

Eastern Region USA Roller Sports

SUBJECT: MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: Palace Skating Center, Philadelphia, PA
Date/Time: March 7, 2005 @ 7:40 PM
Presiding Officers: Steven Hinkle, President
John Heffner, Vice President, Artistic
Eforrest Allmond, Vice President, Speed *
John Patton, Secretary
Marie McGee, Treasurer
Officers in Attendance: 4
* Officers Not Present: 1
Members in Attendance: 10
Total Attendance: 14

- 1) The Secretary reads the minutes of the previous meeting. The report was approved with corrections. The previous minutes will be amended by the Secretary.
- 2) The Treasurer's report was read reflecting activity since the last meeting, with a closing balance of \$7329.21. The report was approved as presented.
- 3) The subject of the Regional By-Laws was address by Steve Hinkle. Steve didn't see the need to write the by-laws on a need-now basis. At this point in time any merger doesn't seem imminent. The Secretary will search previous records provided by the former Secretary for any copy of the by-laws.
- 4) The subject of a regional banquet was reviewed from the previous meeting. David Paden stated he could secure a venue for the banquet in the vicinity of Trenton NJ and would be professionally catered. Pricing for the event would be based according to the menu and adjusted to make a profit for the region. ERACA was planning to have a skating party in April as a fundraiser, and promote this as an artistic event. This event was planned to run on Sunday, April 24 2005. The schedule was to include a mix of organ and popular music, to run from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, and was scheduled to be held at the Palace Skating Center. David Paden offers the use of Cornwells Skating Center for no charge to ERACA. A vote to hold this event at Palace Skating Center was approved by the majority.
- 5) Discussions were held on the subject of the Evening of Champions. Some concerns were raised about the format and presentation of the last event, which were addressed. The same committee that has run the EOC will remain in effect for the coming year.
- 6) The section of a site for the 2007 Regionals was addressed. Two facilities placed bids for this event: Fantasy Skating Center in Reading, PA and Holiday Skating Center in Delanco, NJ. Allen Bell made a presentation for Fantasy, while Steve Hinkle made a presentation for Holiday. Both rinks would accept the 75/25 spilt. After holding a vote, Holiday had (4) votes while Fantasy had (3) votes. The regional site for 2007 will be at Holiday Skating Center.
- 7) Carey Elder gave an accounting of the USA Roller Sports Board meeting held the previous month. The highlights of this meeting are detailed in the addendum at the end of this document.
- 8) A proposal for name plates for the NJ State Meet and Regional plaques was raised by Steve Hinkle. This will fund the purchase of name plates for converting plaques from the older event designations to the new system. This proposal was voted on and passed by the majority.

9) Allen Bell gave an update on the progress of organizing the 2005 Regional meet. He spoke of his concern with the number of judges that have confirmed to this date. He was looking into securing more judges for this event. The cost per event is to be \$45 per event and the dates are June 24-26, 2005.

10) A vote was held for the election of officers for the next season. Dottie Walsh made a motion to keep the present offices, and the motion was seconded by Marsha Neary. The vote was passed by the majority and the present officers will serve the upcoming year.

11) A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Anne Wahlig made the motion, Dottie Walsh seconds the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Acknowledgements:

Thanks to Ted and Sue Rendfrey, owners of the Palace Skating Center, for hosting the Eastern Region Meeting.

Addendum

Topics covered.... Artistic issues at the last Board Meeting:

**USA ROLLER SPORTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Costa Mesa, California
February 4-5-6, 2005**

2005 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING - Approved conducting the USARS Annual Board of Directors Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska. Arrival would be on Thursday evening, September 8, 2005. A review of the Five Year Plan will take place on Friday, September 9. The Board will meet on Saturday, September 10 and the morning of Sunday, September 11, with departure on Sunday afternoon.

2005 USA ROLLER SPORTS JUDGES AND COACHES CONFERENCE IN LAS VEGAS

Approved the dates to be arrival on Thursday PM-December 8, meetings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday AM, December 9-10-11, 2005, subject to a final hotel agreement and schedule preparation.

MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES FOR 2005 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - Rescinded all previous motions approved at the October 2, 2004, Board Meeting regarding medals and certificates at Roller Figure Skating Regional and National Championships.

Effective immediately, all events at the Indoor Figure and Speed Regional Championships shall be awarded a certificate for 4th place.

Effective immediately, all events at the Figure and Speed National Championships shall be awarded a certificate for 4th place (including the Outdoor Speed Skating National Championships).

Effective for 2005, the official medals will be given to athletes who place first, second or third at all USA Roller Sports National and Regional Speed and Figure Skating Championships.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO USARS BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Club Representative Board Seat Nominations received to date are for Annelle Anderson – current Board member, and Bob Comeau. Speed Athlete Representative nominees are Gypsy Lucas Tidwell and Joshua Wood. All candidates meet the required criteria. Candidates can still be added the via petition process located in the USARS By-Laws. Grassroots nominees are Billy Sisson – current Board Member, and Bob Comeau.

USA ROLLER SPORTS COMMITTEES - The terms of service on USARS Committees will be from the end of the February 2005 Board Meeting through completion of 2006 Semiannual Board Meeting. See the USARS website for a complete listing of new USARS Committee members.

2005 REGIONAL FIGURE AND SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS SITES - The sites and dates were approved, subject to receipt of performance bond payment and the appropriate bid information. See the USARS website for a complete list of the 2005 Regional Championship sites.

OFFICIALS FOR 2005 FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA - Invite the following officials:

Expense-Compensated Officials (14): Artistic Meet Director- Jim Pollard; Assistant Meet Directors/Announcers-Robin Haleber, Doug Laing; Chief Referee-Dick Miller; Referees-Bob Lim, Bruce Muench, Robin Haleber; Judges Committee (also Judging)-Marty Bailey, Doris Walsh; Computer/Scoring & Data Entry-One To Be Named, Janet Palm, Joyce Ritter; Music Coordinator- Tommy Andrew; Awards Coordinator-Howard "Bud" Engle; Computer Systems Operation-Bob Lim.

Expense-Compensated Judges (14): Doris Walsh (and Judges Committee), Marty Bailey (and Judges Committee), Laura Benson, Gary Callahan, John Cawly, Richard Dion, Sue Ellis, Judy Graves, Mitch Hembree, John Hultquist, Billy Mastriano, Michele Muckey, Bill Spooner, Al Taglang, Verna Quaranto, Dottie Walsh. *Alternates for Eexpense-Compensated Judging:* Sally Bailey, John Gustafson, George Davis

*Officials (not expense-compensated):*Assistant Awards Coordinator-Shirley Engle;

Assistant Music Coordinator-Jerry Miller. *Judges (not expense-compensated):* Sally Bailey, Thomas Beebe, Danny Brown, Elizabeth Caldwell, George Davis, John Gustafson, Ted Hansford, Bill Hebert, Debbie Hinton, Bruce Johnson, Janet Jordan, Marie McGee, Marsha Neary, Ron Nicholas, Ernie Palm, John Rangel, Georgene Ringeisen, Louise Silver, Marion Spooner, Donald Stewart, Scott Ziemann. Limited Judging Assignments - Jim Barnett, John Lehni, Paul McElhiney, Ron Eller, William Ferraro, Doris Giardini (approved by the Executive Committee).

NEW USARS DOMESTIC RULES TO COINCIDE WITH CIPA INTERNATIONAL RULES - Effective Immediately. (1) Amend Free Dance Rule AR.11.04.05: (d) #5. Orchestral music and vocal music is permitted. (2) For divisions that utilize CIPA footwork, the following shall be in effect: 2005 - Serpentine footwork, 2006 - "S" patterns for footwork. Divisions that do not utilize CIPA footwork shall use the footwork stated in the current rules.

DANCE CHANGES - Effective for the 2005-2006 skating season:

a) **Freshman/Sophomore "B" Dance Division** – The Double Cross Waltz shall be replaced with the Dutch Waltz in Group 1. The Rhythm Blues will then replace the Dutch Waltz in Group 11.

b) **Classic Team Dance Division** – The Flirtation Waltz shall be replaced with the Willow Waltz.

c) **Novice Team Dance Division** – The grouping of the Swing Dance and the City Blues shall be switched, and the tempo of the Swing Dance shall be changed to 96 beats per minute.

