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RSC Board Meeting Minutes
April 27th, 2025
8:00pm ADT
Via Google Meet

In Attendance: **Carly Simpson**
Sam Faris
Cameron Short
Cathy Cunningham
Shannon Fox
Jana Hamiliton

Regrets:
Darren McLean
Julianna Bourne

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1. **Welcome and Call to Order**
   Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm ADT.

2. **Approval of the April 27th, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

   Addition under new business - ParticipACTION Canada Community Challenge

   Motion: To approve the April 27th, 2025 meeting agenda as amended.
   Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
   Seconded by: Jana Hamilton
   Carried

3. **Approval of the March 23rd, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

   Motion: To approve the March 23rd, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.
   Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
   Seconded by: Jana Hamilton
   Carried

4. **Taylor Eleniak Award**
   Intention for the recipient - It would be more difficult to pick these people out of a crowd. We want to create an award in Taylor's memory for someone who is a quiet

helper/supporter. Someone who quietly does the work that nobody even realizes what needs to be done. It could be awarded to an athlete, official, volunteer, coach, committee member etc.

Motion: To select Tim Segato as the recipient of the 2025 Taylor Eleniak Award.
Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
Seconded by: Shannon Fox
Carried

TASK: Shannon to order the Taylor Eleniak Award
TASK: Cameron to complete a document with criteria for the Taylor Eleniak Award.

5. **Athlete Policies Proposal Update - Carly**

Carly talked to Allysa about a lot of the initially proposed documents being available already for free. She suggested that it would be good for RSC to have a policy to state that we are following external policies so members have something to refer to.

TASK: Carly to follow up with Allysa on the cost and a full list of policies.

6. **Team Canada** - Carly/Shannon/Julianna/Cameron

Spectator ticket sales did not go live April 21st they were postponed until after the May NGB Meeting. 7/17 clubs have paid in full. Some clubs have uploaded music, ID photos, and participant forms already.

Uniform orders are in and Twist has sent out invoices.

Carly and Shannon still need to meet on the extra events.

6.1. Staff honorariums

The sub committee agreed on $4000 each for the 4 Team Canada staff members. $16,000 total.

Motion: to approve $4000 ($16,000) for each Team Canada staff member as an honorarium for 2025 IJRU World Championships.
Moved by: Sam Faris
Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
3 abstain (Carly, Shannon, Cameron)
Carried

7. **IJRU** - Carly/Cameron

RSC received a request to join the Pan AM organization.

TASK: Carly to fill out the form to join Pan Am.

DDC Portugal sent an open invitation to participate in the DDC Portugal event taking place June 15 2025. We will include the invite in the April RSC newsletter.

8. Activation Event Update

The activation event is coming up this week. There are 5 athletes, all over 18. They are staying in an airbnb and carpooling in 2 vehicles because of the starting location.

Honorarium total of $3000 for the event, divided by the 5 participants is $600 each. We'd like a full budget and receipts from the group for future event planning reference.

Motion: To approve $3000 for the Saskatchewan activation event divided evenly by the participants.
Moved by: Cameron Short
Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
Carried

TASK: Jana to create a brochure to hand out at the activation event demos.

The group will promote the National Camp at the school demos. The camp will be open for non-RSC members for a fee of $20.

Motion: To approve $20 per non-RSC registered member participant to attend the RSC National Camp on Monday, May 19, 2025.
Moved by: Carly Simpson
Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
Carried

TASK: Jana to create a registration form for non-RSC members for the National Camp

9. Nationals 2025 - Carly/Sam

The last NTC meeting before nationals is this coming Wednesday. For next season there will be an adjustment on the NTC roles at nationals.

9.1. Photography Update

The previous contact came back asking for the agreed upon amount plus expenses. After some outreach another company was found that was willing to be paid just expenses and then sell packages to members onsite.

9.2. Extra Slots - host province

The updated documents don't have any rules on extra slots for host provinces.

10. Registration & Membership - Cameron

	March	April	March	April	March	April	March	April	Total increased		2023/2024 Total	Difference
Province	Full Total		Recreational Total		Temporary Total		Grand Total					current - 2023/2024
Alberta Total	194	198	57	57	0	0	251	255	4		268	-13
BC Total	169	191	80	86	0	0	249	277	28		244	33
Nova Scotia Total	44	44	47	47	4	4	95	95	0		91	4
Ontario Total	330	344	251	257	0	0	581	601	20		659	-58
Grand Total	737	777	435	447	4	4	1176	1228	52		1262	-34

2023/2024 numbers are for the end of the season.

11. Budget & Finances

Darren and Sam A have touched base and there will be monthly updates going forward for the transactions going through the bank account. Attached in the meeting materials.

