



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

August 20th, 2023

8:00pm ADT

Via Google Meet

In Attendance: Shannon Fox
Cameron Short
Sam Ashley
Sam Faris
Jodi Harrison
Mary Kish
Carly Simpson
Cathy Cunningham

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:04pm.

2. Approval of the August 20th, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Item order shuffled around but no items have been added or removed.

Motion: To approve the August 20th, 2023 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Sam A

Carried

3. Approval of the June 11th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the June 11th, 2023 Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

4. Approval of the July 9th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the July 9th, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Sam F

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

5. AGM

Needed documents:

NS Report - Cameron

Ontario Report - Sam F

Alberta Report - Jodi

BC Report - Cathy

Athlete Council Report - Sam F

Chair Report - Carly

Actions of the board - Cameron

Coaching Development Committee Report - Shannon

Last AGM Minutes - Cameron

Agenda - Cameron/Carly

Pre-Registration Form - Cameron

Financial Report - Sam A/Erika

TASK: Cameron to send out a note about registration being open including insurance certificates are not available yet. To the AGM announcement.

6. Financial Update

Remaining Team Canada registration was sent from the Team Canada bank account and the payment to IJRU was paid. Nationals expenses have been paid out - the big items paid by RSANS up front. True sport awards were paid out.

6.1. Registration Fee

The deficit from this year was mostly related to nationals (judge shirts, pins, awards, Team Canada etc.) and not regular operations. We still carry many items in inventory (such as CANSkip buttons) that will not be required purchases next year, so even with the sizeable deficit this year, next year shouldn't be as expensive. Operations costs are still rising though (insurance being a big one), so we need to increase revenue. We should avoid raising membership fees too much and look at raising nationals registration instead. Adding a Team Canada fee will help cover coaching and management costs, as those roles were a significant workload and require incentives to fill. Raising the full membership fee to \$25 is a reasonable increase, while keeping the recreational fee at \$5 to ensure the lowest barrier to entry possible. Raising the nationals fee \$10-\$20 should not pose a significant burden on prospective attendees and will generate an extra few thousand dollars to ensure we don't run into significant deficits in the near future.

Motion: To increase full membership to \$25 and keep recreational at \$5.

Moved by: Carly

Seconded by: Sam A

Carried

Nationals fees are reassessed with every nationals budget and we will suggest the registration be increased for 2024.

7. Insurance

All forms have been submitted for renewal. The club warranty forms need to be updated.

The renewal bill hasn't been sent and we haven't paid it so we haven't officially renewed. Insurance certificates won't be available until we have the renewal.

8. 2023/2024 Season

Registration will be opened ASAP. Any insurance certificates will be provided once we have the renewal.

Waiver question- Do we need to have a scanned copy or can we have a digital copy?

It's up to PSO to hold and file their forms. If PSO's want to hold them electronically they can. Our insurance company has been adamant that we have our documents hand-signed or with "certified e-signatures" (an Adobe service), as typed names are not acceptable to them. We suggest that we follow their lead and require our waiver to be hand-signed to limit any liability should there be an issue.

TASK: PSO's to ask if teams are having issues with filing/storing the RSC waivers.

Registration: ORSO sent an email asking for it to be easier to register. Clubs have to fill out the same info twice, once for RSC and once for ORSO. Majority of PSO's do their registration differently so for RSC to adjust would be difficult.

TASK: Sam A, Carly and Mary set up a meeting with Allysa to discuss registration.

9. 2025 IJRU Qualification

The virtual qualifier was a lot of work on the admin end and they recommend that we approach qualifying differently.

TASK: Carly to put together a feedback form to teams about the qualifications.

We could do virtual, separate in person event, in person at nationals. Or a hybrid of multiple i.e. freestyle at nationals and speed virtually.

To look at being competitive at a world level we could use mixing the best/fastest athletes together early on to train together. Speed would be easiest to start with.

TASK: Carly to loop in the competition committee with the qualification process.

10. Judging

10.1. Improvement Plan

IJRU now has a partnership with Yuedong Jump Rope for \$200,000 over 5 years for “judge improvement”. We don’t yet know of the plan for using the fund. This would be a good opportunity for RSC to provide feedback/ideas to IJRU for the judge training and the judging portal.

TASK: Carly to draft feedback to IJRU about judging improvement. Including feedback from RSC clubs.

