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RSC Board Meeting Minutes
March 23rd, 2025
8:00pm ADT
Via Google Meet

In Attendance:	**Carly Simpson**
	Sam Faris
	Cameron Short
	Julianna Bourne
	Cathy Cunningham
	Shannon Fox
	Jana Hamiliton
	Darren McLean

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1. **Welcome and Call to Order**
   Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 ADT.

2. **Approval of the March 23rd, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

   Motion: To approve the March 23rd, 2025 meeting agenda as presented.
   Moved by: Julianna Bourne
   Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
   Carried

3. **Approval of the February 16th, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

   Motion: To approve the February 16th, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.
   Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
   Seconded by: Darren Mclean
   Carried

4. **Alberta Athlete Council Rep Vote** - Julianna
   RSA held an in person vote for the female athlete council representative at the Alberta Open Competition. Piper Bourne is the new Alberta female athlete council rep. Almost all of the athletes in attendance voted.

   Carly and Gudrun met with the male Alberta rep about his actions when disagreeing with the process of appointing the female rep.

5. **Alberta Athlete Request for Accommodation** - Julianna/Carly
   RSA denied the athlete accommodation request to compete more than 2 age categories above their age. The RSA board felt that this was the best action because there were other athletes within the team and other clubs in the province that were available to participate with this athlete within their age group. RSA reached out to RSC prior to responding to the club to confirm that RSC was in agreement with their decision.

6. **Jumpsations Team Show Request** - Cameron/Shannon
   Jumpsations sent in a request to have athletes under the age of 12 participate in one of their team show entries. They are registering 2 team shows, one for the jr athletes to get them started with the event. The junior group has no one over the age of 14.

   Historically in Canada, Team Show is an any age event. In the IJRU rulebook it states there must be no athletes younger than 12, because 12 is the youngest age covered in the IJRU rule book.

   Motion: To approve the request from Jumpsations to have four U11 athletes compete in the 12+ team show event that does not include any athletes over the age of 14 at the 2025 RSC National Championships.
   Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
   Seconded by: Jana Hamilton
   Abstain: Shannon
   Carried

   TASK: Carly to bring to the competition committee to review the team show guidelines primarily regarding athletes under 12 for next season.

7. **Post-Secondary Student Qualifying for Nationals**
   RSC received an email requesting that we look into other options for athletes attending post secondary to qualify for the national championships. This request is not for this season, but for future years.

   The competition committee will review this and send some suggestions to the RSC board.

   Guidance for the competition committee - The board is not in agreement with blanket invitations to the National Championships just because someone is attending post secondary school.

   TASK: The competition committee to review the email sent requesting a policy for alternative methods for Post-Secondary Student Qualifying for Nationals.

8. **Athlete Policies Proposal**

Allysa Ciancio- ORSO president, reached out to RSC to offer her support with drafting some policies for RSC. She proposed for a small fee she could write policies like, Code of Conduct & Ethics, Safe Sport, Disciplinary & Dispute Resolution, Competition Regulations, Concussion Management, Return to Play, and Emergency Action Plans.

The board would need to know what the small fee would be before agreeing. Many of the documents being suggested are available online for free.

Something that may be more meaningful for some of the policies would be to include the NCCP related training to the coaching requirements.

TASK: Carly to respond to ORSO asking what the small fee would be for creating the policies and ask some questions about the different policies.

9. Team Canada - Carly/Shannon/Julianna/Cameron

All event registrations are in the system including judges. Everyone's packages, roles and event shirt size will be added soon.

We are waiting on the deadline for teams to upload music, participant forms, and ID photos to Team Canada to get those uploaded to the registration system.

Team Canada staff got a request for sponsorship logos on a club's uniform. They didn't feel it would be appropriate for only some athletes to have a logo on them. If someone was looking to sponsor the whole team we would consider it but we would need to reach out to IJRU to see if corporate logos are allowed and if it was a company RSC is willing to partner with.

The board decided no RSC or Team Canada clothing can have any corporate logos on it unless they are sponsoring the entirety of Team Canada. It can be on club clothing if the club chooses.

April 5th we expect to receive information on spectator tickets.

TASK: Sam, Cathy, Jana, and Darren to meet Sunday, March 30th at 8pm ADT to discuss Team Canada Staff payments.

9.1. Registration Deposit

The deposit is calculated correctly for the number of athletes and staff currently. If the participation numbers change, the deposit is applied to RSC's final bill regardless.

Motion: To approve the payment of $10,700 USD to IJRU for Team Canada's deposit.
Moved by: Cameron Short

Seconded by: Darren McLean
Carried

10. IJRU - Carly/Cameron

RSC hasn't received any communication from the Pan AM organization. No other updates from IJRU.

