



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

October 22nd, 2023

8:00pm ADT

Via Google Meet

In Attendance: **Cameron Short**
 Sam Faris
 Mary Kish
 Cathy Cunningham
 Jodi Bogstie
 Carly Simpson
 Shannon Fox
 Sam Ashley (had to leave at 8:40)

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 ADT.

2. Approval of the October 22, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Motion: To approve the October 22, 2023 meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by: Cathy Cunningham

Seconded by: Mary Kish

Carried

3. Approval of the September 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the September 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Cathy Cunningham

Seconded by: Jodi Bogstie

Carried

4. Review 2023 AGM Meeting Minutes to post on the website

No edits - the minutes will be posted on the website to be approved at the 2024 AGM

5. 2025 IJRU Qualification

5.1. Survey results

Mid September the survey was sent to all members and they had until the end of September to fill it out. Many people didn't want nationals to be used as the qualifier. Many people reached out further than the survey through emails and phone calls with concerns about nationals being one of the options. The competition committee has met twice to go over the results and draft up the new policy proposal.

5.2. Competition Committee Proposal

The proposal was sent out just before the meeting today. The reason the board was originally leaning away from a virtual qualifier was because of the amount of admin work it was in submitting scores because they don't push manually right now. Feedback from the clubs was to still do a virtual event and clubs are willing to support more. We can put together a panel of volunteers for scoring as well as judging.

The proposal is for all PSO's to host the same weekend in the fall. Routines would need to be filmed and submitted to the video hub the same as the last qualifier. All events would need to be sanctioned like last year and have 2 RSC representatives. The board decided on the November 16-17th weekend.

Judging - The proposal is to not have live judging at the events because there were a lot of complaints last time with the virtual vs live scores. Even though we had said the judging would more than likely have different scores we still had a lot of complaints.

Minimum scores - The minimum scores were formulated based on the median of scores at the IJR World and Junior World Competitions. These scores were also looked at compared to our qualifier from 2023. Having the minimum scores could encourage the athletes to be pushing themselves in these events.

Concerns - Not having a minimum score threshold for submitting a video can lead to an abundance of videos that may not need to be judged. This could also have a major reduction on the admin end of submitting scores.

Pushing the min too high for WC and JWC could be discouraging athletes rather than encouraging. Some of the scores are higher than our national records. If we set them slightly lower that might have the same effect and reduce pushing away athletes.

The minimum could mean WC spots are not filled and then we would have athletes in the IOT spots only. The WC and JWC are intended for the top athletes in each country regardless of how they rank within the world. Do we want empty WC & JWC spots but to still send IOT spots? Pushing the minimums higher could be looked at for the next world championships. Maybe we look at the median scores for the IOT and use those to set the standards.

TASK: Sam F to bring the IJRU qualification & minimum scores conversation to the next athlete council meeting.

TASK: Carly to send an updated copy of the 2025 IJRU Qualification Policy to Cameron to share with RSC members.

Motion: To approve the 2025 IJRU Qualification Policy as amended.

Moved by: Mary Kish

Seconded by: Cathy Cunningham

All in favour

Carried

6. Financials & Registration Update - TABLED

6.1. Tablet rentals

7. Insurance - TABLED

7.1. Guest Athletes/Coaches

TASK: Sam A to ask the insurance company if the \$1/day covers guest athletes/coaches

8. Judging

8.1. Improvement Plan

Judge workshops were run at the BC camp and Alberta summit to work on judge questions and understanding rather than strictly judge training.

OSRO will run training at their workshop November 1-2.

8.2. Level 2 Training

RSANS is looking for dates that level 2 training will be offered.

TASK: Carly to find out if virtual attendees are possible during the ORSO camp training for RSANS judges.

9. Committee Updates

9.1. Athlete Council - Sam F

Inactive for a couple months while they are waiting for the new season's members. Scheduling a meeting as soon as possible once new members are established. The min scores will be reviewed at the first meeting.

9.2. Competition Committee - Carly

Qualifying spots for nationals were discussed in addition to the IJRU qualification proposal. They felt like it may be too late in the season to make any drastic changes to qualifying spots. Originally the committee was going to suggest reducing qualifying spots in freestyle and speed. Because speed runs much

quicker than freestyle they are proposing to either keep the number of spots the same for this year or doing a hybrid (speed keep spots, freestyle change spots).

