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RSC Board Meeting Minutes

July 14th, 2024

8:00pm ADT

Via Google Meet

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Sam F welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm ADT.

2. Approval of the July 14, 2024 Meeting Agenda

Motion: To approve the July 14, 2024 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Cathy Cunningham

Seconded by: Julianna Bourne

Carried

3. Approval of the June 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the June 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham

Carried

4. IJRU Update - Carly

There was an IJRU tech committee call last Friday and the timeline for the judge training material was released. As of right now it will be released Sept at the earliest possible. If there is any delay it will be late Sept or into Oct. The official rule book should be released in August.

We need to communicate what rules we will be using for the qualifier.

If we use the new rules, judges might not be used to the new rules. If we use the old rules judges may have already started learning the new rules they may be confused when judging. Also routines will be judged under different rules than the actual event.

If the judging material is delayed we can have the speed events clicked after the qualifier and wait for the freestyle judging.

Carly will run an RSC webinar to explain the new updates and their implications.

Motion: To adopt the new IJRU rules and judging criteria for the RSC IJRU Qualifier.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham

All in favour

Carried

TASK: Cameron to include that we are using the new rules in a qualifier communication and include any resources.

4.1. Technical Congress Position

Jodi is holding this position as of right now and she would like it handed off. Jodi can stay on until another individual is appointed/selected.

Sam A is willing to fill the position when the time comes for the next meeting.

5. 2025 Nationals Location - Jodi

Nicola, Autumn and Jackie went to visit the University of Saskatchewan and it checked all the boxes for a viable venue.

RSA would like to still have an Alberta hosting year in 2026. This needs to be presented to the PSO's prior to the board making a decision. If we continue the rotation since the change in 2019, it would be 2025 Saskatchewan, 2026 Alberta, 2027 BC.

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.

Motion: To confirm that we will host the 2025 RSC National Championships at the University of Saskatchewan.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham

All in favour

Carried

6. 2024 AGM - Cameron

6.1. Expression of interest

One person has filled out the form so far. Board members whose positions are up: Mary Kish, Sam Ashley, Carly Simpson, Shannon Fox.

6.2. AGM Reports

So far only BC has sent in a report. All AGM reports need to be sent in to Cameron by August 1st.

7. Financials & Registration Update Sam A.

Sam and Bonnie are working on wrapping up the year end financials. We aren't looking too bad but overall but went over budget on nationals. We have increased in membership this year, which is the biggest positive. Revenue for nationals exceeded expectations (310 at \$170) but the expenses still exceeded the income. Outside of nationals, we remained pretty balanced with the only larger-than-expected items being multi-year expenses that will pay off over time. Bonnie has some nationals-related expenses to be paid (facility, staff expenses) and then everything will be sent to Erika for the yearly financial review.

7.1. Annual filing

The annual filing will be sent in once all board members have sent their full name, digital signature, address, and occupation to Sam A

7.2. Nationals Budget

We were over budget by just about \$6000.

Sam A wants to rearrange some expense categories in the annual budget because some items were overlooked because they are line items in both operations and the national championships budget. This will also apply to Team Canada (and IJRU qualifier) expenses in the future.

Judges food was more than double the expected cost. \$9000 was spent on feeding judges breakfast and lunch for the 3 days. Many Judges were still purchasing their own lunches with their athletes/teams so options should be discussed for future years.

One option we can look at are judge honorariums instead of meals. This can be a discussion with the NTC. We have roughly 170 judge slots per nationals weekend. For example, if we gave each judge \$20 per session that they judge, it would cost only \$3,400 and we could still provide coffee, tea, water and snacks and be within the \$4,000 budget. This would need to be assessed yearly depending on other lunch options that are available around the facility.

We need to have more communication between the NTC and the board so the board is up to date and can make decisions that keep us within the budget. Some

items that are “nice-to-have” but not critical for the operation of the tournament can be reduced if the more important items are exceeding their budget allotment.

7.3. Insurance Renewal

We will stay with the same company because last year's investigation showed that we are with the best insurance company for our coverage and many other companies don't offer the plan we have at the rate we have it. We need to complete some renewal paperwork prior to the company providing a quote.

