Rope Skipping Canada

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RSC Board Meeting Minutes
November 24th, 2024
8:00pm ADT
Via Google Meet

In Attendance: **Carly Simpson**
Sam Faris
Cameron Short
Julianna Bourne
Cathy Cunningham
Shannon Fox
Jana Hamiliton
Darren McLean
Sydney McLennan - Strategic Plan Update

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1. **Welcome and Call to Order**
   Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:05pm

2. **Approval of the October 13, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

   Motion: To approve the October 13, 2024 meeting agenda as presented.
   Moved by: Cathy
   Seconded by: Sam F
   Carried

3. **Approval of the September 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

   Motion: To approve the September 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented.
   Moved by: Cathy
   Seconded by: Julianna
   Carried

4. **Strategic Plan - Sydney**
   Final draft is due December 10th. Sydney is looking for any feedback to be sent this week. The final 20 pages include the raw data that may not be related to the project but helpful for RSC.

Sydney talked with many other sporting organizations and her professor during her research. There are many analyses in the report and Sydney pulled out the main objectives for RSC and went into further details on those items.

She spent a lot of time looking into Sport Canada recognition and found out the new processes that Sport Canada just released. RSC is technically a recognized NSO because we are the national sporting organization. We just aren't recognized for Sport Canada Funding.

Many people Sydney talked to suggested working on the grass root level mainly and Sport Canada put a lot of focus into the grass root programs. Growing the membership base at the bottom was the overwhelming advice.

Sydney is working on getting responses from Sport Canada but with the new sport application process they have been overwhelmed. Sydney will ask if we can get a letter stating that RSC is a recognized NSO so we can provide that to IJRU.

Sydney is willing to continue to work with the board to help with this and getting members to buy in.

5. **Appointment of Officers**
   - **5.1.** **Chair:** Carly Simpson
   - **5.2.** **Vice Chair:** Sam Faris
   - **5.3.** **Secretary:** Cameron Short
   - **5.4.** **Treasurer:** Darren McLean

   Julianna and Shannon will monitor the info@ropeskippingcanada.com inbox and filter incoming emails as needed.

6. **RSC IJRU Qualifier & Team Canada** - Carly/Shannon/Julianna

There was no marking determined for wheel for athlete A and B. Carly discussed with some people at the ORSO event about some options. Marking one athlete with a taped X on their jersey would be okay for older athletes but younger athletes might not be able to do that on their own and we don't want our volunteers or coaches having to touch the athletes to put it on for them. We need to determine something that our young athletes can administer on their own.

6.1. Slot Estimation Form

The slot estimation form is due November 25th, ours is ready to be submitted based on the entries to the virtual qualifier.

6.2. Video Hub & Qualifier events

All the qualifying events went well. Based on some athlete discussions, some provinces' events had more of a competition feel than others.
Videos are due to the video hub by December 1st at 11:59pm PST.

6.3. ClicknClear

IJRU is not making clearing music in clicknclear mandatory for 2025 but it will be required for 2027. This will be added to a communication to Team Canada hopefuls.

6.4. 30+ Entries - Sam F

There are very few 30+ athletes across Canada. They would like to enter more team events with the athletes that qualify in the 30+ category.
The Team Canada staff has been discussing filling out team events like SRSR with members who qualify that aren't already competing in the event.

Sam is going to discuss with the 30+ athletes and send the Team Canada Staff an official request email. The Team Canada staff will make a recommendation for the board.

7. Judge Training

ORSO ran another training the weekend of the RSC IJRU qualifier. This was the last opportunity before the qualifier judging to get level 2 certification.

To create a streamlined approach to judge training, RSC is going to create a judging taskforce with all of the judge trainers in RSC.
TASK: Carly to make a TOR for an RSC judging task force.

8. IJRU Update - Carly/Cameron

There was an updated rule book with further explanations and clarifications about some rules released by IJRU.

TASK: Cameron to include the new rule book in the Team Canada and RSC December newsletter communications.

9. Registration & Membership - Cameron

	Full					Full Total	Recreational		Recreational To	Temporary	Tempc	Grand
Province	Athlete	Coach	Coach/Athlete	Judge	Volunteer		Athlete	Coach/Athlete		Athlete		
Alberta Total	95	6	11	51	20	183	57		57			240
BC Total	107	5	13	13	8	146	64		64			210
Nova Scotia Total	25	6	1		6	38	43		43	4	4	85
Ontario Total	184	22	6	66	13	291	192	25	217			508
Grand Total	**411**	**39**	**31**	**130**	**47**	**658**	**356**	**25**	**381**	**4**	**4**	**1043**

10. RSC Challenge - Sam F.

Everything has been put up on the website and instagram. A feedback form was shared to get insight of what the membership is looking for with future challenges.

