



Rope Skipping Canada

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RSC Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2021

8:00pm (AST)

Meeting via Google Meet

In Attendance: Sam Ashley
Cameron Short
Mary Kish
Cathy Cunningham
Sarah Dobrowolski
Sam Faris
Carly Simpson

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:04pm AST.

2. Approval of the October 17th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the October 17th, 2021 meeting minutes as amended.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Sarah

Carried

3. Approval of the November 14th, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Motion: To approve the November 14th, 2021 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Sam F

Carried

4. RSC Marketing and Communications Committee

Carly put together a TOR for this after reviewing the strategic plan. Promoting the sport via social media is something we want to keep doing on a larger scale. This committee communicates to the public and membership from a promotional aspect. The board would continue to communicate functional information to the membership.

This would be something to start small with mainly board members and others who are interested.

Motion: To approve the Terms Of Reference for RSC Marketing and Communications Committee

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by : Sarah

Carried

TASK: Carly to put out a call for interest for the RSC Marketing and Communications Committee in the communication to the members.

5. RSC Sport Development Committee

Carly put together a TOR for an RSC Sport Development Committee.

A review from IJRU is coming up and they will be looking for strategies for sport development. This group would work to find out what qualifications we would need and develop a plan to get there.

Motion: To approve the Terms of Reference for the Sport Development Committee

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Sam

TASK: Carly to put out a call for interest for the RSC Sport Development Committee in the communication to the members.

TASK: Sam F to put a call of interest in the RSC Sport Development Committee to the RSC Athlete Council.

6. RSC Strategic Plan Task Force

A group from the board to review the outcomes of the previous and build the new strategic plan. This group will meet a few times over the next few months to get this ready to present to the board.

TASK: Carly to reach out to Sarah and Cameron to plan the first meeting

7. Coaching Committee

RSC approved a TOR and never put a call out for committee interest. ORSO made essentially the same group lead by Shannon Fox. Instead of creating a separate committee, RSC will put a call out for other provinces to join. Building off of the LTAD.

TASK: Carly to reach out to Shannon to reach out to the other provinces for members.

AMJRF is also looking to build coaching materials. We would be willing to teach/learn and share our materials with them. Not necessarily have them on the committee but have a few calls a year and collaborate with them when we have developed materials.

Question: (to be added to next agenda to discuss further)

Do clubs share their organizational structures? Have clubs had access to resources on how different clubs run?

8. Registrar Role

Sam A and Carly had a meeting with the new registrar to explain the role and have a walk through of the tasks.

TASK: Sam A to reach out to the registrar to see how they are doing with the role.

TASK: PSO's to remind clubs to fill out the new registration form each year because the format and information changes.

9. Financial and Membership Report

We have roughly 265 full athletes and 528 registered members.

Sam A gave an update on the finances. We now have a working document to keep track of everything along with the budget to keep everything in one place.

10. IJRU Update

The RSC delegates for the IJRU General Congress are Cathy and Carly

TASK: Everyone to read through the general congress documents and provide your feedback to the board ASAP.

World championships are still in production with no further information has been released. The IJRU athlete council had their first meeting and things are going well.

11. RSC Challenge

Some links need to be fixed on the website but will be done tonight. Announcements about all the events and details have been made on Instagram . The celebrity judges are being promoted currently with bios on each. The deadline is Nov 28th to submit challenge videos.

TASK: Sam F, Sam A, Cameron to work on the links and do a trial run.

TASK: Carly to add RSC Challenge details to the communication going to the membership.

(Sam A. sent out full details via constant contact during the meeting)

12. RSC Athlete Council

The second meeting was last weekend. Everyone was in attendance. Still waiting on Alberta members to be elected. The council discussed a number of topics including

- the RSC challenge. The Athlete council will be the celebrity judges for the challenge. Judge profiles will be coming in for the celebrity judges shortly, the first one has already been posted.
- IJRU judging. Including athletes learning to judge and helping at nationals.
- Athletes submitting videos prior to competition.
- Putting a survey together to send to the athletes. Asking general questions about events and age divisions and other topics.
- Pushing the rec and fitness side and not just competition.
- Nationals - what events would be wanted or not.
- Age categories. Combining age groups and open age groups to engage athletes of all ages together.

- Workshops that aren't purely skill/sport based. More presentations and workshops for things not skill based for athletes and coaches.

Sam F is the athlete rep on the NTC

Sam F will send minutes to the board.

TASK: Sam and Carly to discuss organization of ideas for the Athlete council to prioritize topics.

