

**MINUTES**  
**USA ROLLER SPORTS**  
**SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 22-23-24, 2008 – NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Approved by Board of Directors – 3-6-08

The USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order in Executive Session at 7:12 PM on Friday, February 22, 2008, in the Degas A & B Meeting Room of the Holiday Inn Express Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The following Board Members were present: George Kolibaba-President/Chairman, David Adamy-Vice President, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, Jim Pollard, John Gustafson, Mark Vittese, and Jane Wojnarowsky. Melanie Holt, Class V Member Representative for the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), arrived at 8:15 PM, with Kyle Turley arriving soon after. Also present were Richard Hawkins-USARS Executive Director, and Peggy Young-Recording Secretary.

MOTION 1: B/D    2/22/08    8:22 PM

Approve the following special committee, charged with reviewing the current structure of the USARS Board of Directors and developing an outline for restructuring it to better manage the sport: Betty Ann Danna-past Board Member, Mark Vittese-Athlete, George Kolibaba-Current Board Member and Chair, Bill Sisson-Current Board Member and Treasurer, Richard Hawkins-Executive Director, Jim Ball-Manufacturer. A Board Member from another sport shall be asked to participate at a meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 18 in Las Vegas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

After brief discussions of other topics, the meeting was recessed.

The USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting was called back to order in open session at 8:11 AM on Saturday, February 23, 2008, in the Degas A and B Meeting Room of the Holiday Inn Express.

The following Board Members were present: George Kolibaba-President/Chairman, David Adamy-Vice President, Bill Sisson-Treasurer, Josh Wood (alternate speed athlete), Annelle Anderson, Jim Pollard, John Gustafson, Kyle Turley (roller figure skating athlete), Toby Tagliapietra, Mark Vittese, Melanie Holt, Danny Brown and Jane Wojnarowsky. Gypsy Tidwell (speed athlete), Toby Mathews (roller figure skating athlete), and Steven Findlay (AAC Representative) were unable to attend due to personal and work-related conflicts. Richard Hawkins-USARS Executive Director, and Peggy Young-Recording Secretary, and were also present.

Guests in attendance included Bobby Braun-RSA Vice President, Debra Adamy, Barbara Brooks, Diane Brown, Bob Comeau, Bud and Shirley Engle, Gloria Manning, Jody O'Neill, George Pickard, Cindy Schrader, Ken Shelton and Daniel Vianna.

Chairman Kolibaba welcomed Melanie Holt, whose was attending her first meeting as a representative of the Class V member, WFTDA; Kyle Turley, a roller figure skating athlete who was asked to be present in place of Toby Mathews; introduced first-time guest Daniel Vianna from Argentina, who is helping to upgrade the hardball hockey competitive program; and Bobby Braun, RSA Vice President.

MOTION 2: B/D 2/23/08 8:11 AM

Ratify the vote that approved the following Mail Ballots:

(A) October 29, 2007 - To approve the Minutes of the 2007 USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 5-6-7, 2008.

(B) December 28, 2007 - Participation by the Board representative for Class V Groups (whose membership must hold USARS membership) at USARS Board Meetings, shall be funded by USARS, as it is for other members of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jane Wojnarowsky began the presentation of the Minutes of the Joint Achievement Test telephone conference call from February 6, 2008. Danny Brown, Linda Miner, Bud Engle, Jane Wojnarowsky and Jim Pollard participated as members.

The joint program agreement between USARS and the RSA, as written, was not clear on how program expenses and income would be accounted for, and there were problems with the funds that were to be given to USARS for its support of this program. Danny Brown stated that a check had been issued to USARS for their portion of the income from the program, but the numbers were inflated and expenses, which were not jointly agreed upon, had been loaded into the computation. The RSA will get this corrected and revisit the expenses based on numbers from the last meeting in October. Bobby Braun indicated that once all testing functions are online it will be much easier to conduct and track tests, and reduce the amount of RSA staff labor the RSA. The RSA website has been up and down in the last year, and their web programmer has not delivered what was promised. We are one year into the program and have some problems, but we can work them out.

**DIRECTIVE 1:** The Joint Achievement Test Committee was asked to work out issues on marketing, etc., and regenerate a new agreement between the RSA and USARS, based on the costs of the program, etc. They were asked to bring a revised agreement back to the Executive Committee for review as soon as possible.

The Joint Achievement Tests Committee had the task of working towards an attainable goal within the RSA test structure to properly segue the USARS “B” and “C” level skaters into competition. The committee looked at the average level in each test, along with the required elements in each competitive level status. The committee members felt that the “required tests” should be kept at the “minimum level” for the skaters’ qualification into their desired competitive status, however encouraging the coaches in the nation to continue to “look ahead” for furthering the education and skill levels of their skaters. The “A” level competitor required tests are still to be determined for future skating seasons.

The following determinations of the committee incorporate *only* the competitive requirements from each test and are for subsequent skating seasons.

Approve the following recommendation of the USARS/RSA Joint Achievement Test Committee:

Effective for the 2008-2009 skating season:

**Figures:**

-- Juvenile B: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

-- Elementary B:

Tests 1-4

-- Elementary C:

Tests 1-3

-- Fresh/Soph B:

Tests 1-5

-- Fresh/Soph C:

Tests 1-3

-- Novice B:

Tests 1-3

**Solo Dance:**

-- Elementary B: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

-- Fresh/Soph B:

Tests 1-4

-- Fresh/Soph C: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

-- Novice B:

Tests 1-3

-- Esquire B: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

**Team Dance:**

-- Juv/Elem B: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

-- Fresh/Soph B:

Tests 1-4

-- Novice B:

Tests 1-3

\*\* The committee felt the Free Skating test structure needed re-wording in Test #3 and #4 to better nurture the skill levels of the skaters.

The re-wording of **Test #3** is as follows:

One Foot Upright change One Foot Upright

(to replace; IB Upright Chg IF Upright)

The re-wording of **Test #4** is as follows:

OF Upright or OB Upright

(to replace OF Upright)

With these alterations, the committee came to the determination of required tests to be taken for qualification into the USARS Free Skating "B" and "C" level events as follows:

**Free Skating:**

-- Juv/Elem B: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

-- Fresh B:

Tests 1-3

-- Fresh/Soph B Men:

Tests 1-3

-- Fresh/Soph C: (entry level event)

Tests 1&2

--- Soph B Women:

Tests 1-3

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Brown indicated there would be the same requirements next year as this year for the minimum standards. The RSA website previously had two lists, the required and the recommended, which has been confusing, but this problem has now been fixed.

Nothing has yet been done regarding the possibility of a program for jam skaters in the rink, to include event sanctions, etc. George Kolibaba indicated that he would continue to follow up on this potential membership resource.