12. Document Updates

In progress documents:
Awards committee TOR
Judging Task Force TOR
Taylor Eleniak Award write up

13. Nationwide Representation

14. Committee Updates & Review

14.1. Athlete Council - Sam F.

The national camp and the activation event were the main topics at the past athlete council meeting.

They also discussed the sportsmanship award and the potential of ture sport awards this year. True sport is no longer active but the branding is permitted to be used for the rest of the year. They want to give out gift certificates with the awards because the true sport goodie bags are no longer available.

Motion: To approve spending $40 on true sport awards for the 2025 Nationals Championships.
Moved by: Carly Simpson
Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
Carried

They started discussing the minimum scores for 2027. They thought it would be good for the competition committee to consider the national scores and IJRU scores when making their recommendation.
They suggested looking at creating the best groupings for 4x30 and 2x30 single rope speeds.

The group started discussing how to motivate athletes to continue skill development through the season. They feel athletes are creating their routines early in the year and not developing them through the year. They are beginning to brainstorm on how to help improve this.

14.2. Competition Committee - Carly
No meeting yet

14.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon
Shannon met with Allysa. They are hoping to have an in person meeting with the committee at nationals.

14.4. Technical Committee - Cameron
Nationals registration is now being set up in scoring. The reps from each province were discussing posting their provincial results to the website and linking to the newsletter to start the very beginnings of a national leader board.

National records from the provincial championships have been submitted. They will be included on the next newsletter and announced at nationals.

14.5. Awards Committee - Cameron
The committee met and agreed on a recipient for both the coaching award and scholarship.

The TOR needs to be updated with clearer processes for the committee going forward. We want to consider incorporating the sportsmanship award into this committee.

TASK: Cameron to ask Bonnie to purchase the sportsmanship award gifts (Sr - $50, Jr - $25)

15. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy
Provincials went well. There were some tablet issues but they worked through them. There were no large complaints from judges or athletes. Clubs are preparing for nationals and worlds. Some clubs have school demos/presentations coming up.

Alberta - Julianna (Jana filled in)
Provincials went well. Judge training coming up. Teams are working on nationals and worlds

Ontario - Sam F.
Provincials went pretty smoothly. OSRO is basically maxed out for a 2 day event but everything ran very smoothly.

Nova Scotia - Cameron
The RSANS board is working on a more structured judge training and schedule for next year. They are hoping to have 2 judge trainers and run a few in person judge trainings for NS judges along with some workshops for getting started with judging, and using the IJRU programs. Clubs have been preparing for nationals, worlds, and year end events.

16. New business

16.1. ParticipACTION Canada Community Challenge - Jana

The Community Challenge is a national physical activity and sport initiative that encourages everyone in Canada to get active throughout June. RSC can register and clubs/PSO's can link themselves to RSC.

TASK: Jana to register RSC for the event, promote at nationals, and touch base with Cameron to add it to the newsletter

17. Old Business

17.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

<u>Tasks from the November 24, 2024 Board Meeting</u>
TASK: Carly to make a TOR for an RSC judging task force. - **IN PROGRESS**

<u>Tasks from the February 16, 2025 Board Meeting</u>
TASK: Sam Faris to reach out to Tim Segato about news and promotion in Saskatoon.
TASK: Jana to initiate a meeting with Tyrel & the group for the activation event applicants.

<u>Tasks from the March 23, 2025 Board Meeting</u>
TASK: Competition committee to review the team show guidelines primarily around athletes under 12, to review minimum scores for the 2027 WC, to propose a policy for alternative methods for Post-Secondary Student Qualifying for Nationals, and to look at the IJRU appeals process and adjust for RSC.
TASK: Carly to respond to ORSO asking what the small fee would be for creating the policies and ask some questions about the different policies.
TASK: Sam, Cathy, Jana, and Darren to meet Sunday, March 30th at 8pm ADT to discuss Team Canada Staff payments. **- COMPLETED**

TASK: Cameron to respond to the NTC to see if the photography is already in the budget and to see the TBD pricing per club and what the detailed contract would be. **- COMPLETED**
TASK: Cameron to put the family in Winnipeg in contact with Shannon and Steph Weeks **- COMPLETED**
TASK: Cameron to ask the awards committee their thoughts on how to award the sportsmanship award this year. **- COMPLETED**

18. **Next Meeting: National Championships Thursday May 15 time TBD**
    This meeting will mainly be to discuss a new strategic plan. Please come prepared by reading the old plan and Sydney's final project.

19. **Adjournment at 9:32pm**
    Moved by: Carly

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