



## **Speed Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:06pm ET**

### **In Attendance:**

- Mikey Ratliff
- Robin Pendergast
- Jay Ingram\*
- Deb Alpers
- Kelly Springer
- Patty Leazier
- Brian Talley
- Darian Orozco
- Tosha Hill
- Erin Jackson

### **Declaration of Conflicts**

- Patty – Daughter is a sponsor. Associated with Bont, previous Team USA staff member, board member of USARollerSports, involved in coating BPP
- Tosha – Official at upcoming events, World Skate official, affiliated with events that occur in the Southern region.
- Mikey –owns a skate company that does business in the US and sponsors athletes, previous Team USA staff member
- Kelly –owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes and events, current and previous Team USA staff member.
- Darian –owner of skate company that does business in US, husband is a coach and Team USA Manager.
- Brian –official at indoor and outdoor Nationals, represents different skate companies, wife is a Classic division athlete
- Jay – coach clinics around the world, previous Team USA staff member
- Robin – no conflicts at this time
- Deb – no conflicts at this time

### **Nominations/**

- Chair nominations – Robin (current chair)
- Vice Chair nominations – Kelly (current vice chair)
- Secretary nominations – Deb (current secretary)
- No additional nominations were received, so we will move forward with the current board members... Robin (Chair), Kelly (Vice Chair), Deb (Secretary)

### **Team USA Selection Process – Jot Form**

- In order to get membership approval, we want to consider sending a jot form to membership.

- Describe the reason for the proposal, and that the athletes put the proposal together and led the discussion.
- In our discussions in moving this forward, we should not rely on social media, due to the opinions/comments coming from non-members and may be influencing other comments. Regional Reps and jot forms to membership is where we get legitimate input.
- Committee discussed using jot forms to back up the information that we get from the Regional Reps group.
- Jot form – to include name and membership number, and the last time you raced at an outdoor nationals.
- USARS Coaches forum – remember it is there and we can use if needed.
- Start a monthly Q&A/Town Hall with Speed Committee/membership.
- Kelly made a motion to send a jot form out to membership with the proposal (with the correction on distances), and the additional demographic questions to verify membership and participation. Mikey seconded. Additional discussion included having the speed committee receive and review the jot form, prior to sending it to membership. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Jr Pan Am Qualification**

- For cost effectiveness and simplicity, the easiest place to do the qualifier is during ODN. It does add extra stress on the athletes, but saves them a trip to a separate event.
- Junior can mirror what Senior was (will be replacing the 10k with the 5k points).
- USOPC approved 500m+D, 1000m sprint, 10,000m (replaced by the 5k) – and use the 200m to seed (no points for the 200 will go towards qualifying)
- 2 male (1 endurance/1 sprint), 2 female (1 endurance/1 sprint)
- Darian would like to make a motion to use a similar process (500m +D, 1,000, 5K points) for qualification to Junior Pan American games as we did for the Seniors. Brian seconded. Additional discussion focused around the distances to ensure we will be taking the best team, and will not need to adjust the distances regardless of what is published by World Skate. Motion amended to include the note that we will use the 200m for seeding purposes only.
- Motion passed unanimously.

### **Clinic Leaders for May 8 – 10, Milton**

- Bump to next meeting – Robin will get the list from Brent on who said they were interested, or send a jot form out to all current coaches to get those interested.

### **Team USA Staff Application**

- Add an athlete reference/letter of endorsement for the applicant
- Must be Level 3 to be a coach
- Delegate manager could be a World Skate official
- Level 2 & 3 coaches and World Skate officials are invited to apply
- Advertise and promote.
- Put it out now. Deadline January 1.

- Robin will get draft to speed committee to review and then get it out by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **November/December meeting schedule**

- Every 2 weeks for November and December

Add to future agendas:

- Relays: We added 3 person relays when teams were struggling to fill 4 man and 4 lady teams. One early proposal was to cut 4 man and 4 lady, keep 4 mixed, and keep 3 man, 3 lady and cut 3 mixed (will add this to a future SC meeting agenda)
- Indoor World Team Qualification process
- Continue protected sponsors discussion
- Clinic leaders for May clinic

**Tosha made a motion to adjourn, everyone seconded. Adjourned 8:34pm ET.**