**DIRECTIVE 2:** Delete from the next agenda the Special Committee that had been established to put together a traveling seminar, asked to focus on beginning teachers and new rink operators and introduce them to skating programs that would gain income.

Bob Labriola will travel to the RSA impact seminars, with possibly one other person, to explain how to utilize classes, competitive programs, etc., in skating rinks.

International Team USA leaders and coaches and coaching staff at camps and clinics held at the USOC must pass a background check. USARS will cover the cost of the check for these individuals. Other USARS member coaches have the option to pay for their own background check, with a designation of successful results being added to their USARS membership card. Richard Hawkins reported that the procedure for a background check in place, and in addition to those who must receive clearance to participate in OTC clinics, some have signed up already. USARS will not have access to any confidential information, but will receive a "red light" or "green light" status report.

Richard Hawkins reported that a new Marketing Director, Adam Dambrosia, had just been hired and would be on board in two weeks. Danielle Krienert has been offered the position of coordinating the derby girl memberships, and we should be able to confirm her hire very soon, subject to a few questions she has asked. She will be reviewing the event contracts, sanctions, insurance certificates and work on programs for coaches and officials.

**DIRECTIVE 3:** Ask the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) to put out a notice on the new USARS employee who will handle derby girl responsibilities in the USARS office, once everything has been finalized.

Travel funds are still being collected into an Athlete Travel Endowment Program. These funds are being held by USARS, and will not be transferred to the Foundation until a substantial amount has been collected.

A Special Committee was appointed to establish a structure for a new "Novice Coach" membership. The committee was amended to include the following: John Gustafson, Danny Brown and Kyle Turley. The Committee felt that someone interested in becoming a Novice Coach would need to have sufficient skating experiences and basic skating skills satisfactory to the mentoring coach or rink operator. With that, they could contact USARS and get a turn-key package to include applications, guidelines, examples of teaching skills, practice tasks, teaching talking points, etc., so that the coach appears to have some knowledge; and through books they can improve their skills. They would need to have the desire to learn and teach basic skating skills – stand up, turn around, learning to fall. They must agree to the Coaches Code of Conduct and to receiving continuing education. The mentoring coach could be asked to do a performance evaluation and put together a critique of the Novice Coach after 6 to 12 months. The mentoring coach could be located near or far.

**DIRECTIVE 4:** The Novice Coach Development Committee was directed to pursue a finished package for implementation of a Novice Coach classification, to include membership specifications, age requirements, etc., and bring it back for the fall Board Meeting.

A Special Committee, consisting of Gypsy Tidwell (speed), Don Allen (hardball hockey) and Linda Lavelle (roller figure skating), was appointed by the Executive Committee during their December 20 conference call to determine the needs of our World Teams for apparel while attending World Championships. It was noted that each team is different and has different needs.

**DIRECTIVE 5:** Josh Wood has been asked to replace Gypsy Tidwell on the Special World Team Apparel Committee. The Committee is asked to provide the needed information as soon as possible so that an agreement can be finalized for the official provider of Championships apparel.

Richard Hawkins reported that we are reviewing a contract for the 2009 Indoor National Speed and Roller Figure Championships in Peoria, Illinois. The dates will be Speed: July 19-25, Art – July 26-August 9, 2009. Peoria will provide accommodations at no cost for members of our Board for the Fall Board Meeting, scheduled for September 26-27-28, 2008. This will give those who attend a chance to see the venue and city prior to the 2009 National Championships.

George Pickard, Chairman of the Inline Hockey Committee, and President of the International Hockey Federation (CIRILH), gave an update on the status of inline hockey. He reported the USARS/AAU program is doing well and is active in terms of coach development, etc. He stated that Joy Woog Garvey, a former Inline Hockey World Team member, has been approved as an athlete member of the FIRS Executive Committee for the years 2010 and 2011. Pickard is very pleased that the USA will have this representative at their meetings; and he knows that she is up to the task and gave her background to the Board as a recent graduate of the University of Arizona with a degree in law, now a practicing attorney.

Pickard touched on an issue regarding use of a recently banned substance and the problems this can cause for a long-time member of our World Inline Hockey Team. The substance has been recently identified as one that can mask use of other drugs, and is not in itself a performance enhancer.

Information on the 2008 Men and Women's Inline Hockey World Championships in Dusseldorf, Germany, has just been combined into the first bulletin, and an informational copy was provided. This year both Championships will take place during the same timeframe, utilizing two skating facilities. Inline Hockey manufacturers have donated the needed apparel and equipment used by the teams. The cost of travel, hotel, etc., for the Men and Women's Inline Hockey Teams could be somewhere around \$70,000. Mark Vittese has obtained a group rate for international air travel, departing Newark and returning to Newark. This and the fact that the individual athletes will cover their own domestic air travel costs to the National Championships in Philadelphia just prior to team departure, should save approximately \$9,000 in travel, with the total of both teams to be 31 people, including staff.

He noted that the Junior World Inline Hockey Championships will be in Philadelphia this year, just prior to the World Championships. His international committee was not able to find a European host, and Keith Noll has agreed to take charge of organizing the event. Pickard also provided information on these Championships to the Board.

Pickard provided consolidated selection and replacement processes for the 2008 World Inline Hockey Teams. This represented some modifications to better explain the process for an at-large bid for the trials, the selection committee structure and broke the information into one document for each team, men and women, which included other changes that have been made in the past few years.

**MOTION 4: B/D 2/23/08 9:45 AM**

Approve the world Team Selection and Replacement Criteria for Men and Women's Inline Hockey Teams (See Addendums A and B)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Hall of Fame and Honors Committee met on Friday, February 21. Committee members are Richard Hawkins-Chairman, George Pickard, John Gustafson, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson and Jim Pollard. George Pickard provided their recommendations for honors to be presented in 2008:

**MOTION 5: B/D 2/23/08 9:51 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to induct three active coaches into the Coaches Hall of Fame for the year 2008:

*Kerri Heffner* of Houston, Texas (artistic) – Since starting to teach in 1989, she has had over 100 U.S. National Championship placements, 10 Junior World Class Championship placements and 3 Senior World Class Championships placements. Keri has given seminars in other countries to help with the advancement of our sport. She was named SRSTA Teacher of the Year in 1996 and USOC Elite Coach of the Year in 2002. Kerri Heffner accompanied Jim Pollard in a training trip though Central America with two of her students to help lift the region's quality of artistic skating performance.

