



**Rope Skipping Canada**

**Saut à la Corde Canada**

**RSC Board Meeting Minutes**

**December 11th, 2022**

**8:00pm ADT**

**Via Google Meet**

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

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**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Carly called the meeting to order at 8:01pm.

**2. Approval of the December 11th, 2022 Meeting Agenda**

Added expense forms to new business

**Motion:** To approve the December 11th, 2022 meeting agenda as presented amended.

**Moved by:** Cathy

**Seconded by:** Jodi

**Carried**

**3. Approval of the November 13th Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the November 13th Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Moved by:** Cathy

**Seconded by:** Sam F

**Carried**

**4. Committee Updates**

#### **4.1. Athlete Council**

Had a meeting this afternoon 6/8 athletes were able to attend. A good meeting with lots of conversation. Jacob gave an overview of true sport. The council has been going over the survey sent out at nationals.

Any items for the athlete council please bring them forward to Sam Faris to present at the meetings

IJRU Athlete council has not met for a long time.

**TASK:** Carly to send an email to IJRU about the athlete council and cc Thomas and Taylor.

##### **4.1.1. Team Canada Bonding event at Nationals**

The athlete council had some discussions on the team building but wanted to discuss with the coach and head of delegation once they are appointed. They were thinking some jumping, maybe a guest presentation. Would like the Team Canada Coach to be at the next athlete council meeting.

#### **4.2. Competition Committee**

Have not met yet in the last month. Need to meet about the national record policy that needs to be set before the main competition season.

**TASK:** Carly to present the national record policy to the committee to make adjustments for the competition season

#### **4.3. Coaching Committee**

Had a meeting Nov 20th with reps from BC, NS and Ontario. Have now recruited a coach from Alberta also. They discussed what everyone was working on and where everyone was in their training. Also discussed where to go from there. Most provinces don't have any coaching projects on the go. Each province is reaching out from provincial sport organisations and they will use that help going forward. All members are reading through the documents ORSO has put together prior to the next meeting. The next meeting is Jan 22.

#### **4.4. Technical Committee**

All provinces have responded and have multiple competitions in the system. Most competitions still need to be set up.

RSC still need IP payment from Ontario and BC

#### **4.5. Awards Committee - TOR**

Suggestions to TOR attached to the meeting materials.

Need to update TOR + Application form.

**Motion:** To update submission date to April 1st and add that committee members cannot be athletes or coaches. Also that the RSC representative and the committee chair do not vote. If there is a tie, the RSC rep will vote.

**Moved by:** Sam A

**Seconded by:** Cathy

**Carried**

**TASK:** Cameron to add the updated Awards timeline to a new years newsletter

**TASK:** PSO reps to go back to boards about getting committee members for the awards committee.

#### 5. **IJRU Update**

IJRU competition committee is holding another meeting on December 16th. Ann Nordin is doing all of these. An update is supposed to be coming but no communication yet. They have meetings monthly.

#### 6. **Gender Divisions / Abilities**

We got an email from a club that has a trans athlete and they are wondering how RSC will handle that and what the rules are. They are on a mixed team right now anyway and they don't know if they will be changing gender categories for individual competition but the parents have reached out and want to know what the policy would be if the athlete wanted to switch gender categories.

In the past we called the individual categories female and open. We want to be defining our divisions based on gender and not sex. In U11, there are few to no differences so athletes can simply choose the division of their choice. If they are trying to qualify for an international competition (12+), RSC will need to abide by the rules of IJRU, which are still unclear.

**TASK:** Carly, Shannon, Cameron to meet about language around the gender divisions and abilities.

**TASK:** To add information about an inclusion committee and see if anyone is interested to the next newsletter

**TASK:** Jodi to ask if RSA already has a policy about trans athletes.

**Abilities** - if someone has an intellectual or physical ability, should there be opportunities to compete down in age divisions, or have some other score factoring applied? We will look at possibilities of scale factors, or a step down model where athletes simply compete in a lower division.

## 7. NTC/ Nationals Update

Deirdre is working with Dwight and Carolyn about items for on the ground tasks at nationals.

### 7.1. Judging Uniforms - tabled from Nov Meeting

IJRU isn't expecting countries to change uniforms to match their uniforms because they don't know what colour they are going to wear and may switch it up year to year depending on sponsorships.

Discussion: Judges are interested in having options like hoodies or sweaters. Provide 1 style and give options for purchasing others

**Motion:** To change the judge's shirts to black.

**Moved by:** Sam

**Moved by:** Cathy

**Carried**

**TASK:** Cameron to make a google form for the NTC of judging shirts / styles that judges can choose from. Have this for the next NTC meeting

#### 7.1.1. Judge Quotas

A team in BC has a team of 6 that are all coaches / athletes and are all 19+. How do they meet quotas?

The simple answer is that athletes 19+ can judge in any event/division in which they are not competing. We split the competition schedule into junior and senior to allow for this.

Provinces can have their own policies for judges.

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

## **7.2. RSC Pin**

**TASK:** Sam A to get mock ups of RSC pins to present to the board.

Mary also mentioned Kingpins in Kingston, Ontario.