Jodi chatted with Monica and Jessica at IJRU and they said it would be ideal if NGB’s sent a certified panel prepared to judge at a world level. Then NGB’s would send 1 panel of their best judges to be combined with the other NGB’s. This is similar to what we had discussed at our last meeting.

Concern: We have no way to identify who our good judges are without us re-judging competitions.

11. IJRU World Championships Recap - Shannon, Cameron

It was a really fun week. The athlete had an amazing time. Lots of feedback on the positivity of the Canadian athletes. It was an eye opening experience for the athletes that have not participated in that level of competition.

The team Canada staff plan to meet with the coaches and teams to gather feedback.

In the future we would want to look at the structure of the management. USA had a few assistant coaches along with their head coach.

First day was the roughest. There was still some organisation on the IJRU side that made it difficult for us. We had walkie talkies to stay in communication.

The uniforms worked out really well and there was lots of uniform/shirt trading.

There were some complaints mainly about IJRU logistics and scheduling. The schedules came out very late from IJRU so it was hard to plan ahead of time for the Team Canada staff and club coaches.

Suggestion: create a national judging task group/committee to focus on high level panels of judges and professional development. Not necessarily judge trainers, but trusted judges for high level judge support. This is where the conversation can start for improving consistency in the more objective aspects of judging, as well as setting general standards and guidelines for the subjective aspects. Start a collaborative approach with the judges, rather than a top-down system.

This could help build what Monica and Jessica were talking to Jodi about. NGB's having a select world level panel.

TASK: Carly to connect with Tim N on being a chair/lead of a high level judge committee.

12. IJRU Agreement

TASK: Carly to send IJRU agreement contract to IJRU

13. PanAm Update

TASK: Carly to reach out to AMJRF about the PanAm organisation

14. Committee Updates

14.1. Athlete Council - Sam F

Waiting for PSO's to determine their reps.

ORSO has determined their reps. Sam connected with the AMJRF athlete council and discussed having a joint meeting.

Question: Could the athlete council look into where athletes are going to University and recruiting for club teams?

14.2. Competition Committee - Carly

Carly is reaching out to Sydney to get the competition committee started on:
Judging quotas

Qualifying standards for 2025

Thinking of ways to improve the competition level in Canada (This can be an athlete council task also)

14.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

No meeting recently. Shannon and Allysa are working on the manuals.

14.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

No meetings. The work will start again with the new competition season.

14.5. Awards Committee - Mary

No meetings. The work will start again with the new competition season. Ideally even sooner than last year. PSO reps to start looking for awards committee members now.

14.6. National Tournament Committee - Sam/Carly

Carly wants to set up a call with the current committee to get the debrief from IJRU and all the info they need to pass on.

15. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Not much happening right now. There are bad fires in the Okanagan. Teams are starting to promote season starts.

Alberta - Jodi

It has been pretty quiet since worlds. Teams are looking forward to starting in September.

Ontario - Sam F.

Also pretty quiet since worlds. The canfit pro trade show was this past weekend. Some teams are planning on starting pretty early in September.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

There have been no practices since worlds. Training will start mid September.

16. New business

Tablet agreement - has been signed and will be sent off.

17. Old Business

17.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from June 26, 2022 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to reach out to the marketing committee and set up a meeting. - **IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the December 11, 2022 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to get the competition committee to look at the Judging Quotas for nationals. - **IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the April 16, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Cameron to confirm all teams have paid the IJRU fee for all athletes. - **IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the June 11, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam F, Sam A, Carly bring the nationals schedule, length of days, facility requirements to the Athlete Council, Competition committee, and NTC. -**IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Jodi, Cathy, Carly, Allysa to discuss reviewing the qualifier judging and provide feedback. -**IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly to draft a letter/communication to IJRU about the judge training and our concerns and potentially provide people to help with moving it forward. -**IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Shannon, Tim and Cameron to send feedback for the job applications for the Team Canada Management. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly to respond to Ernesto when provided the numbers. **-IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Jodi to discuss with the RSA members about something Taylor would have liked and been interested in. **-IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Sam to have numbers for club and membership fees, as well as nationals registrations for the 2023/2024 season. To present at the next meeting and AGM **-IN PROGRESS**

18. Next Meeting: September 17th at 7:00pm ADT 1 hr earlier than the AGM.

19. Adjournment at 10:03pm

Moved by: Cathy

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