



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2023

8:00pm ADT

Via Google Meet

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly called the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm ADT.

2. Approval of the June 11th, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Added in 12. Financials

Motion: To approve the June 11th, 2023 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

3. Approval of the May 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the May 13th, 2023 Meeting Minutes as amended.

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Sam A

Carried

4. Nationals Debrief

Overall a good competition, there were some fires to put out but we don't believe it was noticed by the majority of people. The WestJet strike slightly impacted some flights but we still had the majority of people attend. There were some last minute substitutions for routines. The practice gym was hot and there was less space than expected due to some immovable tables that weren't there during the site visits.

Planning wise, everything worked out well. There was a last minute floor change that required more pipe and drape, the cost of which is TBD. The system for marshalling worked well and looked good. It wasn't ideal having the practice space as far away as it was, but it meant that fewer people were just hanging out there and the space was used by those preparing to marshal. This increased the amount of athletes in the stands watching the competition. Pin trading seemed to be a hit all weekend with lots of athletes participating.

First aid - a few minor interventions. There was one on the floor intervention that has been clipped out of the live stream reupload. It ended up also being minor.

Awards were good. We had an excess of team show ribbons because ORSO couldn't make it for their team show. There is only a small amount of carry over for ribbons and medals.

True Sport awards and sportsmanship awards went well. The athletes really enjoyed the True Sport awards and it can be something we continue to promote moving forward.

Opening ceremonies were straightforward. The land acknowledgement was done by a local MLA, there was a piper for the athlete march and a singer for O'Canada.

Athletes performed well. Especially compared to the IJRU qualifier videos.

Sunday was a long day. Especially with the Team Canada meeting going into the evening. Having 3 minutes and triples late in the day for senior athletes was challenging for some.

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

Board discussion:

Would athletes prefer going from 8 to 5 qualifying spots to shorten the masters days. Could be even on certain events like fewer spots for 3 minute speed. We could move some events to Friday night or add another day for events. Saturday and Monday were relatively early. Discuss with the committees and regroup in the fall.

5. National Records

The records were updated prior to nationals using the new rules. They will be updated with results from Nationals and added to the website.

We will leave the existing ones on the website and mark them as archived.

TASK: Cameron to complete the national records and send to Sam A for upload to the website

6. Judging

6.1. Improvement Plan

Carly received an email from Tim Nicolls who is a difficulty judge in Ont. He had some feedback from nationals. He felt that some of the placements did not align as they should have. He wrote a document with multiple solution plans.

1. Because we use the IJRU judging system, we use their materials and cannot change the judge training. We as an NGB can reach out to other NGB's to go together to IJRU with advice and suggestions about how to improve the judging training process.
2. As an NGB we can offer judge workshops to give judges feedback.
 - a. We have noticed, especially with difficulty judges, that they are not counting all skills and not properly identifying the higher levels. This can be a large problem with especially the higher level routines.
3. Having the outlier thrown out could be hurting the scores for higher difficulty routines. Those high level skills are not being caught by all the judges, which means the outlier may actually be the most accurate score, which ends up getting thrown out. This then becomes consistent across the whole event, making one judge essentially redundant. This pattern can be seen in both nationals and the IJRU qualifier.
 - a. It may be best to have the 5 difficulty judges at nationals, or not throwing out the outlier and simply averaging all judges.

Board discussion:

Option for judging in the future: Have an assigned judging pool that is focused on thorough training and practice. In many dance competitions, a lot of judging is done virtually via live streams, which could be an option in the future to both improve judge consistency and reduce costs.

Judge trainers train the judges, but they don't get to see who the "good" judges are until after an event is already over. Using the virtual qualifier, we can judge the videos and compare to the submitted scores to identify patterns and see which judges are being accurate and consistent.

This all applies to all judging, not just difficulty.

It wouldn't hurt to communicate with judges from other countries and see what they are seeing and what they are doing about it.

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

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.

TASK: Carly to respond back to Tim Nicollas

7. IJRU Qualifiers and World Championships - Shannon, Cameron

7.1. Qualifier Judge Payments

Break down of judges:

Judge Honorarium Amount	Count of Judges	Total
Freestyle - \$100	39	\$3,900.00
Speed Judge - \$50	21	\$1,050.00
Grand Total	60	\$4,950.00

Motion: To approve the expense of \$4950.00 for IJRU Qualifier judge payments. To be paid to Cameron for disbursement via e-transfer to the individual judges.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

7.2. Honorariums

We had put into the budget for \$1,500 previously.

Shannon & Cameron - \$3,000

Tim - \$1,500

Motion: To set the honorarium for Shannon & Cameron for attending at \$3000 and \$1500 for Tim being a manager not attending.

Moved by: Carly

Seconded by: Jodi

In the future we should have a Team Canada fee to cover the costs of honorariums and other expenses for Team Canada.

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

7.3. RSC Pins

Question: black pins were given out to Team Canada but there are more in stock. Are the remainder of these to be given out? There have been email requests for purchasing them from RSC.

Everyone who went to nationals got 1 RSC pin. Team Canada members also got one additional RSC pin. Traditionally, RSC has sold the pins to recoup the cost of buying them.