Mary has old RSC pins that she will give to Shannon for Nationals

## **7.3. Certified True Sport Event**

Sporting events can certify themselves as true sport events. This could be a good addition to the RSC national championships.

<https://truesportpur.ca/host-true-sport-event>

**TASK:** Cameron to reach out to contact about RSC Nationals being a certified True Sport Event

## **8. IJRU Qualifiers and World Championships**

### **8.1. DDC at IJRU 2023 - Tabled to the next meeting**

**TASK:** everyone to think about DDC qualifying options

### **8.2. Team Canada Head Coach and Manager Applications**

#### **8.2.1. Team Canada Head Coach**

Shannon was the only applicant so the board approved her as the team Canada Head coach.

Sam A has offered to help Shannon with Head of Delegation requirements if required.

#### **8.2.2. Team Canada Manager**

Cameron and Tim both applied for the position. Both applicants have experience in the role and have complementary skill sets that will work well together. It was suggested that we propose to the two applicants that they share the job 50/50.

**Motion:** To approve sharing the Team Canada manager position between both Tim and Cameron with expenses being split. If there is room in the budget when costs are determined, we may increase the budget for these positions.

**Moved by:** Mary  
**Seconded by:** Cathy  
**Carried**

**TASK:** Carly to reach out to Tim about the Team Canada Manager position.

**9. Financial Statement and Membership Update**

RSC paid for club/PSO insurance to the insurance company. Alberta paid IP fees. More memberships came in. Some additional memberships came in from already registered teams.

**10. Insurance Company - tabled**

**11. Canada Wide Recognition**

No updates

**12. Safe Sport Representatives**

Since we are taking this course events should have a person at the events that people can go to with safe sport concerns. That person can give guidance or take concerns.

**TASK:** To bring up with the national tournament committee.

PSO's can choose people on their own for provincial events

**TASK:** PSO reps to look for interested members in their province to be a safe sport rep

**13. Coast to Coast**

**British Columbia - Cathy**

Teams are getting involved in parade concerts etc. Athletes are getting prepped for records day. RSC challenge athletes did well.

**Alberta - Jodi**

**Ontario - Sam F.**

Practising normally, teams are doing Christmas parades. The board is creating many new policies. The ORSO president emailed about a warranty letter (Sam A is dealing with this)

**Nova Scotia - Sam A.**

Participated in a parade last week. Another week until the break for the holiday. Some athletes participated in the RSC challenge

**14. New business**

**14.1. Expense Form**

14.1.1. **TASK:** Sam A to send the expense form to the board

**14.2. RSC Challenge**

Suggestion to reach out to Jana who has the clothing and to the clubs for the winners. Get sizing and address from the winners.

**TASK:** Sam A to reach out to Jana about her clothing inventory.

**15. Old Business**

15.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

**Tasks from May, 20, 2022 Board Meeting**

**TASK:** Cameron to reach out to Andrej about team show disciplines on the JumpRopeJudge App  
**- IN PROGRESS**

**TASK:** Mary and Veronica to put together a proposal for deadlines and requirements ready for the August meeting. **-COMPLETE**

**Tasks from June 26, 2022 Board Meeting**

**TASK:** Carly to discuss with Monica about what DDC qualifications will be for 2023 - **COMPLETE**

**TASK:** Cameron to send Team Canada manager and coach application to the board **-COMPLETE**

**TASK:** Carly to reach out to IJRU about permanent residency and if we can get an exemption. -  
**IN PROGRESS**

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

**Tasks from October 16, 2022 Board Meeting**

**TASK:** PSO reps at the next PSO board meetings to mention considering adding language about what it means to be in good standing with the PSO and include that members need to be in good standing with their club. **-COMPLETE**

**Tasks from the November 13, 2022 Board Meeting**

**TASK:** Cameron to create survey about participation for worlds and what age division and events athletes are participating in - **COMPLETED**

**TASK:** everyone to think about judging uniforms for RSC going forward **-COMPLETE**

**TASK:** Cameron to remind athletes that Team Canada athletes are required to be at nationals even with the new timeline - **COMPLETED**

**TASK:** Cameron to fill out IP request for IJRU qualifier to have the video hub ready to take video submission as they are ready - just filled this out, I will set it up once it comes back ready.- **COMPLETED**

**TASK:** Cathy, Jodi and Sam F to send IJRU IP invoice to PSO treasures to get it paid ASAP. Including the 1.3493 exchange rate for the day it was paid by RSC. - **still need payment from ont and BC**

**TASK:** Shannon will ask a contact about Sport insurance. -**IN PROGRESS**

**TASK:** Everyone to look into insurance companies in each province.-**IN PROGRESS**

**TASK:** Sam to send a summary of fees for Constant Contact to the board for approval to send to Bonnie. -**IN PROGRESS**

**TASK:** Cameron to find a different program for sending out emails to RSC members, mailjet as a potential option -**COMPLETED**

**16. Next Meeting - January 15th**

**17. Adjournment at 10:26pm**

Moved by: Carly

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