



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

August 11th, 2024

8:00pm ADT

Via Google Meet

In Attendance: Carly Simpson
Sam Faris
Cameron Short
Sam Ashley
Shannon Fox
Mary Kish
Julianna Bourne

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:06pm ADT.

2. Approval of the August 11, 2024 Meeting Agenda

Motion: To approve the August 11, 2024 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Mary Kish

Carried

3. Approval of the July 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the July 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Cameron Short

Carried

4. RSC IJRU Qualifier

4.1. Exemptions

There has been a request for an exemption to the date for the qualifier. The request is to compete in some team events at an earlier date in Alberta so they can then travel to another province to do other team events.

Board Decision: There will not be an exemption granted. The date was communicated a year in advance of the event giving ample time for athletes to

plan required travel. If athletes were given exemptions to compete at another date they would potentially have more rest than other athletes while competing in these events and RSA would need to hold another event for them.

4.2. Provincial Schedules

RSC will not be setting a schedule for each province to follow for the qualifier. Some provinces have substantially differing numbers of athletes attending their qualifiers and we have varying time zones through the country.

5. Team Canada Commitment

Coaches and Athletes looking to make Team Canada need to know the expectations from RSC when they accept their spots.

Many variables like cost, timeline of the judging & scoring for the qualifier, IJRU timelines are unknown right now but a communication of a rough idea for coaches/athletes will help people finalise their decision about competing in the qualifier and reduce back and forth after the qualifier when filling Team Canada spots.

Once judging and scoring is completed athletes will be notified and given some time to decide if they are accepting their position. The amount of time for this will depend on the IJRU timeline. Athletes and coaches must know in advance what their plan is for the multiple different outcomes. By the time slots are being confirmed we should know all of the financial information from IJRU that is in their control (registration & accommodations). All Team Canada athletes will be required to attend nationals.

If anyone is not a Canadian citizen with a Canadian passport or anyone that has competed under another NGB with IJRU that is attempting to qualify for Team Canada they must declare to RSC no later than October 31st so the required paperwork can be started.

TASK: Cameron to create a document with guidelines and expectations for Team Canada members to share in the next RSC communication.

6. Team Canada Staff Applications

Head Coach - Carly Simpson

Manager - Cameron Short and Denise Fisher

Assistant Coach - Shannon Fox and ~~Julianna Bourne~~

Assistant Manager - ~~Sam Ashley~~ and Julianna Bourne (Sam Ashley stepped down)

TASK: Carly will discuss with Alyssa Ciancio as an IJRU ethics member if the board can make a decision on the Team Canada Manager given that one applicant is on the BOD and one is not. Then she will call a special meeting of the BOD.

7. Nationals Rotation - PSO

NTC - suggested 2025 Saskatchewan , 2026 British Columbia, 2027 New Brunswick/Quebec, 2028 Alberta, 2029 Ontario

ORSO - If it doesn't go west 3 times there is less of a concern.

RSANS - Would be happy with more an east/west rotation not multiple out west.

RSA - would just like to know multiple years out. Many RSA members in the NTC.

BC - not present

Once rotation is set the rotation will be put on the website.

Motion: To accept the nationals rotation up to 2029 as presented by the NTC.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Julianna Bourne

Carried

All in favour

8. IJRU Update - Carly

IJRU is working through the new rules. They were hoping to have the rule book out by the end of July. They are still working on the wording for some of the rules and creating the DD matrix. Should be out in a week or two.

8.1. General Congress

Cameron and Carly will attend the meeting on September 7th at 12:00 UTC

9. 2024 AGM - Cameron

9.1. Date

The current date conflicts with by-law 24.3 "Any nominations to fill a position of Director at Large on the Board, accompanied by the written consent of the nominee by signed or electronic signature, shall be submitted in writing or by electronic transmission pursuant to Rope Skipping Canada policies seventy-five (75) days prior to the next scheduled Annual General Meeting to the Chair or such other person as the Board may delegate." RSC closed the nominations window on August 1, 2024, which is only 52 days prior to the AGM scheduled for September 22, 2024.

We are also still waiting on the financial review from the accountant so we may have needed to push the AGM anyway.

We should have by-law amendments to adjust these times because there is no reason to have this waiting time between nomination and the AGM.

The AGM has to be later than Oct 15th. The following Sunday is Oct 20th.

Pre-registration has to include assignment of a proxy voter if necessary. We will reach out to clubs to ask who their vote is.

Sam F will make the form and tabulate the votes with Julianna and Cathy at the AGM.

9.2. Expression of interest

Anyone who submitted an expression of interest for the director at large positions has been contacted to review their application prior to it going out to the membership with the AGM package.

9.3. AGM Reports

Almost all reports have been received and compiled into the AGM package.

10. Document Updates - Cameron

10.1. Policy and Procedure Manual

The P&P had outdated information that needed to be updated.

