



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2023

8:00pm AST

Via Google Meet

In Attendance: Cameron Short
Sam Faris
Mary Kish
Autumn Nesdoly (for Jodi Harrison)
Carly Simpson
Shannon Fox
Sam Ashley
Cathy Cunningham

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Sam F welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AST.

2. Approval of the December 10, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Motion: To approve the December 10, 2023 meeting agenda as presented.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Mary Kish

Carried

3. Approval of the November 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the November 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Mary Kish

Carried

4. 2025 IJRU Qualification - Tabled

The competition committee and athlete council haven't met yet so there are no updates on this yet.

5. Financials & Registration Update

November had some more registrations coming in but they are starting to slow down. Dec/Jan are usually slower and when regional and provincial competitions start we usually see an increase in registrations again.

The only expense in November was for banners used for Nationals. All income was from registrations.

All board members need to send Name, BOD, address, and occupation to Sam A or Bonnie for our annual filing.

Insurance - our fees have continued to increase every year. We have more coverage than we ever have. Shannon has investigated the amounts and everything she has found so far shows we are getting the best price that we can get right now. There have been a lot of lawsuits and other scandals going on in the sport world lately so all sport insurance is going up a lot right now. We will continue to shop around to see if rates start to change.

6. Judging

6.1. Improvement Plan

We haven't heard any further updates from IJRU for their improvement plan. Within Canada we are still working on finding the best methods to train our judges. We are still seeing success in providing workshops for judges to work on their skills and understanding with routines rather than just the judging courses.

6.2. Level 2 training

ORSO is planning some level 2 training in person in February. Shannon will double check with Alyssa if she is doing a workshop style or live training to see if RSANS can join.

RSA is doing a competition with a judges workshop for new judges to work with experienced judges. RSANS may be able to join this as well. Autumn will ask Jodi.

7. Committee Updates

7.1. Athlete Council - Sam F

The council hasn't met since the last RSC meeting. They are meeting next weekend, no update as of right now.

7.2. Competition Committee - Carly

The committee hasn't had a meeting since the last RSC meeting.

There was one email that came through about the national qualifying spots asking why we were giving less spots to the senior athletes and more spots to the junior athletes.

TASK: Carly to respond to the national qualifying spots question with the rationale that was discussed at the last call of not wanting to create a competitive environment for the lower level age groups. It naturally progresses athletes in the sport for life model.

7.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

The committee hasn't had a meeting since the last RSC meeting.

7.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

AB and BC are ready in the IJR system for provincial reps to set up their provincial competitions. ORSO and RSANS still need dates and locations for their events and then they can go into the system.

7.5. Awards Committee - Mary

The previous chair was contacted but we haven't heard back. We need to start looking for committee members and we will need to choose a chair from them.

7.6. National Tournament Committee - Sam/Carly

Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo) is confirmed for the 2024 National Championships. Deirdre is working on hotels and then she will be sending a communication for RSC to send to all members. The goal is to get this out before the xmas break.

To help offset the cost of nationals the NTC is looking to increase the registration fee to \$170. This will need to be more closely monitored year to year as all expenses have been increasing. The NTC also needs to order awards and medals this year. We are at the end of our supply. Their suggestion is to deplete the remaining medals for team show and group routine and start with a new design for the new order.

TASK: Sam F to reach out to Kingpins to see what options they have for medals and coordinate with the NTC.

Motion: To increase the Rope Skipping Canada National Championship fee to \$170 per participant for 2024.

Moved by: Carly Simpson

Seconded by: Sam Ashley

Carried

Motion: To update the design for the RSC national medals.

Moved by: Carly Simpson

Seconded by: Sam Faris

Carried

8. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Teams are getting ready for Christmas events, parades and demos. The first event for the new year will be record day for speed events in early February. Some clubs are training over the holidays and others are taking a break and starting up again in the new year.

Alberta - Jodi

Athletes are busy training for the upcoming events with the Mix Mingle and Jump in January, then the Open competition in early February. The board is busy planning these events as well as provincials. Nicola has officially set up Taylor's memorial scholarship and it is open for nominations for Alberta athletes.

Ontario - Sam F.

Teams are training with some recreational clubs/sessions wrapping up for the year. Some clubs will be doing holiday parades and other events. The first ORSO event is being planned for the of Feb.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Jennifer Kirkland and Stephanie Weeks visited for a week of school workshops and club practices. Every day had full school days and club practices in the evenings. There were some interested students from the school demos. Some school clubs are looking at starting up again. A club participated in a Christmas parade last weekend.

9. New business

No new business

10. Old Business

10.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from the June 11, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Jodi, Cathy, Carly, Allysa to discuss reviewing the qualifier judging and provide feedback and ask Tim N if he will be a chair/lead of a high level judge committee - **IN PROGRESS**

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

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

Tasks from the October 22, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam A to ask the insurance company if the \$1/day covers guest athletes/coaches - **IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the November 19, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to go back to Alyssa and say we aren't going to move forward with registration changes. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly, Sam F, Sam A - Go to NTC with schedule adjustments - moving 3 min and triples different days. Also have the 2nd day start with master's speed events rather than the end of the day. -**IN PROGRESS**

11. Next Meeting: January 14th

12. Adjournment at 8:51 pm

Moved by: Sam A

Tasks from this meeting

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