*Scott Hiatt* of High Point, North Carolina (Speed) – Former World Team member who as a ten year coach, has followed in the footsteps of his former coach, Hall of Famer Bob Byerly. Hiatt's speed teams have been highly successful at the National Championships, with athletes who went on to become members of Team USA in 2003-04-05-06 and 07, including Michael Cheek, Chad Horne,

Terrell Bradley, Hank Galbraith, Kimani Griffin, Briana Kramer and Heather Richardson. Hiatt received the Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award in 1991.

*Linda Dorso Pena* of Tampa, Florida (speed) – A former national speed skating champion, Pena began coaching in 1982. She consistently had clubs with 50-60 skaters and frequently had one of the top three teams in terms of placements at the National Speed Skating Championships. Through the years she has had a skater win in every division of competition at the National Championships. She has served as coach at the Olympic Training Center. Linda always expected her athletes to maintain high moral values and standards.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Two Veteran Coaches were nominated. Normally only one Veteran Coach each year is allowed installation into the Hall of Fame. Both candidates are highly qualified and long overdue for such honor.

**MOTION 6: B/D 2/23/08 9: 54 AM**

Approve the request from the Hall of Fame Committee to set aside the rule for this year only, which restricts induction of only one veteran coach per year, to allow two veteran coaches to be inducted into the USA Roller Sports Coaches Hall of Fame in 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 7: B/D 2/23/08 9:56 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to induct the following into the Coaches Hall of Fame:

*Charles Lowe* of Mineola, New York (artistic) - USARSA Coach beginning in 1952. His skaters included Carl Henderson, Jack Becker, Fred Wheeler, David Adamy, Jack McManus, Bill Spooner and many others who were National USARSA Champions. He was famous for his ability to choreograph and produce elaborate skating shows. He transferred his passion for roller skating to his students, many of who later accepted leadership roles in the federation and who remained long term contributors to this sport.

*Warren Danner* of Highland Heights, Kentucky (artistic) - Nominated by Danny Danner and supported by Jane Wojnarowsky and David Tassinari, who describe him as a coach in superlative terms and attribute their subsequent skating success to his great launch of their careers. His students included David Tassinari, Pat Fogerty, Cheryl Truman, Jack Courtney, Gary Callahan, Sherry Street, Rob Shafer, Richard Horne, Jane Panky, Jim Stevens, Jane Puracchio, Mark Howard, Cindy Smith and others, the majority of whom ended up FIRS World Champions. Seven members of the 1965 USA World Artistic Team got their starts with Warren Danner. Danner was a coach of coaches.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 8: B/D 2/23/08 10:01 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to bestow USARS Life Members on *Betty Ann Danna* of Lakewood Ranch, Florida – Past President of USARS, former

Member of the Board of Directors for many years, President of Roller Skating Foundation, Hall of Fame Coach, and member of many USARS Committees, some of which she chaired. Betty Ann Danna has contributed a life-time of service to amateur competitive sports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Begun in 1961 as the "Amateur of the Year Award," the recipient of the M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service award must have consistently demonstrated outstanding service to Confederation programs throughout the competitive season, whether at the local, league, state, regional, national or international levels.

**MOTION 9: B/D 2/23/08 10:02 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service Award to *Kay Gallatin* of Ault, Colorado – cited for her outstanding contribution of time and talent as a speed skating official at Indoor and Outdoor National Championships as well as at North Central Regional Championships and local contests, working as a speed tabulator, a meet director, placement judge or where ever else she is needed. Kay does not wait to be asked, but she sees what is necessary to make the program work and pitches in to help it, even to pick up litter. She received a Meritorious Service Award in 2003 with her husband Leonard. Leonard Gallatin received the Shattuck Award in 2000. The Gallatins' service at sanctioned competitions has been continuous and unstinting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship award was established in 1983 to honor a current competitive skater in any of the four disciplines, for conducting himself or herself according to the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. The following skater exemplifies, in an outstanding way, the pledge of the USARS Code of Conduct:

**MOTION 10: B/D 2/23/08 10:04 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship award to *Jessica Smith* of Salt Lake City, Utah – At the 2007 World Championships in Cali, Colombia, many times World Champion Smith broke her collarbone during a race and had to be taken home early. She handled her injury and disappointment with grace, returning to the track after being wrapped up in ace bandages, urging team mates to success and showing no self pity or anger.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Gordon B. Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award is presented periodically, not on an annual basis, as an individual merits such recognition for the highest level of continuous service to the Confederation.

**MOTION 11: B/D 2/23/08 10:05 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the Gordon B. Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award to *Jim Pollard* of Redwood City, California – Pollard was inducted into the Distinguished Service Hall of Fame in 1996, a recipient of the Shattuck Award in 1983, and a Life Member since 1998. He was responsible for the National Artistic Championships as Meet

Director for a period spanning three decades. Pollard has been elected to numerous 4-year terms as President of the International Artistic Committee of FIRS (CIPA) beginning in 1984. He has ably served as a member of the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors, as its Vice President and as a member of the Executive Committee; as a seminar leader; distinguished teacher and Regional Association Chairman.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The purpose of the Dennis R. Snead Awards is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller speed skating through their long-term dedication as speed skating and track officials.

**MOTION 12: B/D 2/23/08 10:07 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the Dennis R. Snead Award to *Leonard Gallatin* of Ault, Colorado – A track official spanning two decades, who was instrumental in the creation of photo finish placement and computer calculation at both Outdoor and Indoor National Championships. Leonard has been tireless in his support of speed skating wherever and whenever asked.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

USA Roller Sports annually recognizes athletes from each sport discipline who demonstrated exemplary success and/or sportsmanship during the year just completed.

At the 2007 World Roller Figure Skating Championships in Australia, Nicole was the only American skater on either the Junior and Senior Team to earn a 1<sup>st</sup> place award. Nicole was recently featured on a segment of KABC (Channel 7) newscast about her success in Australia. The segment included an interview and a demonstration of her award-winning free dance routine. As well as being a wonderful skater, Nikki is a more wonderful person, one who is deserving of the honor of Roller Figure Skater of the Year.