TASK: Sam A. to fill out the insurance paperwork.

7.4. New bank account

Sam A. put \$100 in the account to avoid overdraft fees in case they charge us the monthly service fee until we have everything transferred over. After this fiscal year Bonnie will write a cheque or wire transfer from the current bank to the new one.

8. 2024/2025 Season

8.1. Registration Opening - Cameron

Hoping to open registration in mid August. Cameron is interested in filling the Registrar position.

TASK: Cameron to add an expression of interest form for the registrar position to the next communication.

8.2. IJRU Qualifier - Cameron

Discussions with Andrej have started on how to have each PSO have only their heat sheets but have everything be scored against each other.

No one has filled out the Team Canada staff applications yet. There have been a number of people filling out the volunteer survey.

On the communication we can estimate a quota of judges to athletes needed for the qualifier to help teams plan training.

8.3. RSC Challenge - Cameron

We want to keep our non IJRU athletes engaged and have events for some rec athletes as well. Starting up the RSC challenge can be a great way to achieve this and continue to focus on all our levels of membership.

Cameron will help Sam F & the athlete council with the challenge.

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

8.4. 30+ Teams - Cathy

RSC will be following the IJRU rules for 30+ teams. All athletes on a 30+ team must be 30+. If you have athletes under 30 on a team they must compete in the 19+ age group.

TASK: Carly to get the rule book updated to state RSC is following the IJRU rules for 30+

8.5. Coaching award - Cathy

There have been very few Coaching Award nominations in the past few years so we should be looking for other ways to solicit nominees. Many coaches aren't comfortable promoting this award to their clubs, as it feels like a conflict of interest. Each PSO could nominate a coach and we will continue to accept nominations the way we have been. This could help with promoting the award.

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

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

9. Policy Manual Proposal - Sam F.

ORSO is doing some major policy changes and is working with Sport Law to work on updating their policies. They are asking other PSO's and RSC if they want to partner to share the cost of creating these documents and then they will share the document. Alberta did a similar policy update a couple years ago that we can use as a reference for identifying where our current RSC policies could use updates.

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

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

10. Committee Updates

10.1. Athlete Council - Sam F.

Athlete council hasn't had a meeting yet. There are a number of items to discuss about nationals, the RSC challenge and the IJRU athlete council.

10.2. Competition Committee - Carly

No meeting yet but one will be scheduled to discuss for the next season and all the IJRU changes.

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

10.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

No meeting yet but a meeting is going to be scheduled.

10.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

TASK: Cameron to reach out to the committee to ask for help on the qualifier. No meeting yet.

10.5. Awards Committee - Mary

No meetings.

10.6. National Tournament Committee - Sam F/Carly

Meeting next week.

11. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Some teams are doing camps, festivals and community events through the summer.

Teams who are training for the qualifier are having extra practice times throughout the summer. Otherwise teams are taking a break for the summer.

Alberta - Julianna

SkipTime did the Calgary Stampede Prelude. SkipTime, Skip Squad and some non-RSA athletes did grandstand performances at the Stampede.

Ontario - Sam F.

Quiet for most teams. ORSO athletes from multiple teams were at the Good Games last weekend. It was well received and they were happy with the performances and hoping to go back for next year.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Quiet also. Some workshops are planned but teams are mostly on summer break.

12. New business

13. Old Business

13.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from the June 9, 2024 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam to look for the 3 min multiples track - **COMPLETE**

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

TASK: Jodi to go back to RSA/NTC to discuss organising the Saskatchewan year. - **COMPLETE**

TASK: Cameron to send out a communication with the application forms, a survey for who is going to be participating in the qualifier and a survey for who is interested in helping with the qualifier. - **COMPLETE**

TASK: Cameron to ask Andrej about using the IJRU IP for just registration - **COMPLETE**

TASK: Cameron to reach out to committee chairs to ask for reports by August 1st. - **COMPLETE**

14. Next Meeting: August 11th

15. Adjournment at 10:20PM ADT

Moved by: Carly Simpson

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