

Eastern Region Coaches Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 24, 2005

President Carey Elder called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 pm.

Attendees:	Allen Bell III	Steve Hinkle	Avril Pickersgill	Jeanne Sincavage
	Dan Devine	Jim Hughes	David Paden	John Wiederhold
	Carey Elder	Ed Van Leer	Bill Graf	Sue Rendfrey
	Ed Heater	Debbie Lewis	Marty Paden	Anne Wahlig
	John Heffner	Allen Bell IV		

Election Of Officers

The Coaches Association officers for the 2004 – 2005, were nominated for re-election and approved by all members present.

EOC

The EOC is currently scheduled for Oct 30. Anne Wahlig handed out EOC packages to all clubs present at the meeting. Jeanne Sincavage asked if only the A level events would take part in the exhibitions, the answer was yes.

Tri-State Contests

Steve Hinkle proposed that we re-examine how we do Tri-State contests. He observed that in many cases, advanced skaters simply skate against themselves. He suggested that we look toward having “beginner” type meets to encourage the development of new skaters. Some general discussion was held on this topic, but no proposals were voted on. However, during the discussion it was pointed out that the Tri-State contests, as they are currently held, do generate income for the Coaches Association. Some of the contests only produced a small amount of income, but if income was reduced, then the Coaches Association may not have the funds to support coaches at the World meet and/or scholarships. It was decided to revisit this question at the next coach’s association meeting.

Regional Issues

Steve Hinkle suggested that the region consider moving regionals to Memorial Day weekend. This would give skaters that qualify for Nationals more time to prepare. It was pointed out that with the region as it is now, that almost everyone who skated already knew that they would qualify for Nationals. I was also noted that the NJ State Open Meet was that weekend. Steve pointed out that moving Regionals into May would require approval from the National Office and that he had already asked for such approval. This topic was discussed, but no decision was made.

Several coaches also voiced concern over the amount of warmup time the skaters were allowed before competing in their events. The group, in general, agreed that in future regionals, figure skaters would be given 3 minutes practice per figure plus 1 minute warmup. Dance skaters would be given 2 minutes practice time per dance plus roll-around time. It was also agreed that, when possible, figure events with only one male skater should be permitted to warm up with the corresponding female figure event.

National Practice

Steve Hinkle had organized National practice time, with two 1 hour sessions on most days. He suggested that the time be distributed evenly at each practice, with priority given to skaters who are going to compete that day.

Ed Heater
Secretary of the Eastern Region Coaches Association