



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

November 13th, 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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm.

2. Approval of the November 13th, 2022 Meeting Agenda

Addition of Financial statement and membership update to the Agenda

Motion: To approve the November 13th, 2022 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Mary

Seconded by: Cathy
carried

3. Approval of the October 16th Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 16th Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Jodi
Carried

4. Committee Updates

4.1. Athlete Council

Had a successful meeting. Half of the council attended. Sam F gave the council updates on the RSC board meeting and the RSC challenge. They went over expectations and requirements again. Overall there has been better communication since the last RSC board meeting within the athlete council. The plan is to continue to meet monthly if that works for the group, possibly bi-monthly.

Anything board members think of for the athlete council let Sam F know and it can be added to the Agenda.

- Agenda item for the athlete council: what would they be interested in for a Team Canada bonding event. The head coach will plan this but the athletes input is important.

4.1.1. RSC Challenge

Minimal entries. No preliminary judging required for freestyle so just clicking will be needed ahead of time from the athlete council. Sam A will add all the freestyles to the website once the clicking is done.

Voting will open sooner because preliminary judging isn't necessary.

Board members communicate down to PSO's and clubs that those voting should be voting in all events, not just the one they know someone in. We hope this will be a tool to promote rope skipping to the public.

Promoting the event: Athlete, clubs and PSO promotion - RSC shared graphics. We need athletes, clubs and PSO's to also share the information.

4.2. Competition Committee

No updates, they will be accepting forms as they come in for the IJRU qualifiers. The next task is the record setting policy to have that in place for the competition season. We had discussed not having age categories and just having an overall record, this will be communicated to the committee. A suggestion is to have simply a Sr and a Jr category.

4.3. Coaching Committee

Having a meeting Nov 20th. Shannon sent an email about how she wants the first meeting to run. Not everyone has responded but we have representation from every province on the committee.

Reminder to send safe sport certifications and questions to coaching@ropeskiippingcanda.ca After this year it will be sent in during registration just like all other coaching certifications.

4.4. Technical Committee

All members are staying on. Schedules have been sent in and IP forms will be filled out

5. IJRU Update

We will need to send out a survey asking what members are planning on attending IJRU in Colorado Springs.

TASK: Cameron to create a survey about participation for worlds and in what age division and events athletes are participating.

[Slides from IJRU Meeting](#)

IJRU is planning on getting continuing ed courses for the required element and difficulty judges. Just for the recent rule change of duplicate skills being removed from required elements and added to difficulty.

6. NTC

Estimates for budget and registration will remain the same. They are looking into pipe and drape costs. Planning on shipping old medals to NS prior to nationals and getting ribbons in NS to avoid shipping. Survey sent out to members about interest in nationals.

Since we are ordering Nationals pins this would be a good time to get a new RSC pin made. This would be good to have at the World Championships in 2023. Keep the logo simple - some variation of the regular RSC logo

Motion: To approve purchasing an RSC pin when the nationals pins are ordered for RSC athletes and Team Canada members.

Moved by: Mary

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

6.1. Judges uniform

Currently have white shirts. NTC wants to know if we want to update shirts. Judges want long sleeve shirts to avoid putting sweaters over their shirts.

NTC recommended long sleeve dry fit in red or black. Red they would stand out and Black they could blend in to provide more focus on athletes.

Dry fit long sleeve or crew neck sweater in black

Comments: Black would mean judges would blend in with the background and not be as obvious in viewing and not on the live stream as much.

If judges and athletes are both wearing black they may blend in with each other.

TABLED for December meeting

TASK: Everyone to think about judging uniforms for RSC going forward

6.2. Member addition

Motion: To approve Autumn Nesdoly as a member on the National Tournament Committee

Moved by: Mary

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

7. Nationals 2023

All venues are booked. Food services don't communicate with housing services. When you book rooms you cannot book meal plans. They require 1 booking for the event so members will need to have to manage and organize the receiving of meal plan booking and money and then RSC will need to send one lump sum. Meal hall doesn't do boxed lunches. There are minimal restaurants close by that hold large amounts of people. There are several restaurants but they are relatively small. Every dorm building has a kitchen area that teams could easily use to prepare some simple meals.

Team Canada members are required to go to nationals - included in survey and next communication. Now with the new deadline you won't know about team Canada until May 12th.

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

8. IJRU Qualifiers

BC held one and had a great video and sound set up. Judges were practicing. Shannon listened and watched virtually. The takeaway is that it is good to have a second chance.

TASK: Cameron to fill out IP request for IJRU qualifier to have the video hub ready to take video submission as they are ready

8.1. RSANS Qualifier

February 25 and March 25 need an additional RSC representative.