**MOTION 13: B/D 2/23/08 10:08 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the USA Roller Sports Roller Figure Skater of the Year (2007) award to *Nicole Leonard* of Fountain Valley, California. Her accomplishments during the competitive year included: a) 1<sup>st</sup> place United States champion in Freshman Solo Dance in 2007 – she was also the defending champion in this event, having won the same event at the National Championships in 2006. b) 1<sup>st</sup> place United States champion with her brother Derek in Sophomore Team Dance in 2007. c) 1<sup>st</sup> place United States International Junior Solo Dance champion in 2007. d) And the crowning accomplishment – 1<sup>st</sup> place International Junior Solo Dance Champion at the World Championships that were recently concluded in Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 14: B/D 2/23/08 10:10 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the USA Roller Sports Speed Skater of the Year (2007) award to *Joey Mantia* of Federal Way, Washington. Joey

was the winner of seven gold medals and a bronze medal out of twelve races at the 2007 World Speed Championship in Cali, Colombia. Mantia also won the only Gold Medal given to a U.S. male speed skater at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 15: B/D 2/23/08 10:11 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the USA Roller Sports Ball Hockey Player of the Year (2007) award to *Brian Stallman* of Chehalis, Washington, goalie for Team USA at the 2007 World Championships in Switzerland and is cited for his outstanding performance.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 16: B/D 2/23/08 10:12 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the USA Roller Sports Inline Hockey Player of the Year (2008) award to *Antoinette Maldonado* of New Haven, Connecticut. Maldonado is the all-time leading woman scorer at the World Championships and was captain of the 2007 USA Women's World Championship Team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 17: B/D 2/23/08 10:13 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the USA Roller Sports Meritorious Service Awards to:

*Louise Neal* – Volunteer tabulator at the Roller Figure Skating National Championships  
*Frances Abbott* – Volunteer referee at the Roller Figure Skating National Championships  
*David Adamy* – Open practice supervisor at the Roller Figure Skating National Championship practice rink.  
*Tanya Welch* – Took two weeks vacation to be practice rink supervisor at the 2006 Nationals.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 18: B/D 2/23/08 10:15 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to present the USA Roller Sports Hockey Achievement Award to *Pat Ferguson* for his 40 years of continuous service to Ball Hockey. His teams have won 8 to 10 Senior National Ball Hockey Championships. Ferguson produces an average of 6 teams each year for the National Championships, has coached the Junior World Ball Hockey Team, and been assistant coach for the Senior Team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The U.S. Olympic Committee asks its National Governing Bodies (NGBs) to submit candidates for recognition as coaches and athletes for the year recently concluded. The criteria for a National Coach of the Year nominee is that they must have coached an Elite Level Club, Collegiate, Pan-Am, World

Championship or been an Olympic Games coach or the coach of an elite athlete who competes at the highest level of our sport. This award is based on the accomplishments of the coach for the year 2007, and the nominee must currently be coaching or within one year of their retirement.

**MOTION 19: B/D 2/23/08 10:16 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to nominate *Bob Labriola* of Fountain Valley, California, as the *National Coach of the Year (2007)* for Roller Sports - Labriola received 13 first place awards at the 2007 United States Nationals encompassing youth, adult and elite events, including his first placements in International Dance competition (Junior World Class Solo Dance) and a second place (Senior World Class Solo Dance). And then went on to have a skater win the gold medal at the 2007 World Championships in Australia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

USOC Developmental Coach of the Year recognition is given to the coach of a youth club, high school or junior-level coach, or a coach directly responsible for coaching athletes to the junior and/or elite level. This award is based on the accomplishments of the coach for the year 2007. The nominee must currently be coaching or within one year of their retirement.

**MOTION 20: B/D 2/23/08 10:18 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to nominate *Linda Wood* of Sacramento, California for *USOC Developmental Coach of the Year (2007)* for Roller Sports. Wood is a speed skating coach who has achieved exceptional success with introducing younger athletes to the sport of speed skating, including substantial success in the age group competitions at the National Championships. She serves as a primary coach for the Developmental Banked Track Clinics at the USOTC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A USOC Volunteer Coach of the Year nominee is a coach who does not receive payment in any form for their involvement in coaching at any level. The nominee should be actively coaching athletes. This award is based on the accomplishments of the coach for the year 2007. The nominee must currently be coaching or within one year of their retirement. The Honors Committee believes that this type of coach might only exist within the ball and inline hockey roller sports disciplines, since coaches who are actively coaching in speed and figure skating generally receive compensation.

**MOTION 21: B/D 2/23/08 10:19 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation to nominate *Vern Binz* (hardball hockey) of Bremerton, Washington, for the USOC Roller Sports Volunteer Coach of the Year (2007).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 22: B/D 2/23/08 10:21 AM**

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation for the following nominations:

USOC ROLLER SPORTS TEAM OF THE YEAR FOR 2007 - Winners of the Gold Medal at the 2007 World Inline Hockey Championships, Women's Inline Hockey Team: *Julie Chu, Lisa Giovanelli, Antoinette Maldonado, Brittany Martin, Charlotte Nicholson, Angela Ruggiero, Catherine Santo, Kathleen Savino, Michelle Vedder, Kerry Weiland.*

USOC ROLLER SPORTS MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2007 - *Joey Mantia* of Federal Way, Washington, winner of seven gold medals and a bronze medal, out of twelve races at the 2007 World Speed Championships in Cali, Colombia. Won a Gold Medal at the Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

USOC FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2007 – *Antoinette Maldonado* of New Haven, Connecticut, the all-time leading woman scorer at the World Championships and was captain of the 2007 USA Women's World Championship Team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A 15 minute break was taken, with the session back in process at 10:38 AM.

David Adamy prepared an application for judges to use to apply for a "B" Commission. Applications for the "B" Commission will be submitted to the USARS National Headquarters. Upon receipt of the application, USARS National Headquarters will forward the application to the proper Regional Upgrading Committee, which will, in turn make their recommendation after interviewing the applicant. The Chairman of the Regional Upgrading Committee, or a designated agent, will monitor the exams for the "B" Commission. The test must be taken within 30 days after being mailed from the USARS National Headquarters and must be returned within two days after being taken. The National Judges Committee will grade the exam and determine the eligibility of the candidate.

It was noted that there have on occasion been problems with a Regional Committee blocking participation by someone they may not personally like, regardless of their ability to be a figure skating judge. With or without the approval of the Regional Committee, an applicant may still take the "B" test, but it is important that the regions be more involved and get their judges panels active again. Pollard noted that it is important to have more training at the Regional level. There is also a problem with the number of international judges decreasing as they reach the age of 65, when they are no longer permitted to hold CIPA judges credentials. There are four this year and four next year who will reach this age.

**MOTION 23: B/D 2/23/08 11:02 AM**

Accept the application, as amended, for applying to obtain the "B" Figure Skating Judging Commission. (See Addendum C)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

David Adamy also prepared an application that could be provided to athletes who are injured and need to obtain a medical bye to the next highest championships, or for other reasons that might be approved according to USARS rules.

**MOTION 24: B/D 2/23/08 11:15 AM**

Approve the proposed application to be used by skaters to obtain a waiver to next highest championships, as amended. (See Addendum D)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Hardball Hockey Committee Report was given by the Committee Co-Chairman, Bill Sisson. He indicated that the Committee wanted to make the Hardball Nationals more profitable by eliminating one fully expense-compensated scorekeeper/timekeeper and instead pay per diem only to someone who would assist with those functions.