Junior age groups (U11, 12-13, 14-15)
8 spots for individual events (SRIF)
6 spots for 2 person events (SRPF & SRWF)
4 spots for 3+ person events (SRTF, DDSF, DDPF)

16+ ages (16-18, 19+)
5 spots for individual events (SRIF)
5 spots for 2 person events (SRPF & SRWF)
3 spots for 3+ person events (SRTF, DDSF, DDPF, DDTF)

No spots reserved for overalls (if a group does qualify in all the events for overall/ all around they will still get to register in that at nationals)

Motion: To approve the updated freestyle qualifying spots for the 2024 Nationals.

Moved by: Cathy

Seconded by: Sam F

All in favour

Carried

TASK: Shannon to update the National Qualification Policy and send it to Cameron to send out to the members.

Make an announcement that we will change freestyle only for this season and all events next season.

9.3. Coaching Committee - Shannon

Shannon and Alyssa are working on gathering everything they did for the first 2 manuals to send to the committee to discuss. This would be the general content for all the different levels and then active start and fundamentals. The training methods would be workshops in person and virtual online learning modules.

9.4. Technical Committee - Cameron

OSRO - Tim Segato, RSA - Nicola Eleniak, RSANS - Cameron Short are staying in their positions. Andrea for BC hasn't confirmed yet.

2 RSA events are in the system already and Nicola has access to start setting them up - "Mix, Mingle and Jump" and RSA Provincials.

Tim will be sending ORSO events once they are finalised. RSANS will set up provincials once a location is finalised.

9.5. Awards Committee - Mary

Nothing yet

9.6. National Tournament Committee - Sam/Carly

Site visits are happening this week and next. Deirdre will be sending out a meeting invite for the NTC to kick off this season soon. Succession planning - Autumn is interested in Deirdre's role. Deirdre will start mentoring her right away.

10. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Just had the fall camp there were about 80 jumpers. This was the first BC camp since 2019. All teams are up and running and working toward competition. Workshops and parades are coming up with the holiday season. There are many new members and judges this season in BC.

Alberta - Jodi

Summit this weekend. There were lots of great instructors this weekend and the athletes had an amazing time. There were many athletes and judges at the summit getting ready for the competition season. All teams are started for the season and back to normal training. They are excited for the year.

Ontario - Sam F.

The ORSO workshop is in a few weeks so ORSO is preparing for that. There will be judge training at the workshop. Most teams are up and running now and getting ready for the competition season.

Nova Scotia - Cameron

Competitive and recreational clubs are fully up and running. RSANS has set a date for their AGM, Nov 21st. RSANS is hosting Stephanie Weeks and Jennifer Kirkland to work with NS athletes Nov 19th to 27th. The plan is to have a workshop on Nov 25th for Annapolis Valley athletes and Nov 26th for Halifax area competitive and rec athletes. We are starting to schedule some school workshops and other practices and activities for when they are here.

11. New business

No new business

12. Old Business

12.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from the June 11, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam F, Sam A, Carly bring the nationals schedule, length of days, facility requirements to the Athlete Council, Competition committee, and NTC. **-IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Jodi, Cathy, Carly, Allysa to discuss reviewing the qualifier judging and provide feedback.

-IN PROGRESS

TASK: Shannon, Tim and Cameron to send feedback for the job applications for the Team Canada Management. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Jodi to discuss with the RSA members about something Taylor would have liked and been interested in. -**IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the August 20, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam A, Carly and Mary set up a meeting with Allysa to discuss registration. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly to draft feedback to IJRU about judging improvement. Including feedback from RSC clubs. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly to connect with Tim N on being a chair/lead of a high level judge committee. - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly to send IJRU agreement contract to IJRU - **IN PROGRESS**

TASK: Carly to reach out to AMJRF about the PanAm organisation - **IN PROGRESS**

Tasks from the September 17, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Sam A will send Tim a message to let him know about his team's club membership fee. - **COMPLETE**

TASK: Cameron to ask Andrej if there is a way to push scores during a virtual event. - **COMPLETE**

13. Next Meeting: November 19th

14. Adjournment at 9:15pm ADT

Moved by: Carly

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