

*Artistic Sport Committee meeting November 13rd, 2024 at 8:30pm EST –*

*Present:* Jamie Chekon, Joyann Donaldson (athlete - arrived at approximately 10:00pm), Jody Harrah (chair), John Hultquist (arrived at 8:41pm), Katelyn Lee (athlete - arrived at approximately 10:00pm), Jaymee Meloy (athlete), Stephanie Moore, Janet Pavilonis, Kristen Taylor, Amy Waters

*Absent:*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:30pm EST.**

1. Declaration of Conflicts
  - a. No new conflicts to declare.
2. New Business
  - a. Sk8 Academy Seminar
    - i. Jaymee, Jamie, and Kristen discussed positive aspects of the seminar in Flint, MI.
  - b. Kickoff Slides
    - i. Discussed all the slides in the kickoff presentation and worked on edits/additions.
  - c. IOC Nominations
    - i. Discussed nominations for a gender equity, diversity, and inclusion award from the IOC.
  - d. Rulebooks
    - i. Discussed updates to the Adult, Youth, and Elite rulebooks.
    - ii. **Joyann motioned to accept the updates to the 2025 Adult, Youth, and Elite Rulebooks. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  - e. ASC Officer Nominations
    - i. **Joyann motioned to nominate Jody Harrah for chair. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
    - ii. **Jody motioned to nominate Joyann Donaldson for vice chair. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
    - iii. **Joyann motioned to nominate Jaymee Meloy for secretary. Amy seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
  - f. World Team Finances
    - i. Discussed
  - g. Officials Committee replacements
    - i. Appointed Sunny Dickerson and Renee Kitts to the Officials Committee to replace outgoing members Bruce and Ed.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 8:30pm EST.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45pm EST. (Joyann made a motion, Amy seconded). Motion**

**approved by acclamation.**

**Artistic Sport Committee meeting November 20th, 2024 at 8:30pm EST –**

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

*Absent:*

**Meeting was called to order at 8:35pm EST**

1. Approval of 2024 October Minutes
  - a. **John motioned to approve the 2024 October meeting minutes. Joyann seconded. Motion approved by acclamation.**
2. Subcommittees
  - a. Regional Reps
    - i. Discussed and accepted the 2025 November meeting minutes.
3. 2024 October Email Motion from 10.21.24
  - a. **Joyann motioned that World Skate costume rules will not be enforced for practices for junior and senior events at domestic competitions, instead USARS costume rules will be followed. However, it must be made clear to all World Team members that the World Skate costume rules must be followed at Worlds for both training and competition. 3 approved, 5 opposed, 0 abstentions. Motion not approved.**
4. Old Business
  - a. Creative solo content sheets
    - i. Discussed the need for content sheets for all creative solo and duet events.
    - ii. Janet to create and send something out within the month.
5. New Business
  - a. National Schedule Committee
    - i. Janet has begun working with David to look at the length of each section.
    - ii. Discussed people who have offered to help.
    - iii. Discussed catching up with the officials committee regarding large events and splitting them into groups for official warm up purposes.
  - b. Officials Committee
    - i. Discussed new members joining.
    - ii. Discussed guidance for committee tasks such as: creation of officials manual, meet director exam, and continuing education.
  - c. Venice Seminar Officials Exams
    - i. **Joyann motioned to request to the finance committee to cover the exam costs of the officials traveling to Venice at the end of November. Janet seconded. 8 approved, 1 abstention. Motion approved.**

- d. Endowment Fund
  - i. Tabled
- e. Bob Styma - Primary A question
  - i. Discussed Bob's question of whether or not a skater who makes a final in Primary A at national can skate a B event. Discussed that skaters who made the final in Primary without the A wouldn't have to follow this rule.
  - ii. Also discussed that if a skater wins a B event at Nationals and is the only skater, he or she still must move out.
- f. Diversity and Equity nomination
  - i. Discussed the IOC award nomination and recommended Ricci and Heidi.
- g. Future of OCD
  - i. Discussed the issue of officials and the lack of judges who can/are willing to judge this event, especially at Nationals.
- h. Email from Abigail Hess
  - i. Discussed her five proposals and sending them to the coaches' reps
- i. Waiver guidelines for Regional Championships
  - i. Discussed updating the guidelines and adding it to the officials technical manual when it is created.
- j. International Competition Committee (Joyann, Jaymee, Stephanie)
  - i. Discussed keeping in touch with Nellie to keep informed and begin training with portal.
- k. Parents with Coaches Card
  - i. Discussed ways to discourage parents from getting coaches cards just for the sake of getting into meets and onto the floor/pit area.
  - ii. Discussed the exam process and how it can be used to help discourage this.
  - iii. Discussed the use of electronic devices on the floor and to think over the wording.
- l. Future proposals
  - i. Joyann discussed the pursuit of restructuring proposals and the committee's interest.
- m. Non-Binary Petition
  - i. Jody left due to conflict (10:06pm)
  - ii. Joyann took over leading the meeting. Amy read the petition requesting non-binary participant (Saturn Abney) to skate the lead in Bronze team, and in Women's bronze/silver solo and figures.
  - iii. **Amy motioned to approve the petition of Saturn Abney. Jamie seconded. 7 approvals, 1 abstention. Motion approved.**

**Action items:**

- All - look over [IOC nomination requirements](#)
- Jaymee - Update World Skate slides on kickoff presentation
- Joyann - Take Lawaun off Google Drive
- Janet - creative solo/duet content sheets
- John - forward prospective officials' continuing education criteria to officials committee
- Janet - find 2018 rulebook with highlights of rules that could be in an officials technical manual
- Jody - send request to Brent about covering officials exam costs in Venice.
- Jody - message Brent and ask to add Jamie's email to the committee email and take Lawaun's off. Possibly change "[figurecommittee@usarollersports.org](mailto:figurecommittee@usarollersports.org)" to "artisticcommittee." Also possibly reset the figure chair committee email so we can send emails from it and possibly change to "artisticchair."
- OCD Subcommittee (Jody, John, Katelyn) - Meet to discuss ways to improve OCD judging process for officials
- Jody - start email to begin discussing survey questions for the field
- All - think about the rules regarding the use of electronic devices on the floor

**Next meeting: Wednesday, December 11, 8:30pm EST.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:11pm EST. (Joyann made a motion, Amy seconded). Motion approved by acclamation.**