



Rope Skipping Canada

Saut à la Corde Canada

RSC Board Meeting Minutes

September 17th, 2023

8:50pm ADT

Via Google Meet

In Attendance: Shannon Fox
Cameron Short
Sam Ashley
Sam Faris
Jodi Bogstie
Carly Simpson
Cathy Cunningham

Regrets: Mary Kish

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Carly welcomed the board to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:50 ADT.

2. Approval of the Sept 17th, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Added election of officers because the meeting is after the AGM.

Motion: To approve the Sept 17th, 2023 Meeting Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

3. Approval of the August 20th, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the August 20th, 2023 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Moved by: Sam A

Seconded by: Cathy

Carried

4. Election of Officers

Chair - Carly Simpson

Vice Chair - Sam Faris

Treasurer - Sam Ashley/Jodi Bogstie

Secretary - Cameron Short

5. **NTC**

Craig, Deirdre and Kerry want to continue to help RSC. They are potentially helping with the 2025 IJR World Championships. They said a lot of what IJR is doing for running tournaments we already do in Canada. They suggested we look to ways to professionalise our nationals. They suggested 2 ways to do that: 1 is production value and 2 is increasing the level of competition at the event.

Something else we have talked about in the past is the amount of qualifying spots, and possibly not having lower level age groups at nationals.

They had said they are interested in continuing to help this year and mentoring people coming into their roles.

Tim Segato is interested in helping with the tech stuff for nationals. This would be aligned with Kerry's role in the judging coordinator position. Carly is interested in shadowing Deirdre. Sam A is interested in shadowing Craig. Sam F would like to remain as the Athlete rep on the NTC.

6. **Competition Committee Update**

The committee reviewed judge quotas - they will have a proposal ready for our October meeting.

They also discussed how to raise the level of competitiveness at nationals. They will also have more information for our October meeting.

Carly has a survey ready for the qualifying options for the 2025 IJR World Championships

They are meeting again in October. At the next meeting they are going to review the results from the survey and propose possible benchmarks for qualifying.

The committee reviewed qualifying for nationals. They are looking to propose a different quantity of slots for under 16 "junior" and 16+ "senior". Junior would stay at 8 for individual, 6 spots for 2 person events, 4 spots in 3+ person events. Senior would be 5 individual spots, 3 spots for 2 person events, 4 spots for 3+ person events. If we were to switch to this, it would be difficult to do reserved spots for overall. A more formal proposal is coming soon. We should consider looking into last year's registration and estimate the effect of changing the number of qualifying spots on the overall number of athletes at the competition, rather than only considering the number of competition entries, as this will have an effect on the competition budget.

7. Insurance

D&O insurance went up significantly. This year we got it in time for registration so we were able to increase the club membership cost for clubs to the same amount. An email went out to all clubs that were club members last year to see who wanted to renew at the increased price. Those clubs will be included from the beginning of renewal. Clubs can be added on throughout the season if they needed time to make a decision or were not previously registered for this extra insurance.

Sam suggested that we only charge KW Jump Rope Inc the difference because they just signed on to be club members in July and paid in July. This could help with the new club start up cost and provide a grace period for the club because they just paid.

Motion: To approve KW Jump Rope Inc. to pay the difference between the 2022-2023 club membership fee to renew their membership for 2023-2024.

Moved by: Sam Ashley

Seconded by: Jodi Bogstie

All in favour

Carly abstained

Carried

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

8. 2023/2024 Season

8.1. 2025 IJRU Qualifications

A survey will go out tonight with qualifier options: have the qualifier at nationals, a virtual qualifier in the fall 2024, or an in-person event in the fall of 2024. Also there is a spot for hybrid options. If we have minimum requirements the virtual event would be smaller than previously and more manageable. There was also discussion with the competition committee on how to manage the age categories with qualifying in 2024.

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

9. Coast to Coast

British Columbia - Cathy

Teams are getting back into the gym, some clubs aren't starting until the first of October. Clubs are starting to send in registrations, sending payments, and getting insurance certificates.

Alberta - Jodi

Most clubs are waiting until the end of September/early October to get going again. The summit is scheduled for October, some athletes from the states are booked to come in and teach. Jodi is going to run a judging workshop rather than judge training at the summit to help judges understand the rules better.

Ontario - Sam F.

Teams are just starting to get going. ORSO is planning their workshop for the fall. The ORSO AGM happened last weekend. Alyssa is staying on as president of ORSO.

Nova Scotia - Sam A.

Nova Scotia is going to have another competitive club starting this year, composed predominantly of former Jump Energy athletes. Jump Energy is still active and will be a younger group this year. Sam A has stepped down from the RSANS board and Dwight Lucas has stepped up as the interim RSANS president.

10. New business

Athlete council reps

BC - has their 2 reps chosen

NS - the RSANS board has to approve their reps

AB - will be voting at the summit

ON - has their reps chosen

11. Old Business

11.1. Tasks From Previous Board Meetings

Tasks from the December 11, 2022 Board Meeting

TASK: Carly to get the competition committee to look at the Judging Quotas for nationals. - **COMPLETE**

Tasks from the April 16, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Cameron to confirm all teams have paid the IJRU fee for all athletes. - **COMPLETE**

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: Carly to draft a letter/communication to IJRU about the judge training and our concerns and potentially provide people to help with moving it forward. -**COMPLETE**

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

TASK: Carly to respond to Ernesto when provided the numbers. -**COMPLETE**

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

TASK: Sam to have numbers for club and membership fees, as well as nationals registrations for the 2023/2024 season. To present at the next meeting and AGM -**COMPLETE**

Tasks from the August 20, 2023 Board Meeting

TASK: Cameron to send out a note about registration being open including insurance certificates are not available yet. To the AGM announcement. -**COMPLETE**

TASK: PSO's to ask if teams are having issues with filing/storing the RSC waivers. - **COMPLETE**

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

PROGRESS

TASK: Carly to put together a feedback form to teams about the qualifications. - **COMPLETE**

TASK: Carly to loop in the competition committee with the qualification process. - **COMPLETE**

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**

12. Next Meeting: October 22nd at 8:00pm ADT

13. Adjournment at 9:50pm

Tasks from this meeting

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

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