**MOTION 25: B/D 2/23/08 11:21 AM**

Approve the following expense-compensated officials for the 2008 Hardball Hockey National Championships:

Meet Director - Bill Sisson

Assistant Meet Directors - Hardball Hockey Committee

Chief Referee - Gary Hendrickson

Referees - Mark Brailey, Jim Jost, John McNeel, Kevin Crooks

Time & Scorekeepers - Linda McNeel, Kathy Crooks (and one to be announced-who will receive per diem only)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hardball Hockey World Teams have been funding most of their own expenses to participate in the World Championships. This makes it very difficult for those who qualify, when there is very little outside assistance with this financial burden. The Hockey Committee felt that we could raise about \$6,000 each year in way of financial support for Hardball Hockey World Teams, by making the following program changes.

**MOTION 26: B/D 2/23/08 11:21 AM**

Approve the following Hardball Hockey Committee recommendations:

- a) Beginning in 2008, raise the team registration fee for the Hardball Hockey Nationals to \$500 per team, with \$50 of the fee being used to help fund world teams.
- b) Beginning in 2009, raise the hardball hockey membership fee to \$5 over the regular fee, with the additional income designated to help fund world teams.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 27: B/D 2/23/08 11:26 PM**

Approve the following Hardball Hockey Committee referee recommendations to submit the following as World Championships referees from the USA:

Mark Brailey - Referee for the Women's World Championships in Yuri-Honjou (Akita) Japan, October 5-11, 2008

Duane McMinn - Referee for the Men's "B" World Championships in Johannesburg, South Africa, October 25-November 1, 2008.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

International Hardball Hockey competitions must be approved by the International Hardball Hockey Committee (CIRH). There is a campaign by individuals to gain recognition for Catalonia, a region in Spain, as a country. This has been going on for some time. They spent a lot of money to try to get this recognition in Fresno during a FIRS Assembly, but were not successful. Several countries were fined for participating in a competition in South America where it appeared that Catalonia was recognized as such. Countries who knew the Catalonian team was participating as a recognized federation and played in the competition were fined by FIRS. The USA did not know this when they went to compete, and therefore were not fined. For this reason, it is important to know that all competitions that we compete in as a team have approval by the CIRH.

**MOTION 28: B/D 2/23/08 11:36 PM**

Approve participation by USA athletes in the following international events:

2nd International Club Tournament in Reus, Spain, September 22-28, 2008 and  
Macau's 25th Anniversary Tournament, August 20-24, 2008

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There is a South American tournament, with dates and location yet to be determined, that participation may be approved for in 2008, based upon the receiving details of the event as noted in the above discussion.

A lunch break was taken from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM. Upon return, Derek Parra was present.

Ken Shelton, Chairman, gave the report of the Speed Committee.

**MOTION 29: B/D 2/23/08 2:06 PM**

Approve conducting the following clinics in Colorado Springs, subject to location approval:

Speed Team USA Training (Residency) - OTC - Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Arrival - Friday, August 1, 2008  
Departure - Friday, August 22, 2008

Fall National Speed Team Clinic - OTC - Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Arrival - Friday, October 3, 2008  
Departure - Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Fall Banked Track Clinic - OTC - Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Arrival - Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
Departure - Sunday, October 12, 2008

Fall Banked Track Clinic, Broward County, Florida

Arrival - Thursday, October 23, 2008

Departure - Sunday, October 26, 2008

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At the Quad Speed Skating Nationals in 2007 in Omaha, there was a lot of confusion for staff and officials, as late entries were accepted for the competition.

**MOTION 30: B/D 2/23/08 1:16 PM**

Approve the Speed Committee recommendation to make the first day of the Quad National Speed Skating Championships (July 13 in 2008), the last day to register for the event,

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2008 Outdoor National Inline Speed Skating Championships will be in Colorado Springs, June 12 – 19 (including rain days). The National Indoor Speed Skating Championships will be in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 13 – 19.

**MOTION 31: B/D 2/23/08 1:18 PM**

Approve the Outdoor and Indoor Speed Skating National Championships schedules as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2008 World Speed Skating Championships will take place in Gijon Spain, September 4-12.

**MOTION 32: B/D 2/23/08 2:20 PM**

Approve the Speed Committee recommendation for the following 2008 World Championships expense-compensated staff: David Downing - Senior Team Coach; Chris Tidwell - Junior Team Coach; Eforrest Allmond - Team Manager, Debbie Bowe - Assistant Team Manager.

Approve the following to participate at their own expense: Mary Allmond - Apprentice Manager, Jeff Foster - Apprentice Coach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 33: B/D 2/23/08 11:28 AM**

Approve the Speed Committee recommendation for the new officials' commission structure

SR820.4 The Supporting Official that holds the "A" commission and wants to become a rolling official will now start off with the "CR2" commission.

Referees:

SR820.5 Speed "CR1" Commission – The applicant must be a minimum of 16 years old and there is no experience required. Will be required to take and pass a written open book test.

Once the test is passed they can officiate at league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee. They will also be able to be considered as a supporting official only at a regional meet. If the test is failed then they must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take it again.

- SR820.6 Speed “CR2” Commission – The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee in the previous year. They will now be able to be considered as an assistant referee at a regional meet. If the test is failed then they must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take it again.
- SR820.7 Speed “BR1” Commission –The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, invitational, and regional’s as a supporting official or and assistant referee in the previous year. The applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book multiple choice test for this upgrade. They may now be considered as a chief referee at league, interclub, and invitational meets. If the test is failed then they must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take it again.
- SR820.8 Speed “BR2” Commission – Minimum age for this commission is 23 years old. The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, invitational, and regional meets as a supporting official and an assistant referee in the previous year. They may now be considered as a chief referee at league, interclub, and invitational meets. This commission will grant the holder their number.
- SR820.9 Speed “AR1” Commission- The applicant must hold the previous commission for 1 year. The holder may now be considered as a chief referee at all levels including regional meets. They are now expected to apply for appointment to the national meet. At the end of the national championship the applicant may be given a verbal test by the official’s committee and submitted to the speed committee for approval. Upon the successful completion of this test they may be awarded the “AR2” commission.
- SR820.10 Speed “AR2” Commission – The holder of this commission may act as a chief referee at league, interclub, invitational, and regional meets. The holder is expected to apply for appointment on each year’s Indoor National Championship Panel as an assistant referee. The “AR2” commissioned official may also apply to be chief referee at the Indoor National Championship after having extensive experience as a chief referee at multiple region’s championships. Any “AR” commissioned official who has not participated at an Indoor National Championship for a period of 3 consecutive years shall revert back to a “BR2” commission.