11. Committee Updates & Review

11.1. NTC - Carly, Sam F.

11.1.1. Budget

The NTC budget was sent to the board ahead of the meeting.

Motion: To increase the registration for the Rope Skipping Canada National Championships to $200 for the 2025 Rope Skipping Canada National Championships.
Moved by: Sam Faris
Seconded by: Jana Hamiliton
Carried
2 rejected (Cathy, Cameron)

11.1.2. Individual Placement Proposal

Motion: To approve awarding medals for all 3 placements in all divisions.
Motion: Cathy
Seconded: Sam F
Carried

11.2. Athlete Council - Sam F.

The athlete council discussed options for marking athlete A and B in wheel. They had discussed taping one of the athletes with an X but hadn't considered younger athletes would potentially have a hard time doing it themselves like Carly mentioned earlier. They will continue to discuss options.

They agree that using the same uniform for Team Canada as 2023 would be good. The athlete council also noted that many athletes didn't like the shorts but all other items were good.

Some athletes felt like their qualifying event had a different competition feel than others and discussed ways to fix this in the future. They discussed having an in person competition.

The council discussed having more competitions over the year to increase competitiveness and having a leader board or something similar to keep scores up over the year. Then in the future creating teams for single rope speeds with top scores for Team Canada.

A sample budget was sent for the activation project leading up to nationals in Saskatchewan. There was some discussion with schools and Jump Rope for Heart in the area. The discussion is currently for the first weekend of May. The board feels the budget is appropriate.

11.3. Competition Committee - Carly

No meeting

11.4. Coaching Committee - Shannon

No meeting - Shannon reached out to Nick and Kaylee Woodard because they may have an ongoing similar project and we don't want to duplicate work.

11.5. Technical Committee - Cameron

The technical committee started using the scoring system to make heat sheets for the IJRU Qualifier, but we opted to make our own provincial spreadsheets instead.

RSANS and RSA competitions for the season are in the registration system and ready to be set up.

11.6. Awards Committee - Cameron

The application process has been moved over to google forms and will be put on all newsletters going forward.

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.

12. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Clubs are busy training. Those that are attempting to qualify for IJRU attended the RSC IJRU qualifier. Some clubs are attending parades and Christmas events. There was a fall camp. Everyone is preparing for a competition in January.

Alberta - Julianna

RSA put out an application for a female athlete council rep, applications are due this evening. RSA wants to include a 50+ age group, they are hoping to get admitted into the Alberta Senior Games in the future.

Ontario - Sam F.

There were 45 athletes at the RSC IJRU qualifier in Ontario. The ORSO workshop and judge training happened a few weeks ago and was very well attended. Nick Woodard, Kaylee Woodard, Seth Ingram, Owen Lucas, and Rowan Reef were there as staff. Athletes are happy to be past the qualifier.

Nova Scotia - Cameron

RSANS held their masters competition along with the IJRU qualifier. It was good to have both running at the same time to give a competition environment. There were judges for speed and some of the RSANS board made up the freestyle judging panel. For freestyle, IJRU judging wasn't used. The judges gave a score of out 10. For awards they handed out score cards with placement stickers. Following the competition, RSANS had their AGM the members of the board are staying the same. Provincials are set for the first weekend

of March in Annapolis Royal. RSANS had a few judges attend ORSO's live training events to get prepared for the season and IJRU qualifier judging.

13. New business

No new business was addressed

14. Old Business

14.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

<u>Tasks from the July 14, 2024 Board Meeting</u>

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

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

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

<u>Tasks from the August 11, 2024 Board Meeting</u>

TASK: Carly to reach out to Alyssa about looking at RSA's documents, see if Sport Law can just review the documents instead of creating new ones. If RSA has the majority of the required policies can we get a reduced quote for creating the remainder and reviewing the current ones. **- IN PROGRESS**

<u>Tasks from the September 15, 2024 Board Meeting</u>

TASK: Cameron to ask Andrej if/when the clicker app will be available. **- IN PROGRESS**

15. Next Meeting: December 15, 2024

16. Adjournment at 10:34pm

Moved by: Carly Simpson

<u>Tasks from this meeting</u>

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