting skater data (name, events, passport, address, etc)
 - ii. Vendors for outfits
 - iii. Updating world team packet and creating team contract and handbook
 - iv. World Team meeting on nationals schedule
 - v. Getting WADA and infinity platform done before nationals
 - vi. Content sheet webinar
 - vii. Team staff
 - viii. parent/coach handbook
 - ix. trainer
- 7. Old Business
 - a. OCD judging rubric
 - i. Janet did a test drive with Debra, Janet Jordan. Janet also looked at Patricia's. Janet suggested merging our rubric with Patricia's in order to make the rubric more concise.
 - b. New USARS C Commission judges' exam
 - i. **Janet motioned to accept the new C Commission judge exam. Joyann seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
 - 1. Discussed how to get the exam moved to the USARS drive
 - 2. Jody to get the test to Brent.
 - c. Structure change ideas
 - i. Discussed next steps for getting the structure changes off the ground.
 - d. Coach Certification Program
 - i. Discussed process for becoming specialists in various disciplines

8. New Business

- a. NVI
 - i. Discussed the need for a virtual contest is lacking with the large number of invitationals running the full WSSS
- b. Minimum score discussion
 - i. Discussed minimums and confirmed we are comfortable with where the scores stand at this time.
- c. World Team Staff
 - i. 2024 Figure Cup
 - 1. **Joyann motioned to appoint Scott Bartell as team coach and Carrie Youngren as team manager for the 2024 Figure Cup. John seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
 - ii. 2024 World Team
 - 1. **Janet motioned to appoint Vickie Bateman as team coach for the 2024 World Team. Joyann Seconded. Seven ayes, one abstention.**
 - a. Discussed the potential for an apprentice.
 - 2. **Joyann motioned to appoint Richard Baltierre as team manager for the 2024 World Team. Janet seconded. Seven ayes, one abstention.**
 - iii. Team Trainer
 - 1. John is working on getting trainer options situated and will keep the committee updated.
- d. Judge training/requirements for Nationals
 - i. Discussed continuing to invite Patricia and Ed for correspondence on this item
- e. Pre-meeting email correspondence
 - i. Issue #1 - Regional qualification move up rules
 - 1. Discussed needing to follow up with Bob Styma to address the correct issue
 - 2. Discussed needing to review the wording of the rule in the rulebook
 - ii. Issue #2 - Multiple dance partner
 - 1. Discussed the wording of the rule and that the scenario presented by Emily would be a “yes” but that if there is a real life situation, we can double check it to be certain
 - iii. Issue #3 - AC3 requirements
 - 1. Discussed changing the requirements:
 - a. Must hold AC2 for FIVE years
 - b. Remove “open book” wording as this is a proctored test

- f. World Skate Costume Checks
 - i. Discussed doing costume checks at regionals and nationals and taking the necessary deductions
 - ii. Tabled for further discussion
- g. Youth move up question
 - i. Discussed question regarding a cadet aged skater able to move up to youth. According to our rulebook, this is not allowed so the request is denied.
- h. Bronze petition from Ingrid McManus Mundell
 - i. **Joyann motioned to accept the petition from Astro Skating Club of Orlando based on the 15 year lookback rule. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
- i. Non-Binary Team Petition
 - i. Jody left the call due to conflict and Joyann presided as chair.
 - ii. **Amy motioned to approve the petition from Chico Artistic Skate Club to allow for a non-binary team to compete the 2024 season. Jaymee seconded. Six ayes, one abstention.**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 21st, 2024** at 8:30pm EST.

Action items:

Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm EST. (Joyann made a motion, Kristen seconded). Motion approved by acclamation.

Submitted

Jaymee Meloy
Secretary