

Meeting Summary for ROLLER DERBY TOWN HALL

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Committee members in attendance: Deanna Grieger, Misty Greer, Stephen Carter, Carmen Leininger, Carrie Conlee Craft, Cindy Beebe

Answering questions that were submitted to Derby committee for review on Town hall call

Supporting New Leagues and Nationals

In the meeting, the Committee discussed strategies for supporting new and developing leagues across the nation, particularly in regards to rules, games, training, and connecting them with other leagues. They agreed to increase communication with the office to better support new leagues and to welcome new leagues on the community Facebook page. They also discussed the question that was submitted re: the possibility of dividing nationals into charter leagues and mashup teams, with the decision made to require all teams to charter in order to participate in nationals, starting from the next event. The team also discussed the process of chartering a team, which costs \$300 and is renewed around the end of August each year.

Improving Consistency in Referee Actions

The meeting focused on improving consistency in referee actions and verbiage. Committee suggested using the Appendix B officiating communication standards to create consistency and proposed that confidence comes from experience. Committee also mentioned plans to create a written test and in-person evaluation for referees. Deanna offered her assistance to any league needing help, particularly in the warmer climates. The conversation ended with no further questions or comments.

Clarifying Skate Set Rules and Changes

The meeting revolved around clarifying the differences between domestic and world skate set rules, particularly regarding gender roles and the use of 3-digit numbers. Teresa expressed concerns about the lack of documentation for rule changes, such as the prohibition of cutting on the outside of the track, which she had observed at a recent event. Deanna explained that the change was made to prevent an advantage being gained by some skaters, and that the rules

were not published due to copyright issues. The team agreed to post a section for rule clarifications and to reach out to the admin of a Facebook page dedicated to rules for further assistance.

Addressing Copyright Issues and Growth

The meeting discussed the challenges faced by the team due to copyright issues with the rules. The team was informed that they could no longer skate with juniors, which was a significant setback. However, the team also discussed the possibility of creating a junior division in the future. The team also discussed the need for a workaround for the copyright issue, with suggestions to involve lawyers for advice. The team also discussed the upcoming Winter Classic event and the need for planning and preparation. The team also discussed the need for new members for a junior subcommittee to help grow the junior division.

Junior Program Subcommittee Discussion

The team discussed a potential person to lead a subcommittee focused on developing a junior program within USARS. They agreed that said person would be a suitable candidate due to their passion and past involvement. The team decided that this person would not need to apply for the position it would be offered to them, but their proposed team members would be vetted by the team. Committee agreed to research the process for bringing on board the subcommittee and report back to the team.

Upcoming Announcements and Membership Updates

In the meeting, the Committee discussed the upcoming announcements and updates.

First announcement that they can no longer play with the juniors per USA Roller sport insurance company

Second announcement : Dates of winter classic tournament Feb 20-March 2 , Waco, TX
Registration opening soon.

Third Announcement: **New requirement for membership in order to**

participate in Nationals, with the deadline set for March 1st. Committee mentioned that the exact dates for each discipline at Nationals in Reno were not yet public, but they would be announced as soon as they were finalized.