Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2024
8:00pm ADT
Via Google Meet

In Attendance:	**Carly Simpson**
	Sam Faris
	Cameron Short
	Sam Ashley
	Julianna Bourne
	Cathy Cunningham
	Shannon Fox

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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 ADT.

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

   Motion: To approve the October 13, 2024 meeting agenda as amended.
   Moved by: Julianna Bourne
   Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
   Carried

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

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

4. **Financials - Sam A.**
   The registrar email will be disconnected from the old bank account so no e-transfers can go through. The remaining balance will be sent to the new account and the old account will be closed. Some more registrations have been coming in but not many other movements.

5. **National Tournament Committee -** Sam F./Carly/ Sam A.

5.1. **Extend Duration of Event:** The NTC proposes extending the competition by one day. The NTC would arrive to set up on Thursday, May 15th, with practice times available throughout the day. Friday would become an event day. Opening ceremonies would start at 6 pm, followed by the usual group routines. Saturday, Sunday, and Monday would continue as competition days. Their rationale for extending the tournament is to better accommodate media coverage and reduce the time spent in the gym for athletes, judges, and officials.

- **Motion:** To extend the national championships by one day
  Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
  Seconded by: Sam Faris
  2 opposed
  Carried

5.2. **Alternating Floors for Freestyle:** The NTC proposes adopting a system similar to what ORSO does for their Provincials: alternating between two floors for all freestyle events. This system has been effective in reducing wait times between competitors for ORSO. We would like to trial it at Nationals this year.

- **Motion:** To trial to alternating between two floors at nationals 2025
  Moved by: Cathy Cunningham
  Seconded by: Sam Faris
  1 opposed
  Carried

5.3. **Medals for Individual Events:** The NTC suggests transitioning from ribbons to medals for all events. With the shift toward track-style and athletes potentially competing in fewer events, they believe awarding medals would elevate the prestige of Nationals and receiving such a placement. Perhaps, stickers or lanyards with the event could be added to the medals.

- **TASK:** Carly/Sam A/Sam F - Ask for a quote for new ribbons, for just first medals and ribbons for second and third, and for medals for all events.
- After reviewing the quotes we will continue this discussion.

5.4. **Increased Registration Cost:** Given the rising costs of organizing this event, the NTC recommends increasing the registration fee for Nationals. While they do not have an exact figure yet, they feel it's necessary to adjust the fee to reflect current costs nationally. The NTC will update the board with the cost estimate as soon as it is received. However, as a Committee they suggest that $175 is relatively low in cost for a National Tournament.

- **TASK:** Carly/Sam A/Sam F - Ask NTC for a budget and what the increases will go to.
- After reviewing the budget we will continue this discussion

5.5. **Storage:** All the RSC medals are in ORSO Storage, and they haven't been counted yet. Autumn would like to have the medals mailed to her to store and organize them to send to Nationals.

- This will be an expense anyway, Carly will tell Autumn to coordinate with Shannon to ship the medals. Ideally they can be driven to Nationals 2025 to avoid the need for them to be shipped again to Saskatchewan.

5.6. Proposal for Promotional Initiative in Saskatoon

There was a request sent to the board for a group of athletes to go to Saskatoon ahead of the 2025 National Championships to promote rope skipping and the event. We are going to give the athlete council this task to work on. We want to ensure there is a clear schedule and set of events to fully use the time and resources.

TASK - Cameron to respond to the email and cc Sam F in response to coordinate with the athlete council.

6. Document Updates - Cameron

6.1. Policy and Procedure Manual

Updates to the coaching credentials

- 16+ coaches - Standard First Aid/CPR C (or higher) certification valid through the entire competition season (September 1st - August 31st).
- 18+ coaches - Valid/current Criminal Record Check including Vulnerable Sector check (valid within 5 years)

Motion: to approve the changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual as presented
Moved by: Carly Simpson
Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham
Carried

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

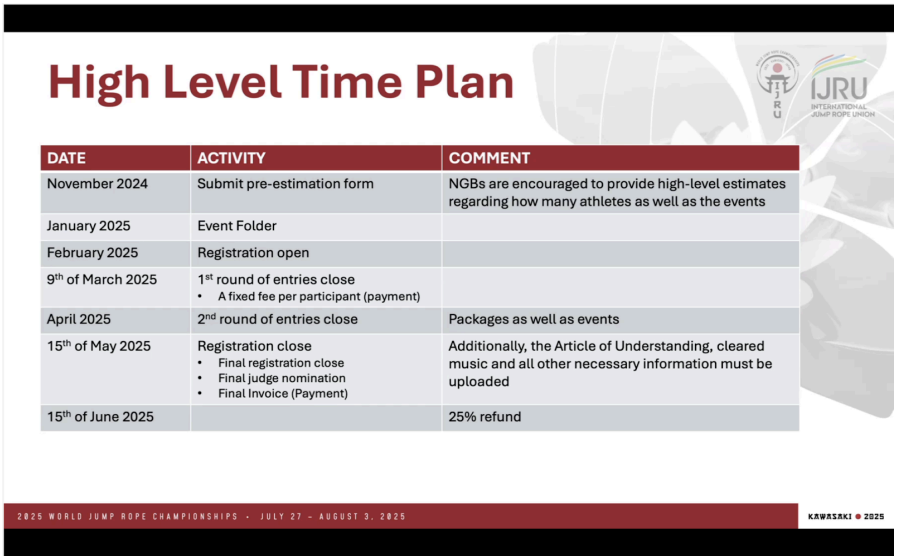
7.1. There are some concerns about the date of the qualifier from someone in Alberta so Carly is going to meet with them this week to discuss their concerns and try to find out how widespread the concerns are.