February 25 - Jodi from 12-3pm ADT

March 25th - Shannon/Sam F from 9am-3pm ADT

9. Financial statement

Sept expenses:

Bonnie sent her statement

We paid main RSC insurance

Paid out Erica's fee

Rebound ropers unintentionally registered as a club member and were sent a refund to correct their mistake.

Paid Tablet fees to BC.

Sept Revenue:

Lots of memberships came in.

Oct Expenses:

Club/PSO insurance - the insurance company upped this amount after we set fees. So we are taking a loss on the price change. We will need to increase this for club payments next year prior to the competition season if we keep this insurance provider.

Oct Revenue:

More memberships came in.

We are operating with a tighter budget now that we will have costs associated with extra IJRU qualifier events and the IJRU technology fees. We have lots in the bank to cover any shortfalls but we might need to look at raising membership and club member fees next year as we can't always count on nationals covering operational costs.

We have been lucky with Kamloops and Acadia being relatively inexpensive facilities, but it won't always be this way so we need to ensure operations are fully funded outside of nationals revenue.

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.

10. Membership Update

Memberships have come in during Sept and Oct. It looks like we have a regular amount coming in, hoping that we will see us rise back to pre-covid numbers this year.

The master list is active but a full breakdown hasn't been done yet.

For all membership types we have 891 members. Including judge, coach, athletes, recreational and temp memberships.

Last yeast total memberships was 716.

11. Insurance Company

Injury, liability, D&O coverage for the RSC BOD and Clubs.

Insurance costs have gone up roughly 30% so we should begin shopping around now before we're in too much of a crunch leading into our renewal date. We have increased our coverage significantly since moving to this company so increased costs were expected, but this recent increase has been above and beyond that.

The RSC board should look into insurance providers for sport injury and liability in each province to see if we can find better rates.

TASK: Shannon will ask a contact about Sport insurance.

TASK: Everyone to look into insurance companies in each province.

12. Canada Wide Recognition

A girl from Belgium has moved to Quebec and is interested in starting a club in Quebec city.

Sam gave her contacts in Quebec and told her RSC can help support. We would require her to be a certified coach and we could help with all other aspects, such as free memberships and equipment as long as members are registered.

13. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Everyone is in the gym training. Some videos were done for the RSC challenge. Had the first qualifier and then another coming in Feb. Looking like just Black Widow Rope Spinners and Abbotsford going to worlds in BC. Working on provincials and getting ready for Nationals. New team has reached out to Cathy in BC. Cathy is a judge trainer now. Thomas is in Orlando working at seaworld performing 5 times a day.

Alberta - Jodi

The Alberta summit had about 70 athletes. Carly and Chris did coach training. Cathy did judge training with Jodi. Everyone is back to regular training. There is a workshop style competition to get everyone ready. IJRU qualifiers and provincials scheduled.

Ontario - Sam F.

Most teams are fully practicing. Were not able to have the ORSO workshop because of the CUPE strike. So the Judge training was also canceled for now. If it is rescheduled judge training will happen then if not judge training will be online. Qualifiers are Feb 25 weekend and the first weekend of April for the IJRU qualifiers.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Training per usual. First event on Nov 20th. Masters only event. The event will use a score card with ribbons on it for each athlete. Should be a good starter for the IJRU qualifiers. The RSANS board is working on Nationals planning. Discussions with Bell to broadcast Nationals on their streaming. Tentative art work for nationals logo sent to the clothing company for Nationals. RSANS has their semi-annual review at the end of the month to decide Sport NS funding and where skipping is according to Sport NS tiers. Jacob is a true sport ambassador and will be promoting true sport and safe sport from the athlete level within NS.

14. New business

Constant contact - \$50 a month

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

TASK: Cameron to find a different program for sending out emails to RSC members such as Mailjet

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. - **IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from June 26, 2022 Board Meeting

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

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 August 14, 2022 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam to look at what the clubs should have owed and what they paid. -**DONE**

Tasks from October 16, 2022 Board Meeting

TASK: PSO's to go back to boards/athletes to confirm athletes for the Athlete council are continuing or provide replacements. - **DONE**

TASK: Sam F to move forward with contacting the athlete council about judging the RSC challenge - **DONE**

TASK: Sam A and Cameron to announce the RSC Fall challenge tonight via socials and website -**DONE**

TASK: Cameron to communicate to PSO that videos are due the 14th of April -**DONE**

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. - **IN PROGRESS (ONT,BC)**

TASK: Carly to reach out to Bonnie Poppy to confirm if she wants to stay on as General Manager. -**DONE**

16. Next Meeting - December 11th at 8:00pm ADT

17. Adjournment at 10:08pm ADT

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