11. Nationals 2025

The NTC is looking to do awards throughout the day this year.

Adding to the newsletter

1) The deadline to book accommodations is fast approaching. All room blocks are held until April 15th, 2025. Here is the link with more details.

2) Nationals Registration is now open in the IJRU Portal. Please complete the form by April 15th, 2025. Finalized event registration with payment is due on April 22nd, 2025.

3) Please have ALL judge and volunteer nominations added into the IJRU registration portal by April 15th.

11.1. Photography Proposal

A contract with clear deliverables and dates needs to be signed. Propose that RSC includes that the reels are also due to RSA by May 1st to be used for nationals promotion as well.

TASK: Cameron to respond to the NTC to see if the photography is already in the budget and to see the TBD pricing per club and what the detailed contract would be.

12. Registration & Membership - Cameron

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Province	Athlete	Coach	Coach/Athlete	Judge	Volunteer		Athlete	Coach/Athlete		Athlete		
Alberta Total	107	6	11	51	19	194	57		57			251
BC Total	122	7	13	17	10	169	80		80			249
Nova Scotia Total	25	6	1	6	6	44	47		47	4	4	95
Ontario Total	201	22	6	85	16	330	226	25	251			581
Grand Total	**455**	**41**	**31**	**159**	**51**	**737**	**410**	**25**	**435**	**4**	**4**	**1176**

13. Budget & Finances

No update.

14. Document Updates

No updates

15. 2027 Team Canada Minimum Scores

This needs to be implemented after Japan ASAP for those working toward the next WC.

TASK: For the competition committee to review the proposed minimum scores from the past and review them for the 2027 WC.

16. Nationwide Representation

16.1. Support for Winnipeg Athletes

There is a family from Hong Kong that has moved to Winnipeg and are looking for a club close to them. I sent them the info for CANSkip and they were asking if a club or coach could provide virtual support or classes online.

TASK: Cameron to put the family in Winnipeg in contact with Shannon and Steph Weeks

17. Committee Updates & Review

17.1. Athlete Council - Sam F.

There was a meeting last weekend involving Piper. Piper is taking the lead on the national camp and it has been shared to the members on instagram.
The group discussed nationals and defining what the council's role would be.

True Sport is no longer an organization in the same capacity as in the past.

They discussed recognizing the IJRU athletes at nationals.

There isn't an update yet on the activation event. There are 5 schools lined up with 2 demos at one. May 1st and 2nd. The next steps are to discuss the athletes who will be participating.

17.2. Competition Committee - Carly

No meetings yet. Meeting next month.

Appeals process with IJRU is for only scores that will impact a ranking. Currently there is no RSC language on what entries can have an appeal. We would want to look at a buffer of placements and national records.

TASK: Competition committee to look at the IJRU appeals process and adjust for RSC.

17.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

No meeting yet

17.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

National registration is set up and provincial championships are ready to be pulled to scoring.

17.5. Awards Committee - Cameron

The google form for the scholarship has been updated to allow the write ups to be submitted without error.

TASK: Cameron to ask the awards committee their thoughts on how to award the sportsmanship award this year.

18. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Provincials are coming up April 11-13. They will be running DDC speed as a demo event this year.

Alberta - Julianna

Provincials in Camrose are coming up April 12-13.

Ontario - Sam F.

Teams are training for provincials April 5-6. ORSO is working on outreach to judges to fill panels.

Nova Scotia - Cameron

The NS provincial championships was March 1st and the recreational camp and competition was March 2md. There were issues with the internet but otherwise the event ran well.

19. New business

20. Old Business

20.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

<u>Tasks from the November 24, 2024 Board Meeting</u>

TASK: Carly to make a TOR for an RSC judging task force. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: PSO reps to get experienced nominees to sit on the awards committee. There is 1 position per province to serve a 2 year term. **- COMPLETED**

<u>Tasks from the February 16, 2025 Board Meeting</u>

TASK: Cameron to create an expense outline for the Team Canada Staff to present to the RSC board. **- COMPLETED**

TASK: Sam Faris to reach out to Tim Segato about news and promotion in Saskatoon. **- IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Jana to initiate a meeting with Tyrel & the group for the activation event applicants. **– IN PROGRESS**

TASK: PSO reps to bring to their boards the request from RSC to host a 55+ category at their provincial events in 2025/2026 and report back their participation numbers. **- COMPLETED**

21. **Next Meeting: April 27th, 2025 at 8pm ADT**

22. **Adjournment at 9:57pm ADT**
Moved by: Carly Simpson

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