Motion: To accept the updated policy and procedure manual as amended.

Moved by: Sam Faris

Seconded by: Sam Ashley

Carried

All in favour

10.2. Competition Committee ToR - tabled

11. Registration/Registrar - Cameron

11.1. Updated Waiver

The waiver was updated to include that videos and/or audio recordings can be used for promotional purposes by RSC and partners including on social media.

Motion: To approve the updated participant waiver as presented.

Moved by: Julianna Bourne

Seconded by: Shannon Fox

Carried

All in favour

12. Financials & Registration Update -Sam A.

There were 1264 members registered from the 2023/2024 season. That is a 10% increase since 2017.

12.1. Annual filing

Everything is updated with the current directors and the address has been updated to Sam A's address as the new GM

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12.2. Insurance Renewal

Still in progress with the insurance company they have been back and forth asking questions about the membership numbers and breakdowns.

13. RSC Challenge - tabled

14. Policy Manual Proposal - Carly

Carly reached out to Alyssa C to discuss further details on the proposal. The ask is for RSC to do the document creation and share it with the PSO's. IJRU is using other sport documents to create their policies but is still time consuming. This year ORSO had a complaint that went to mediation because of the lack of a conflict resolution policy. The policies can provide members with a pathway to make complaints if necessary.

TASK: Carly to reach out to Alyssa about looking at RSA's documents, see if Sport Law can just review the documents instead of creating new ones. If RSA has the majority of the required policies can we get a reduced quote for creating the remainder and reviewing the current ones.

15. Committee Updates

15.1. Athlete Council - Sam F.

No meetings

15.2. Competition Committee - Carly

The committee met recently and discussed a number of topics but haven't drafted official language for the board to vote on. They discussed:

Reducing time at nationals

- Remove the ability for U11 teams to compete in 12-13 events, remove U11 overall for teams.

Re-introduce a tie-breaker for overall

- Use the SRTF score, followed by SRTF difficulty score to break ties for overall (All-Around)

Tie for triples

- Go back to previous competitions or to the qualifying event.

TASK - Carly to send competition committee motions to the board via email to vote on.

15.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

Nothing to report.

15.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

Nothing to report.

15.5. Awards Committee - Mary

Nothing to report.

15.6. National Tournament Committee - Sam/Carly

NTC wants to change the relationship with hosting nationals. They want RSC to host nationals through the NTC and have PSO's be able to do fundraising, raffles, prizes etc. This would help ensure a consistent centralised feeling to the event. This will also allow multiple years of prep to happen in advance.

The people on the NTC are often the same people who do the majority of the hosting jobs for PSO's currently.

The NTC will still need to work under the direction of the board. The board still has to approve the actions and budget of the NTC.

Budget - ask to get rid of the participation ribbon at nationals.

The participation ribbons aren't a huge cost and they are keepsakes for many athletes. Some go home with only the participation ribbons and these can be very meaningful for the athletes.

16. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Not in attendance

Alberta - Julianna

RSA has booked facilities for this season's competitions. The RSA summit has been organised.

Ontario - Sam F.

The ORSO board has been looking into the policy manual proposal that was sent to PSO's. Teams are gearing up for competition. The ORSO AGM is coming up.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Some teams have been doing demos & workshops at summer camps. Otherwise pretty quiet for the summer.

17. New business

18. Old Business

18.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from the June 9, 2024 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to send some suggestions to start the competition committee discussion on ways to decrease nationals day length. **-COMPLETED**

Tasks from the July 14, 2024 Board Meeting

TASK: PSO reps to go to boards to discuss the nationals rotation. Ask PSO's if they are okay with 2026 being in Alberta after 2025 is in Saskatchewan then 2027 being in BC. If a PSO doesn't want to keep this rotation, they must offer a recommendation. - **COMPLETED**

TASK: Sam A. to fill out the insurance paperwork. - **COMPLETED**

TASK: Sam F to contact the athlete council about RSC challenge ideas and timeline. **IN**

PROGRESS

TASK: Carly to get the rule book updated to state RSC is following the IJRJ rules for 30+ - **IN**

PROGRESS

TASK: Cameron to add a reminder for RSC awards on all communications next season. -**IN**

PROGRESS

TASK: Cameron to convert the nomination form to a Google form so people don't need to print and scan. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: PSO reps to go to boards to discuss the ORSO policy proposal and bring feedback to the next meeting or send feedback to ORSO.- **COMPLETED**

TASK: Sam F. to ask Alyssa if we can have all policies needed to gain Sport Canada recognition included in this project. - **COMPLETED**

TASK: Carly to reach out to Sydney to find out if she is willing to stay as competition committee chair and schedule a meeting. -**COMPLETED**

TASK: Cameron to reach out to the technical committee to ask for their help on the qualifier. - **COMPLETED**

19. Next Meeting: September 15

20. Adjournment at 11:10PM

Moved by: Carly Simpson

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