SR820.9 This now becomes SR820.11

SR820.10 This now becomes SR820.12

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approve the Speed Committee recommendation for officials at the 2008 National Championships:

**2008 OUTDOOR NATIONAL SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Expense-Compensated Positions (11 total)

Meet Director-Ken Shelton  
Announcer-Josh Gallatin  
Chief Tabulator- Kay Gallatin  
Tabulator-Kristine Gallatin  
Photo Finish-Leonard Gallatin  
Chief Referee-Track-Mike Bell  
Chief Referee-Road-Jim Pitsch  
Referees- Janine Cobb  
Kathy Rex  
Larry Pep  
Dan Whittaker

Supporting Officials (not expense-compensated):

Assistant Announcer-Arlene Lehman  
Starter-Jim White  
Competitive Stewards-David Alcorn, Lou Alcorn, Bill Lehman

Alternates for Expense-Compensated Positions:

Referees- Kristin Smith, Stephanie Fesko, Joe Robinson, Arica Armitage, Glen Crittenden, Buford Mills  
Photo Finish-Hub Galbraith

**2008 INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Expense-Compensated (31 total):

Meet Director-Ken Shelton  
Assistant Meet Director-John Gustafson  
Announcer-Bob Justice  
Chief Tabulator-Tish Gorman  
Tabulator-Kristen Poundstone  
Awards Coordinator-Brian Hook  
Chief Referee-Wayne Bowles  
Assistant Chief Referee-Jim Pitsch  
Referees: Allen Hughes  
Arica Armitage  
Jim Hare  
Joe Robinson  
Ed Rush  
David Lewis  
Larry Pep  
Glen Crittenden

Stephanie Fesko  
Kristin Dijulio-Smith  
Dan Zielinski  
Mark Powers

Chief Place Judge-Kay Gallatin  
Assistant Chief Place Judge-Kristine Gallatin  
Place Judge-Glen Graves  
Place Judge/Laps-Ashley Bowles  
Chief Starter-John Szelagowski  
Assistant Chief Starter-Jim White  
Photo Finish-Leonard Gallatin and David Alcorn  
Competitive Stewards-Mike Wong, Melanie Holt, David Nickels

Alternate for Expense-Compensated Positions: Referees – Mike Bell, Jeff Kujawa, Larry Farmer, David Glasgow, Timer-Hub Galbraith

## **2008 QUAD NATIONAL SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### Expense-Compensated (15 total):

Meet Director-Ken Shelton  
Announcer-Bob Justice  
Tabulator-Kristin Poundstone  
Awards Coordinator-Brian Hook  
Chief Referee-David Lewis  
Referees: Allen Hughes  
Joe Robinson  
Wayne Bowles  
Jim Pitsch  
Jim Hare  
Arica Armitage  
Starter-David Nickels  
Photo Finish-Leonard Gallatin  
Competitive Steward-Melanie Holt  
Chief Place Judge-Kay Gallatin

Non-Compensated - Assistant Meet Director-Sherri Anspach, Lap Counter-Jim White

Alternates for Expense-Compensated Positions: Referees – Glen Crittenden, Larry Pep, Mark Powers, Ed Rush, Stephanie Fesko, Starter-John Szelagowski, Chief Timer-Hub Galbraith, Lap Counter-Jim White

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 35: B/D 2/23/08 1:47 PM**

Approve the Speed Committee recommendation for the following:

**USARS Speed Skating Program Change Process**

**Objective:**

To describe in detail the process by which the sport of speed skating can be changed by proposals from the grass-roots level. All speed program changes must be approved by a majority of the speed coaches in the 9 regions, approved by the Speed Committee, and approved by the USA/RS Board of Directors. A program change is defined as; any change in events, divisions, distances, or age groups to be skated in Regional and National Championship competition.

Administrative changes are the responsibility of the Speed Committee and must be approved by the USARS Board of Directors. Administrative changes are defined as; rulebook correction/clarification, officiating standards/requirements, and changes pertaining to the conduct of championships.

**Procedure:**

Regional Representative, one speed coach elected by record vote from each region, designated as their regional representative, capable of acting as a conduit for information between regions and the speed committee. The regional representative must attend regional coaches meetings to facilitate discussions of current proposals, solicit new proposals, and act as proctor for the required record votes. (See Speed Regional Representative Requirements)

Each Regional Representative shall arrange a regional coaches meeting, during their regional championships, to encourage discussion of new ideas, formulate these ideas into written proposals, and conduct a record vote on these proposals by the coaches. The regional representative shall then submit their regions proposals, with the record vote, at the National Regional Representatives meeting conducted during the National Championship meet.

At the National Regional Representatives meeting all proposals from all regions will be presented and discussed. Similar proposals from multiple regions will be combined into consensus proposals by the group. The regional representatives will then vote on which proposals to present to the Speed Committee.

The Speed Committee will meet at the National Championship meet following the regional representatives meeting to review proposals from the regions. The Speed Committee shall provide the Regional Representatives with a copy of their meeting minutes indicating the disposition of all proposals submitted.

The meeting minutes will be available prior to the completion of the National Championship.

Proposals approved by the Speed Committee will be posted on the USARS website no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> for review by all coaches and the general membership. A hard copy of the proposals will also be sent, via Certified mail with a return receipt, to each regional representative no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Each Regional Representative shall arrange a second regional coaches meeting, to discuss and conduct a record vote on the nationwide proposals posted on the USARS website. This meeting must be completed and the record vote on the nationwide proposals faxed to the National Office by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Speed Committee will audit the nationwide proposal record votes from the regions, and forward, with committee recommendations, all proposals receiving majority approval to the National Board of Directors for action at the Spring Board meeting.

Proposals approved by the Board of Directors at the spring meeting will be effective the following skating season.

Majority approval is defined as the approval of a majority of coaches from six or more of the nine regions, documented by record vote.

In the event that nationwide proposals posted on the USARS website do not get a majority of regions submitting record votes by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Speed Committee will then be responsible for the disposition of all proposals.

The Speed Committee shall for each proposal:

- a. Approve the proposal and forward it to the National Board for action.
- b. Reject the proposal.
- c. Table the proposal and send it back to the regional representatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DIRECTIVE 6:** Post the newly approved Speed Skating Program Change Process on the website.

At the last Board Meeting, the Speed Committee had prepared a Speed Skating Coaches Regional Representative document which was approved. At this time they submitted a revision to this document, making it broader in scope.