7.2. The first NGB Meeting was on Saturday.
Same floor size as Colorado but fewer seats. There will be an area for athletes to watch but no seats.
Slots

- 2 per event per age division and gender at IOT
- 3 per freestyle event per gender at WC/JWC
- 5 per speed event per gender at WC/JWC

Updated rule book is coming before Oct 24 it will include clarifications and anti doping.
IJRU will be combining events if needed. If the combining still doesn't meet the standard an event may be canceled. We will know by 15 of May what will be combined or canceled.

- IOT will start with age divisions then move to gender divisions if necessary
- WC/JWC combining will only be by gender



8. Judge Training

ORSO is inviting members

Schedule:

Saturday, November 2, 2024:

- 9:00am to 10:00am - **IJRU Judging Portal Help**
- 10:00am to 12:00pm - **Speed**
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm - **Freestyle Presentation**

Sunday, November 3, 2024:

- 9:00am to 12:00pm - **Freestyle Difficulty**
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm - **Freestyle Difficulty**

9. IJRU Update - Carly/Sam. F/Cameron

9.1. General Congress

All motions passed. There were no materials sent out ahead of the congress. The motions were:

- 2024 GC Agenda approval
  - Vote: approve
- 2023 GC minutes approval
  - Vote: approve
- 5 new NGB memberships
  - Vote: approve
- A New IJRU BOD member
  - Vote: abstain

  This was for the Pan Am rep. RSC had no notice of this person, we don't know anything about them and we had no expression of interest sent to RSC.
- Updated IJRU Strategic Plan for 2025 - 2030
  - Vote: abstain

  No one was given the strategic plan ahead of the meeting to review and ensure we agreed with it.

- Rule Changes approved by the Tech Congress and BODs and distributed this past summer to all NGBs
    - Vote: approve
      It was too late for this vote but this wasn't the time/place to express those issues again. Everything had already been changed and adapted.
- Membership category addition
    - Vote: abstain
      The new categor's intention was for a neutral athlete category for russian athletes to compete under after approval by IJRU. They wanted it to be more flexible than that for any future issues and there weren't clear rules around this or how being in this category would be approved. Again this wasn't sent out ahead of time to consider what it could mean or how it could be abused.

10. 2024 AGM - Cameron

Everything has been sent out and the pre-registration and proxy forms are open.

11. Registration & Membership - Cameron

	Full					Full Total	Recreational	Recreational Total	Temporary	Temporary Total	Grand
Province	Athlete	Coach	Coach/Athlete	Judge	Volunteer		Athlete		Athlete		
Alberta Total	91	6	10	31	7	145	44	44			189
BC Total	106	5	13	13	8	145	57	57			202
Nova Scotia Total	19	4	1		1	25	22	22	4	4	51
Ontario Total	160	21	6	28	13	228	73	73			301
Grand Total	**376**	**36**	**30**	**72**	**29**	**543**	**196**	**196**	**4**	**4**	**743**

12. RSC Challenge - Sam F.

Submissions are coming in. Everything is due Oct 25th. Links for submissions are on the website. There is a link on the home page and it has been posted on instagram.

13. Committee Updates

13.1. Athlete Council - Sam F.

Meeting next weekend

13.2. Competition Committee - Carly

Meeting in November

13.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

No meeting

13.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

Meeting Tuesday

13.5. Awards Committee - Mary/Cameron

No meeting

14. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Teams are up and running. Skipping Sensations are running the Fraser Valley Classic camp in November. Clubs are getting ready for the qualifier. They are going to do a mix of live and virtual judge training.

Alberta - Julianna

The Alberta summit was well attended, there were over 80 athletes. RSA also held judge training and their AGM. Clubs are getting ready for the qualifier. Alberta voted on a new board of directors. Nicola stepped down, they have a new chair and new VP.

Ontario - Sam F.

The ORSO workshop is on November 2-3. They will be holding judge training during the workshop and inviting anyone in Canada to attend virtually. Teams are getting ready for the qualifier. ORSO is working on a board restructure.

Nova Scotia - Cameron

Jennifer Kirkland and Stephanie Weeks visited NS at the end of September into early October. All the competitive clubs had two practices with the girls. RSANS is running a masters competition for all competitive athletes at the same time as the IJRU qualifier. The RSANS AGM will also be held on November 17th following the competition.

15. New business

16. Old Business

16.1. 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. **- IN PROGRESS**

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

TASK: Carly will discuss with Alyssa Ciancio as an IJRU ethics member if the board can make a decision on the Team Canada Manager given that one applicant is on the BOD and one is not. Then she will call a special meeting of the BOD. **- COMPLETE**

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 create a communication about the RSC challenge and update the website. **- COMPLETE**

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

17. **Next Meeting: November 10, 2024 AGM & Board chat following to set the next meeting date.**

18. **Adjournment at 10:20pm**
    Moved by: Carly Simpson