MOCK JUDGING AT NATIONALS - It is not a requirement to mock judge at a National Championships to be a qualified judge at USARS National Figure Skating Championships. However, this option is still available to those who don't have other opportunities for judging at Regional Championships, etc.

WORLD FIGURE TEAM SELECTION - *Effective for the 2004-2005 Skating Season* – A trials will be conducted approximately 60 days before the World Championships. The top eight placements in the Senior events and the top eight skaters in the Junior events would be invited to attend, along with any previous members of a World Figure Team in their specific event who do not otherwise qualify at the current national championships. All athletes would be responsible for their own expenses. The trials will consist of two days of competitions. All of the CIPA requirements would be conducted each day. In other words, *two separate competitions*. The order of finish would be determined by adding all scores together in accordance with the CIPA calculating system and then the proper ordinals applied. Six judges would be invited to attend. Three judges would evaluate each of the events on the first day (need not be the same three for every event). The opposite three judges would evaluate the events on the second day. In this way, each event will have been evaluated by six judges, but not at the same time. The order of finish would determine selection to the World Team. The number selected would be determined by the Executive Committee but could not exceed the maximum established by CIPA of three in Senior events and two in Junior events.

Effective for the 2005-2006 Skating Season – USARS either conducts or sanctions to others, a championships type series of three competitions to be conducted in different parts of the country through the competitive season. Each competition would offer Junior and Senior World Class events utilizing all of the requirements and whatever other events determined by the host. The highest points/ordinals earned in two of the three competitions would be retained and added to the National Championships points to determine the final order of finish in accordance with the CIPA calculating system and then the proper ordinals applied. Each of the two events would represent 25% while the National Championships would represent 50%. The order of finish would determine selection to the World Team. The number selected would be determined by the Executive Committee but could not exceed the maximum established by CIPA of three in Senior events and two in Junior events.

STAFF FOR 2005 WORLD FIGURE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ROME, ITALY - Approved inviting the following: Junior Coach - Angie Famiano Lasher; Junior Manager - *TBD*; Junior Trainer/Doctor - *TBD* by Kleiman/Brandon; Junior Championships Judge - Robin Haleber (approved by CIPA); Senior Coach - Jane Wojnarowsky; Senior Manager - *Doug Eley*; Senior Trainer/Doctor - *TBD* by Kleiman/Brandon; Senior Championships Judge - Marty Bailey-approved by CIPA. (staff list approved by the Executive Committee)

PAN AM CHAMPIONSHIPS SELECTION CRITERIA FOR FIGURE SKATING TEAM: One athlete or team will be identified to represent the USA at the 2005 Pan American Championships in Mar del Plata, Argentina, in Men's Free Skating, Women's Free Skating, Men's Figures, Women's Figures, Team Dance and Team Pairs, although more may actually compete in each event.

Criteria for selection will include consideration of athletes who can represent the USA in more than one of the following events: Team Dance, Team Pairs, Men's Figure and Women's Figures. Selection will be made from Senior athletes placing first, second or third at the 2004 National Indoor Roller Figure Skating Championships, alternating to Junior athletes who placed first or second at the 2004 Nationals. At the present time the only figure skating events offered at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, are Men's Free Skating and Women's Free Skating. Athletes participating in the Pan American Championships will attempt to qualify slots in the Pan American Games for the United States. Actual team selection for the 2007 Pan American Games will take place at a later date. (approved by the Executive Committee)

PAN AM FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MAR DELPLATA, ARGENTINA- Approved inviting the following: Overall USA Team Manager-Gary Castro; Figure Team Coach-Gloria Manning; Figure Judge-Bill Spooner (approved by the Executive Committee).

OFFICIAL FOR 2005 WORLD GAMES IN DUSIBURG, GERMANY - Approved inviting Cecelia Kelley as a Judge (approved by the Executive Committee).