**MOTION 36: B/D 2/23/08 1:58 PM**

Approve the Speed Committee recommendation as follows:

### **Speed Skating Coaches Regional Representative**

**Job Description:** Each of the nine regions, *at their regional championship contest*, is required to elect a Speed Coach to represent their region. This individual is to act as a conduit for sport specific information i.e.; Rule changes, Proposals for new events, and Sports Science Innovations that can enhance the sport of Speed Skating. Going to and coming from, The Speed Committee and the other 8 Regional Representatives.

**Requirements:** The speed coaches in each region, *at every regional championship contest*, shall elect a Speed Skating Coaches Regional Representative by a “Record Vote”.

A “Record Vote” must include the following information:

1. The date, time and place of the meeting conducting the election.
2. The name, signature and Club ID number of each voting coach and their “Yes”, “No” or “Abstain” vote.

The candidate must be a Certified Speed Coach in good standing with USA/RS.

Each Chartered Speed Club (Club ID #) in the Region shall have one vote when electing a regional representative. If a speed club has more than one coach, these coaches must decide by whatever method they choose how to apply their single vote. *If clubs have multiple club IDs (additional practice rinks or satellite clubs), the voting club ID shall be the ID with the majority of membership.*

Upon election the regional representative must submit the record vote by which they were elected along with their personal contact information to USA/RS headquarters for inclusion on the Speed Skating Coaches Regional Representatives contacts list. *Regional representatives may also submit their record vote and contact information at the National Championship meeting.* Contact information shall include name, address, phone numbers and email.

**Duties and Responsibilities:** Must *conduct* regional coaches meetings to facilitate discussion of the current season's posted speed proposals up for nation wide review *by the December 31st deadline*, and encourage the formulation of new proposals to be brought forward from their region the following year.

1. Conducts "Record Votes" on the current seasons nation wide *proposals by the December 31st deadline for submittal to the National Office.* *The Speed Committee will review and forward proposals per the rule change process to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting for action by the board.*

2. Conducts "Record Votes" *at each regional championship contest* on new proposals the region wants to submit for discussion at the annual National Championship Meeting.

CARRIED

There was a discussion on why the above voting procedure was recommended for selection of a regional speed representative.

At an earlier meeting the Speed Committee was directed to come up with a way to work through the RSA Achievement Test structure, in the same way as the roller figure skating discipline is. The Committee provided their recommendation for three tests that could be utilized for this purpose.

**DIRECTIVE 7:** Ken Shelton was directed to work with Linda Miner, Danny Brown, and Bobby Braun to review what was provided and see if Achievement Tests for speed can be implemented as an introductory first step into competition, and bring their recommendation back in the Fall. USARS should get a portion of any income resulting from this proposal.

Shelton reported that a program request had been submitted to hold a Coaching Conference in Colorado Springs, two days prior to the Outdoor National Championships, but OTC approval had not yet been received.

**DIRECTIVE 8:** Ask Derek Parra to work with Richard to try to get a joint coaching session that would be beneficial for ice skating coaches and inline skating coaches, to include transitioning, etc.

Derek Parra addressed the Board on behalf of the Wheels to Ice Program (WHIP). The program was established to recognize and attract talented inline athletes to go to ice from inlines. There are 10 to 13 athletes involved – 10 who receive funding. It has been a successful year. The hardest thing is to make both programs work because of scheduling. Every week of every month, most of the athletes get better.

Because of their ice training, fitness, concentration, etc., the level of the inline athletes has been raised. He identified the skaters as short trackers and long trackers, but there are basically three teams: Short Track National Team, National Sprint Team and the Distance Team, with 8 to 10 athletes in each team. The WHIP Program is basically a residency program in Salt Lake City, where all athletes are away from home for the training. Parra noted that 65% of the ice medals in the last three years have come from inline skaters. It is a requirement that athletes in the WHIP program must continue to compete on inline skates for a minimum of 18 months. The Board thanked Parra for taking time to update them on the status of the program.

Jane Wojnarowsky, Chairman of the Roller Figure Skating Committee, gave that Committee's report. A proposed drawing for the 2008 Women's World Roller Figure Skating Team skating costumes was shown. Wojnarowsky felt that the USA Team needed a new look, especially when compared to some of the other World Teams, one that would be easily identified as being that of Team USA.

**MOTION 37: B/D 2/23/08 3:21 PM**

To promote national unity during the World Championships beyond the official practice days, approve the committee recommendation for a new design for the World Team practice outfits. The "Official USA Team Uniform" will be used by the Compulsory Figure skaters for competition at the World Championships in Taiwan 2008. Petra Dayney has agreed to design and construct these outfits for the World Figure Teams, and a budget of \$5,700 is needed for the 44 World Team outfits.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 38: B/D 2/23/08 3:30 PM**

Approve the following Figure Committee recommendation:

Effective Immediately - AR 8.02.05 (f). Any skater or team placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the National Championships in an event that has less than five (5) contestants shall have the option to remain in that division, or to move to the next higher division. This rule does not apply to divisions that have a maximum age limit.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 39: B/D 2/23/08 3:40 PM**

Approve the following Figure Committee recommendation:

Effective Immediately - AR 8.02.10 (d). Any skater or team placing 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> at the Regional Championships who qualifies to participate in the National Championships in both an "A" and "B" event in the same discipline (Figures, Dance, etc.), by virtue of the above mentioned Regional Move-Up Rule may enter both events at the National Championships. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the at the National Championships in either the "A" or "B" event eliminates further participation in the Level "B" event in the discipline involved. Failure to place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the National Championships in either level event has no effect on eligibility.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 40: B/D 2/23/08 3:55 PM**

Approve the following Figure Committee recommendation:

Effective Immediately - AR 8.02.92

To compete in the USA National Championships in the Senior World Class Solo Dance event, the skater must be twelve (12) years of age, with no limit on the maximum age of the participant. To qualify for the World Roller Figure Skating Championships, the skater must be twelve (12) years of age and not yet 35 year of age as of January 1 of the skating season and obtain a minimum score of 7.5 from a majority of the judges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was noted that only two athletes will qualify to participate in the World Championships in the Senior World Class Solo Dance event, the same number that will qualify to participate in the Junior World Championships.

Participation of foreign athletes in USA Qualifying and National Championships was discussed at the last Board Meeting. In order to approve another recommendation that was being presented to the Board, it was felt that the previous motion on the topic should be rescinded.

