

Northeast Regional USARS



NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING PINZ MILFORD, MA MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2019 @ 1:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00PM: Jodee Viola Chairwoman called the meeting to order

The following people were in attendance:

DeeDee Viola
John Viola
Jodee Viola
Alyce Wager
Tom Beebe
Robin Van Rotz
Lisa Barcelona

Dottie DeRemer
Monica Delvy
Heidi Permatteo
Lynnette Cassio
*Robin Orcutt
Angie Lasher

***Robin Orcutt was given proxy for all votes.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - December 1, 2018 meeting:

Motion by: Tom Bebee to approve minutes as written.

Seconded: Robin Van Rotz

- **Discussion:** No additions or corrections – **Approved by All**

REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORT: – Monica Delvy

Motion by: Tom Bebee to approve the Treasurer's report as written.

Seconded: Alyce Wager

- **Discussion:** No additions or corrections – **Approved by All**

FIGURE SPORTS COMMITTEE (F.S.C.) REPORT: – Jodee Viola

- Jodee reported that the F.S. C. Report is on the USA Rollersports website and there were many changes to the requirements for upcoming year. (See attachment #1)
- The Figure Sports Committee has reviewed the dates approved for the 2019/2020 National Figure Championships scheduled for July 9th through July 22nd, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 - **Adult – approximately 4 to 5 days**
 - **Elite – approximately 3 to 5 days**
 - **Youth – approximately 5 to 6 days**
 - Each group will cross over with Official practices on the same days as each group is finishing their events.
- The finalization of all New Rule books will be out within the next week.
- World Skate Program (2yrs) a PowerPoint Presentation on USA Rollersports website. (See attachment #1)
- Many new dances were added for 2019/20 season. (See attachment#1)

Motion by to accept the Report: Tom BeBee

Seconded: Alyce Wager

Discussion:

- Alyce asked when are the new dances picked for this year?

Heidi explained that they are requested in April for review by the Committee adopted on a conference call in May.

- Angie asked how the FCS went about choosing the dances?

Jodee explained that the Committee was very thorough in their research of the dances by either testing them with skaters or skating them out themselves.

UPDATES FROM USARS BOARD MEETING: – Heidi Permatteo

- Heidi reported that the Updates from the USARS Board meeting is on the USARS Website:
 - See Figure Sport Committee Update – 9/27/19
 - Roll Art Testing for Judges and Technical Callers must fill out application on the website before October 15, 2019.
 - UPDATE on Footwork for 2019/2020 Requirements: (See USARS Website for requirements)
 - The 2019/2020 requirements for the remaining Youth and World Skate Junior/Senior events have been updated and posted on the USA Roller Sports webpage.
 - The 2019/2020 requirements for all Domestic events have been updated and posted on the USA Roller Sports webpage.
- All skaters over 18 MUST do “Safe Sports” as mandated by USA ROLLER SPORTS. This is a requirement.
- Star Program is in the works but not available yet.

REPORT ON 2019 REGIONALS: Carousel Family Fun Center

Charlene Conway, Rink Owner, was not present to give report but DeeDee Viola said that overall that Regionals went well. There was a problem with the music at Pre-Regionals, but it was fine for Regionals.

Discussion:

- The Podium was brought to the rink from Silver City. During the discussion it was discovered that the podium, which was thought to belong to Silver City belongs to the region but was re-carpeted by Forest Family Fun Center.
- Monica will check to see if needed for Pre-Region/Regionals at Ron A Roll and we will discuss where to keep the podium at that point.
- Tommy mentioned that the Sanction needs an extra day. Should be 3 days. Sat, Sun, Mon. Must be signed by Rink operator, Meet Director and Chairperson.

REPORT FROM FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

The Fundraising Committee held one raffle, reflected in the Treasurer's report which raised 105.00. Angie Lasher would like to be removed from the Committee, Anthony DaPonte was not present.

WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES:

Discussion:

- Jodee noted that Casey left and that the website was taken over by a parent. (Betty Urzua – ahandful@gmail.com)
- The Northeast website is www.neusars.org and there is a Facebook page under NORTHEAST USA ROLLERSPORTS
- E-mail blast are sent out to all under www.neusars.org website. You must sign up on the website to be included in the e-mail blast.

