



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

January 14th, 2024

8:00pm AST

Via Google Meet

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm AST.

2. Approval of the January 14, 2024 Meeting Agenda

Motion: To approve the January 14, 2024 meeting agenda as presented.

Moved by: Cathy Cunningham

Seconded by: Jodi Bogstie

Carried

3. Approval of the December 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the December 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Cathy Cunningham

Seconded by: Sam Faris

Carried

4. 2025 IJRU Qualification

An Alberta club had some concerns about the qualification process and timing of the event.

The option we selected was the majority opinion we had received in the survey feedback. An event in 2025 wasn't an option. We are looking to hold it in 2024 because

we don't want to risk planning something in 2025 and IJRU requiring the NGB information sooner than our event. Everything we know so far is pointing to us needing information earlier than in previous years. We need time for the background work to take place and for communications between Team Canada members, the RSC management and IJRU. This will be an expensive trip and we want to leave time for potential Team Canada members to consider their participation after the qualifier has concluded.

TASK: Carly to respond to the Alberta teams email about IJRU 2025 qualifier and nationals policy.

5. **2024 Nationals**

Wilfrid Laurier University is now confirmed for the 2024 National Championships location. The contract is being signed Monday after a few minor changes. The communication from the NTC will be going out in the next few days.

TASK: Cameron to send out the NTC communication to the RSC membership.

TASK: Sam A to update the RSC website with the national and IJRU qualification policies.

5.1. **Medals**

Sam F sent some sample pictures out to the board ahead of the meeting. There are 2 shape options: a square with the text on the far right and a rectangle with the text laid out the same as our current medals. They will have the lanyard going through the medal rather than with a metal hook. They have an option for sandblasting the backgrounds so the gold and bronze are easier to tell apart. The pricing is very similar for sand blasting and no sand blasting.

Quote - Low quantities (200) roughly \$10 each, high quantities (1000) roughly \$7 each. Pricing is without lanyards.

The rectangle looks better than the square. It would be preferable if they can make the text on the rectangle all be under the logo straight and centred.

TASK: Sam F to go back to Kingpins on pricing for lanyards, moving the lettering to the bottom straight and centred on the rectangle medal, and to find out about the lead time.

6. **Financials & Registration Update**

In November a number of registrations came in (\$4204.67). We paid for banners that were fixed from nationals 2023.

There have been a few people registered in December and early January, No December statement yet from Bonnie. No outgoing payments since our last meeting.

7. Athletes training virtually

7.1. Insurance & rentals

Question: If jumpers have set up virtual teams and are renting space for practices without an RSC registered coach are they covered by insurance?

Answer: If athletes are practising without a certified coach then the practice isn't sanctioned by RSC and is not covered under RSC insurance.

7.2. PSO registration

Question: If someone is jumping with a team from another province do they need to register for that PSO as well as their home PSO.

Answer: It is up to the province if they are required to be a member but most PSO's wouldn't allow an athlete to compete at their provincial events if they aren't a registered member. An athlete can be registered with multiple PSO's.

Question: Would athletes be eligible to qualify for nationals in another province?

Answer: It is up to the PSO to decide if someone is allowed to compete & qualify at their PSO events. PSO's may allow an athlete to compete but not be eligible to qualify for nationals at their event. Athletes can't compete to qualify for nationals in the same event more than once. PSO's have the right to approve who is at their events and who they allow to become a member.

All qualifications for nationals and provincial participation is left up to the PSO's, if RSC needs to be involved, it would be on a case by case basis.

8. Judging

8.1. IJRU Improvement Plan

The IJRU technical committee went to China to discuss the improvements to the judging system. There are plans to have a technical congress for the difficulty matrix for SR. Discussions about difficulty judges having too much to judge / cover. Looking at ways to change the way difficulty is judged.

There is pressure for the judging system to have significant changes prior to the 2025 world championships.

8.2. Level 2 training

RSANS will need level 2 training for this year. ORSO will be having in-person judge training/practice at one of their events.

TASK: Sam F to ask ORSO judge trainers if they can provide a level 2 training prior to nationals. Also to connect an ORSO judge trainer with the RSANS judging coordinator.

9. Committee Updates

9.1. Athlete Council - Sam F

There was a meeting in December. The council discussed the minimum scores for the IJRU qualifier. They were somewhat split on what to do for this year, they said to either lower them from the original proposal or to not have any for this year. The majority of the council did agree that they need to be in place in the future.

They asked if provinces could combine to do a team show for IJRU. If a team show qualifier for IJRU could be later than the RSC qualifier like at nationals so people could combine from multiple different provinces. This will depend on IJRU registration requirements.

Sam F and Carly discussed a speaker series for the council to engage them. They could have someone come on the call to discuss judging, IJRU rules, etc.

Sam F reached out to the US athlete council to see if they want to have a joint meeting at some point.

9.2. Competition Committee - Carly

No meeting since the last RSC meeting. Shannon is going to take the lead on minimum scores on the committee for now. The goal is to have a recommendation for the next RSC board meeting.

Athlete rep on the competition committee - **TASK:** Sam F to discuss with the athlete council about having a rep on the competition committee.

9.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

No meeting yet - an email will be going out this week to plan a meeting.

9.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

All ORSO events are ready for Tim in registration. The first Alberta event has been exported to scoring. The RSANS provincial competition is ready to be set up for registration.

There was one issue with athlete age for the first Alberta event but Andrej and Svante were able to clear it up for Nicola.

9.5. Awards Committee - Mary

We need a chair for the awards committee.

TASK: Cameron to add a call for interest on the chair of the awards committee.

TASK: PSO reps to ask if anyone wants to chair the awards committee.

9.6. National Tournament Committee - Sam/Carly

Discussed under 2024 Nationals

10. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

All teams are training, and discussing who is training for IJR 2025. Record day is coming up in mid February. The athletes will get to see their rankings prior to provincials in April.

Alberta - Jodi

In competition training now. The Mix mingle and Jump event is coming up in 2 weeks. Teams will be mixed up and athletes make up routines. Judges will get to practice during the event with the live athletes. The Open Competition is at the end of February.

Ontario - Sam F.

The speed and power event is coming up at the beginning of February. A full day of jumping and then some guest speakers are coming to talk with the athletes. There is also a judges workshop going on. The Open Competition is at the end of February.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Teams are training for competition season now. There hasn't been an RSANS meeting since the last RSC meeting.

11. New business

12. Old Business

Update:

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

Insurance company answer: Anyone that we deem is a member of RSC is covered under our policy.

12.1. 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 - **COMPLETE**

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. - **COMPLETE**

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**

Tasks from the December 10, 2023 Board Meeting

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. - **COMPLETE**

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

13. Next Meeting: February 11th

14. Adjournment at 9:25pm ADT

Moved by: Carly

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