

11/12/2016

Northeast Regional Meeting

PiNZ, Milford MA

Called to Order at 1:09 PM

Clubs in Attendance:

Roller Kingdom Hudson, Hudson, MA

Roller Kingdom Tyngsboro, Tyngsboro, MA

All Star Whitman, MA

Carousel, Fairhaven, MA

Beverly Skating Club, Beverly, MA

Galaxy, Groton, CT

Plainfield Skating Club, Plainfield, CT

Silver City Skating Club, Taunton, MA

Ron A Roll Skating Club, Vernon, CT

Rollarama Skating Club, Schenectady

Rainbow (Michelle Kolacz Joining by conference call)

Rob Gould in attendance as RSA representative (non-voting member)

1. Approval of 2015 Minutes

- a. Heidi Permatteo motion to accept, Jodee Cohen 2nd, minutes approved

2. Review of Treasurer's Report (attached)

- a. Presented by Monica Delvy, accepted
 - i. Jodee Cohen motion to accept, Christina Cassio 2nd, report approved

3. Update from USARS Board Meeting

- a. Heidi is officially elected USARS board member as a coaches rep.
 - i. Strategic planning day
 - ii. There are plans to revamp website with help from USA volleyball, but template changed
 - iii. Nationals: Youth membership increased, lost money at door because of people sneaking in, revenue lost; will ask for volunteers in plenty of time
 - iv. New figures were proposed in CIPA events: double brackets, etc
 - v. New CIPA Judging System, seminar at America's Cup, more similar to ice scoring, unsure if implementation will be in all disciplines all at once
 - vi. Recap of newly elected board with Bill Spooner as president.
 - vii. Jodee Cohen is on Figure Sports Committee (along with Janet Pavilonis)
 - viii. Bob Wilson asked for updates from future meetings. Heidi replied that this is the plan and the topic of Communication was a big part of the strategic planning.

4. Review of 2016 Regional Championships at Forrest's Family Fun Center

- a. The club and owner enjoyed hosting regionals which was a new experience for Forrest. Overall a success but need to improve communication on expectations between operator and region.
- b. Bag check situation at regionals was discussed. It was a safety issue with the line going across the parking lot. Nobody ready to stand in a line in their costume waiting.
 - i. There was an event that happened right before that which made it a safety issue. Allow extra time before doors open; suggested next time use side door as separate entrance for contestants
 - ii. In past, haven't had management involved at a region run meet.
 - iii. Too much use of in region judges, Tom made a suggestion to get a 5th or even 6th in-region judge, but that is a financial burden.
 - iv. Reiterated rule that a judge needs to have gone 3 years without coaching an individual skater in order to ethically be allowed to judge in competition; go to meet director ahead of time and ensure this doesn't happen

5. Update on 2017 Regionals at Ron-A-Roll

- a. Cecelia Kelley, Al Taglang, Robert Maya, Rachel Dols invited judges all confirmed. Tom Beebe is Meet director. Still need a chief referee; It was asked if we would be allowed to have a qualified judge also serve as chief referee in the future. Will look into this.
- b. June 24-25, 2017
- c. Official hotel TBD, Holiday Inn Express and Baymont Inn close by.
- d. Floor will be resurfaced in February. Private practice will be available by calling rink manager (\$150/hr)
- e. Pre-Regionals will be held weekend after Easter (April 22-23). Judges: Sylvia Haffke, Robin Orcutt, Perry Jones; Billy Mastriano and Victor Rodriguez pending

6. Election of New Officers

- a. **Nominations for Chairperson: Jodee, Larry. Jodee elected 9:2.**
- b. Charlene Conway made motion to keep entire board as is: all were in favor, none opposed. Jodee Cohen Chairperson. Lynn Cassio and Heidi Permatteo Co-Vice Chairpersons, Monica Delvy Treasurer, Roberta Delvy Secretary.
- c. Further discussion to add a new finance chair to assist Treasurer: tabled to new business

7. Bids for 2018 Regional Championships

a. One Bid from Forrest's Family Fun Center

- i. Ray Simas presented bid: large facility, parking restrooms, etc
- ii. Proposal to run as an operator; Forrest willing to give back 20% of profits to NEUSARS
- iii. Will have kickoff with region run raffle and organ session, tokens of appreciation to contestants, and opportunity for vendors
- iv. 2018 Regional championships will be held at Forrest's Family Fun Center

8. 2017 Invitational Contests

- a. Pre Regionals Decided. April 22-23 and Ron A Roll, Vernon, CT.
- b. 2017 Thanksgiving Weekend at Taunton, November 25-26.
- c. Heidi was NOT planning to hold Memorial Day Invitational this year at Hudson due to low turnout making it not financially feasible.
 - i. Discussion ensued...Meet will be held with the understanding that every club will try to participate and will not be held if entries are too low.
 - ii. May 27-28.

9. New Business

Topics discussed:

- a. Discussion on beginner requirements: how has it been going, should we bring back C at regionals?

Summary of Argument for returning C at regionals:

Beginner program has worked for many skaters for first 2 years. Some are not able to skate B requirements after beginner program. Should have C option if not capable of moving to B after progressing through program.

Tom Beebe made motion to add C events to all invitationals in the Northeast region:
Phil Mullen 2nd; motion accepted.

Follow up: People can send requirement suggestions to the board for beginner program.
Beginner program will still run as is.

- b. Safe Sport testing requirement for coaches, head injury document review:
 - i. Everyone needs to do safe sport: everyone must do and print certificate
 - ii. Head injury document: KC will post instructions
- c. Future gold medal test centers
 - i. Proposal from Jodee Cohen: should just do 1 test center per year for the whole region; we have so few tests in the region, it is silly to separate them
 - 1. Discuss: best date because of finances and having best judges in, limited number of tests, etc....Pre-Regionals or regionals?
 - ii. Jodee Cohen: only hold 1 gold medal test center per calendar year each season
 - iii. Deedee Viola: changed motion to hold the center at the regional championship: motion accepted
- d. Fundraising: Heidi discussed region fundraising: Calendars have been the biggest fundraiser in past years.....ask that someone else takes responsibility as it takes a lot of time and Heidi already very busy. Vanessa Young volunteered to do this.

e. Filling of Committees:

1. Finance committee:

- i. Larry Schillberg Chair
- ii. Will appoint others

2. Fundraising committee

- i. Vanessa Young Chair
- ii. Will appoint others

f. Passing of Keith Ungricht: Donation to Melanoma foundation in his name

Melanoma Research Foundation:

1411 K Street NW

Suite 800

Washington DC 20005

Region will make \$100 donation

Phil Mullen motion to adjourn, John Mullen 2nd, meeting adjourned 3:51PM