MEET SCHEDULES:

Discussion of 2020 Meets

- Seminars – nothing to report
- League Meets:
 - Plainfield suggested doing just Figure and Freestyle on December 1st.
 - Angie suggested doing meet on a Sunday. Date and time to be determined.
 - Heidi said she would like to do a Precision team workshop on Sunday night from 5-6:30pm. Date to be determined.

- **Review of Beginner program requirement for NEW SEASON**
 - Remove Sub division in the NE Beginner program.
 - Do a Tiny Tot Division
 - Star Skate website still being worked on. USA Roller Sports will do an announcement once completed.
- **Upcoming Pre-Region (date)& REGIONALS**
 - Date for Pre-Region: - **April 24th – 26th, 2020 – Practice day - Friday, 24th**
 - Judges and Officials for Regionals – **June 20-22nd, 2020**
 - Meet Director and Judge, Robin Haleber, Tabulator, Jeff Seidel, Chief Referee, Christine Roemer
 - Judges: Lisa Holderbaugh, Amy Waters, Robert Maya and Ricky Cabral (Out of Region).
 - All have accepted invitation and confirmed.

Discussion:

- Angie asked how are the In-Region judges selected? It was noted that it goes through the Judges Committee. (John, Jodee, Angie, Tommy and Billy).
- Angie asked about creating some official document for Judges qualifications.
- All In-Region judges must submit an Application prior to being accepted to judge the Regional Championship. Application to be created by the Judges Selection Committee.
- All invited and selected judges must agree to and sign a Social Media Policy which will be created by the Judges Selection Committee.
- Still need certified Referees and Stewards.

Motion was made by Jodee Viola: that the Judges Selection Committee create an application for all In-Region judges to be reviewed and approved by the Judges Selection Committee prior to each Regional Championship.

Seconded: Heidi Permatteo

Motion was made by Jodee Viola: that the Judges Selection Committee create a Social Media agreement which will be sent to all invited judges, as well as, In-Region judges to be excepted and signed upon agreement to judge Regional Championship in the Northeast.

Seconded: Heidi Permatteo

Discussion:

- Will need to provide a time frame for applications and give criteria. Check with Ed on USARS.

Motion passed by ALL

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of Plaques-** Discussed under New Business

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Presentation of bids for 2021 Pre-Regionals & Regionals**
 - No bids were presented.
 - Will post a deadline on the Website for Submissions

Motion made by: DeeDee Viola to table until the next meeting before Regionals

Seconded by: Heidi Permatteo

Motion passed by All

- **Discussion:** All bids must be presented in advance of the next meeting. DeeDee said that if no one else puts in, then Whitman would put in.

A proposal was suggested by Angie that in the future, if the FSC could perhaps send out the dances in the middle of the year to try before they get released. Heidi said that everyone should send their suggestions for new dances to her because she is the Regional Representative. NOTE: Jodee and Heidi reviewed the process of how to best have a voice in what happens with Rules, Requirement, etc.

- **Discussion of Plaques**

Jodee explained what happened with the issue of the plaques and after discussion with the Committee and it was decided the proper procedure was to put the subject on the agenda to be voted appropriately. They were all brought to Carousel and it was reported by Lynne that all the plaques and trophies were taken back to Plainfield. Lynne said that she has two parents (Bethany and Deanne) that have volunteered to take over the position of awarding the plaques and that a spreadsheet has been developed.

A discussion took place on how to awards plaques. Award Plaques & Trophies for “A” events only, then add what is needed on B & C. Donate old Plaques with history to the National Office or auction old plaques. Plaques for B and C events on hold until list is made to see what can be used and what will be needed.

Motion by DeeDee: to keep the “A” plaques only

Seconded by: Tom Beebe

Voting by Clubs represented at Meeting:

WHITMAN Yes
HUDSON Yes
SILVER CITY Yes

PLAINFIELD YES
NY SCHEDNECTY YES

ROLL YES

Motion passed by attending votes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Tom Bebee

Seconded: Heidi Permatteo

Motion passed by All:

Discussion:

Jodee said that it was a productive meeting and thanked everyone for working together.

Tommy said Jodee did a great job!

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy DeRemer, Secretary