13. CANSkip Update

Very close to being ready. Just had a file formatting issue for the buttons. Previous button layout didn't fit into the printing layout. Final edits are being made. All should be sorted in the coming weeks with a mid/late december release. Skill videos are being made from different clubs around the country.

TASK: Sam to send a sheet to the board with what videos have been filmed and want to be filmed.

14. Provincial Communication

14.1. Alberta Rep

Select/elect one rep and if that person can't make a meeting they can send someone to be ears only. So we don't have to get them caught up and extend the meeting. And not have a voting member.

TASK: Cameron to reach out to nichola with the response from the board.

15. Nationals 2022

15.1. Approve events for 2022 informed by club survey results

Most clubs filled out the survey saying they would attend and the majority of them said they would like the regular amount of events.

Motion: To accept all the IJRU events and U11, 12-15 power, precision and group routine for the 2022 Nationals

Moved by: Sam F

Seconded by: Sam A

Carried

15.2. Approve age categories - suggest dividing the 12-15 category into 12-13 and nationals 14-15 to align with LTAD

12-15 was only brought in for the IJR competition when the competition was pushed back to include all previously qualified athletes.

Motion: To divide the 12-15 age category into 12-13 and 14-15 age categories.

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Mary

Carried

TASK: Carly to communicate the age division change to the membership

15.3. NTC communication

Succession planning for turnover on the NTC. First look into the board with who would want to step up and then move outward who would want to join.

Provincial reps communicate to provincial boards, specifically to their provincial competition planners.

IJR is asking to confirm the one point of contact to oversee RSC access to IJR systems. Cameron will be RSC's point of contact. RSC will also require a person for each province to learn this as well for their provincial competitions.

TASK: Provincial reps to reach out to provinces to select someone to learn how to use the IJR software. Tell individuals to email Cameron and Carly

NTC is not comfortable being the first contact dealing with the COVID-19 protocols during the 2022 National competition. They suggested hiring out for security or an external agency to check vaccine past ports.

Advise NTC to look into hiring out a security or external company.

TASK: Carly to reach out to the NTC about hiring an external company for covid regulations at the door. Also ask the NTC for what our rental agreement states for sanitation duties.

15.4. Set an in-person event cut off date

NTC needs to know by January 21st if RSC plans to short an in-person event.

15.5. Judging

Carly suggested holding a judging town hall with info for all judges and explaining what you need and how to get it.

Carly and Jodi have dates for virtual live training on Jan 29th and 30th as well as Feb 5th and 6th.

16. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Covid-19 numbers are going up but haven't affected teams. Teams are working on the RSC challenge. Hoping for a live provincials but a decision won't be made yet. Waiting for IJRU results. Teams are moving along with demos and presentations.

Alberta - Clubs here are getting organized and starting to practice. Some are having challenges in finding spaces that are allowing outside rentals (most school divisions are not). Some facilities here have moved to a REP program so depending on the venue everyone over 12 must show proof of vaccination, a medical exemption, or a negative COVID test. So far our numbers are holding steady to last year.

We are wanting to host at least 2 competitions this year with planning already underway.

There are plans to really ramp up our marketing strategy in hopes to build more interest in getting new members both rec and competitive. Instead of each club trying to do their own things, we thought we would try a provincial blanket approach.

Ontario - Teams are getting more active. Overall not bad for covid numbers. Planning to hold 2 events this season. Ontario is putting a lot of resources into club development. The ORSO athlete council is up and running.

Nova Scotia - Working towards a makeup provincials from 2021, having a masters only event at the end of November. Won't be using the IJRU judging, celebrity judges are giving scores out of 10. There will be a live stream with no spectators.

A new rec club has started. About 24-25 kids signed up for a 5 week session with plans to extend in the new year. The competitive team has tryouts happening currently with 6 pre-competitive athletes trying out.

17. Old Business

17.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from April 11, 2021 Board Meeting:

TASK: Cameron to look through secretary resources for Erins research and find the previous policies needed for sport recognition **-IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from July 11, 2021 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam, Mary and Carly come up with direction and ideas for ntc for the fee and intellectual properties. And contact Deidre and Nicola to join the group. **-IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from Oct 17, 2021 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam A, Cameron and Carly to set up a meeting with Kim Stewart - **COMPLETE**

TASK: Cameron to look into dropbox plans - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Cameron and Sam to make roles and responsibilities for the athlete council on the NTC. **-COMPLETE**

TASK: PSO and club contacts to reach out to their teams and see what the most important events are to people regarding competing if an online event is necessary. - **COMPLETE**

18. Next Meeting - December 12th

19. Adjournment at 10:18pm AST

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