Clubs can order pins and spirit shirts that can be ordered to be brought to Colorado.

Cost:

Pins - \$3.00

Shirts - \$30.00

TASK: Cameron to send out a communication for ordering additional shirts and pins.

Motion: To send a communication to members offering the RSC pins for a cost of \$3 and the remaining RSC spirit shirts for a cost \$30 to either be shipped (at buyer's cost) or brought to Colorado.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Carly

Carried

8. IJR Agreement

Reviewed the agreement.

TASK: Carly to sign and send the agreement back.

9. PanAm Update

Ernesto asked for an update from the 2022-2023 jump rope season update including Team Canada numbers.

TASK: Cameron to send Team Canada numbers and number of people who attended the qualifier.

TASK: Carly to respond to Ernesto when provided the numbers.

10. Taylor Eleniak

Kerry, Craig and Deirdre Attended the service.

10.1. RSA Scholarship

RSA is doing a scholarship for Taylor, it would be a nice gesture for RSC to donate.

Motion: To approve \$500 as a one time donation to the Taylor Eleniak scholarship fund.

Moved by: Sam

Seconded by: Cathy

10.2. RSC Award

Many of our current awards go to charismatic and outgoing personalities.

It may be more appropriate to have an award for both Taylor and Nicola that this be a different target group. It would be more difficult to pick these people out of a crowd but having club nominations for this award could alleviate that.

We can create an RSC award in Taylor's memory for someone who is a quiet helper/supporter. Like Nicola, someone who quietly does the work that nobody even realizes needs to be done. It could be awarded to an athlete, official, volunteer, committee member etc.

Motion: To approve the creation of an award in Taylors name for an athlete/coach/volunteer who fulfils the quiet helper/supporter role.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

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

11. AGM

Potential Date Sept 17th, August 27th to send out documents. Everything needs to be sent out 21 days before the date.

PSO rep election this year. Needs to be an election not an appointment. IT can be an election by PSO boards.

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

12. Financials

Some IJRU payments came in by mistake. There was an increase in membership. More nationals registrations came in. The national actuals are not completed yet but should be ready for the July meeting. There were several costs that were unavoidable but much higher than anticipated, most notably judge meals and team show award ribbons. There were multiple multi-year items from nationals such as judge shirts, Canada shirts, and RSC pins that offsets the deficit. All judges received a shirt to keep with the intention

they continue to bring them each year and hopefully if judges move on they will pass along their shirts.

Live stream cost - Last year we paid \$3000. The production value has been increasing and it is something that we should continue to invest in as it is one of our main sources of media for promotional purposes to the general public.

Motion: To approve \$3000 for the live stream at the 2023 nationals.

Moved by: Jodi

Seconded by: Sam F

Carried

On Monday we had extra volunteers to run the cameras on the floor. These should be added to the NTC volunteer list as it is very helpful. Add the live stream to the nationals budget in the future.

We will probably need to raise nationals registration as costs will continue to increase.

13. Committee Updates -

13.1. Athlete Council - Sam F

At the 2 years of the initial term. PSO reps need to go back to their boards and determine their reps for the next 2 year term. Only 1 showed up for the meeting today. When the new terms go out expectations need to be clear.

Going forward we need to provide them with more tasks and items to discuss. Assigning direct tasks within the committee.

13.2. Competition Committee - Carly

No meeting

13.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

Shannon and Allysa are still working on the manuals. By the end of the summer they are hoping to have the first 2 manuals ready to have the rest of the committee to review.

13.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

Nationals results should be published and added to the website soon

13.5. Awards Committee - Mary

Awards committee is complete for the year. They are thinking nominations should be received even earlier next year.

14. Coast to Coast -

British Columbia - Cathy

Many teams are involved in festivals and parades. Team Canada athletes are still training.

Alberta - Jodi

Everyone is having a bit of a hard time. All teams were present at Taylor's funeral. The athletes performed at the lunch. Team Canada athletes are focusing on their training.

Ontario - Sam F.

Teams are doing demos and parades etc. Team Canada athletes are training.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Year is winding down. We have our final year end demo coming up this week and then it will be only team Canada athletes training.

15. **New business**

(Shannon) Insurance - we have had our insurance for a while now and a lot of rules and regulations around it have changed in the last number of years. They suggested we stick with what we have because it will potentially be way more and more difficult to start again with another company. +

RSC has to increase club insurance because we are paying \$325 for clubs but we are only charging clubs \$240. They increased this after membership opened this year.

If we are staying with the insurance company we should reach out sooner to get any new numbers so they are ready for our membership opening.

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

16. **Old Business**

16.1. **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
- **COMPLETE**

Tasks from June 26, 2022 Board Meeting

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

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 send an email IJRU about the athlete council and cc Thomas and Taylor. -**In Progress**

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

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

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

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

Tasks from the February 12, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to circulate the document about tablet renting. - **COMPLETE**

Tasks from the March 12, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam F to take back to Chad that other PSOs feel the ORSO Online Registration Proposal is too expensive. -**IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the April 16, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to send IJRU NGB roles and responsibilities document to the board - **COMPLETE**

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

17. Next Meeting: July 9th at 8pm

18. Adjournment at 10:20pm

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