**MOTION 41: B/D 2/23/08 4:21 PM**

To rescind Motion 31, passed on 10/7/07 by the USARS Board of Directors, which stated: Approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation to adopt the following for AR 7.03.02, b), effective immediately: International citizens or US citizens that do not qualify for a US passport will be permitted to skate in a US Qualifying Championship. Placements in Junior or Senior World Class events at the National Championships will not qualify them for the USA National Team. The next higher US skater, who holds a US passport, will qualify for the USA team. International citizens entering other events must follow domestic eligibility rules. International citizens may not participate in USA Championship SHOW or PRECISION TEAM events, which qualify to participate in World Championship.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 42: B/D 2/23/08 4:25 PM**

Approve the following recommendation, effective immediately:

AR7.03.02

- (a) Members in good standing within a foreign federation **with or without** “World Class status” who receive written approval from their federation **will be** permitted to skate in USARS Roller Figure Skating **Qualifying Championships**.
- (b) Foreign athletes **with or without** “World Class status” may not participate in the **National Championships** in Junior World Class, Senior World Class, Precision and Show events, all of which are used to select USA representative teams for World Championships.
- (c) Foreign athletes **with** “World Class status” may compete in the Junior and lower “A” events only as per their qualifications in USARS.

- (d) Foreign athletes **without** “World Class status” may compete in any USARS “A”, “B”, or “C” event as per their qualifications in USARS (refer to AR8.02.08).
- (e) “World Class status” for the above rules is interpreted to mean any athlete who has or is currently representing their country in the FIRS World Figure Championships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Figure Skating Committee reviewed the idea of having an Apprentice World Figure Team Coach/Manager travel with the team and expense-compensated staff to World Championships. They did not wish to offer this new volunteer position for roller figure skating at this time.

**DIRECTIVE 9:** The Committee provided the Adult Dance Rotation for Team and Solo and Freshman/Sophomore “B” Team Dance Requirements for 2008-2009 skating season. These items will be posted on the USARS website.

**DIRECTIVE 10:** The Regional Coach Representatives meeting is to be established at the National Championships. A notice should be sent to each Regional Representatives asking them to bring input from their region to the meeting so that action can take action on the restrictions for free style and pairs skating.

David Adamy stated that the Regional Coaches Meeting should only be open to the nine regional coach representatives. The Figure Committee should be able to attend as observers, but allow the regional coaches to discuss items among themselves. He thought it may be necessary to schedule more than one meeting during Nationals.

A report from the Nominating Committee was provided. The Committee, consisting of Gary Castro-Chairman, Gloria Manning, Diane Brown and Bud Engle, met by conference call to select two candidates for the club representative position on the USARS Board and to review candidates for the grassroots position on the Board for certification. After careful review, the Committee determined that Annelle Anderson and Samuel Johnson should be submitted as candidates for the Club Representative position on the Board. Other candidates may yet come forward from the field by petition. It was further determined that Ed Harney meets all eligibility requirements for a Grassroots Director position on the Board, and he was certified for consideration for that position by the Board at their fall meeting.

According to the USARS Constitution and By-Laws, “Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least twice each year at a time and place, either within or without the State of Nebraska, designated by the President. The *annual* meeting shall be held within ninety (90) days of the close of the fiscal year. The semi-annual meeting shall be held not less than four (4) or more than seven (7) months after the annual meeting. USARS.” With the change of the USARS fiscal year to conclude on December 31, we need to modify the above to be “semiannual” instead of “annual” to occur within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year, and change ‘semi-annual’ to “annual” to be held not less than four or more than seven months after the annual meeting. By changing these meeting designations, other references to these meeting will be correct and the meeting names can remain unchanged.

**DIRECTIVE 11:** Because a modification to the USARS Constitution and Bylaws requires 10 days prior advance notice (or unanimous consent of the Board), a written explanation of the modification will be submitted to the Board for their approval to change the Bylaws to differently identify the annual and semiannual meeting names.

Bob Labriola, Chairman of the Elite Coach Committee, prepared a report on the results of that committee’s recent telephone conference call. Applications for Elite Coaching status were reviewed, with one applicant, *Chris Baerg* of Fountain Valley, California, receiving approval by the Committee. Labriola

reported that he disqualified himself from participating in the discussion and voting on her application because of her employment in his rink. At the request of George Kolibaba, Bob provided an e-mail containing his recommendations for how the Elite Coaches Selection Committee should operate, the required criteria for attaining elite status, the makeup of the committee, etc.

**DIRECTIVE 12:** Establish a Special Committee consisting of Jane Wojnarowsky, Ken Shelton and Richard Hawkins, to recommend a testing process for AC-3 coaches and the criteria that surrounds the Elite Status coach as provided by Bob Labriola. AC-3 testing could be open book if the committee feels it is better to know how to find the answer than to memorize it just for the test (and then possibly forget the information), require a proctored test, etc. Recommendations for this are to be returned to the Board for their Fall meeting.

Jim Pollard, CIPA President, spoke about events that would take place in 2009. The World Games are scheduled for July 16-26 in Kaohsiung City, Chinese Taipei. These dates are in conflict with the Indoor Speed Nationals, scheduled for July 19-25. These dates will also affect the schedule for World Class Roller Figure Skating competitors at the Figure Skating National Championships, scheduled for July 26-August 9. Team funding for the World Games was an issue, since participants were asked to pay their own airline travel to the event. In some cases they may have meant that our best skaters did not participate. The top five World Championships Inline Hockey Teams will qualify to compete in the World Games. This provides a logistic problem for them as well.

Pollard further noted that the Pan Am Championships will tentatively be held in Mexico in 2009 and will be the qualifier for the 2011 Pan Am Games. The Roller Figure Skating Team qualifier has been held in California for several years now, and there was a request that perhaps it could take place somewhere that provides easier access to skaters from the east.

Richard Hawkins covered reports from the national office and provided USARS membership figures for the years 2006 through 2008. Revenue from membership cards was up, although member numbers were down slightly. Coaching membership and income were up over 2007 and income from club charters was slightly higher. Hawkins indicated that the USOC is working on a plan that could collectively update all NGB websites. Our site would look completely different and would include the ability to renew memberships on-line, accept credit card payments, etc.

The meeting was recessed at 5:42 PM.

The meeting was called back to session on February 24 at 8:05 AM. Roll was called; and with the exception of Bobby Braun, Derek Parra, and George Pickard, those attending the previous day were again present.

The Speed Committees recommendation for World Speed Referee was not included in the speed report the previous day.

**MOTION 43: B/D     2/24/08     8:12 AM**

Approved submitting John Gustafson as the USA Referee at the 2008 World Championships in Gijon, Spain, with Jim Pitsch as the alternate if for some reason Gustafson is unable to participate.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes from all of the Executive Committee Meetings that took place since the last Board Meeting were provided with the meeting material. (See Addenda E, F and G)

Minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting of February 9 were reviewed. There were problems caused by financial instability relating to the World Championships in 2007 in Cali, Colombia. Although a rate was confirmed for the team hotel rooms in pesos and in dollars, they demanded additional payment for the rooms. Other countries were caught in this situation. Because the problem was not caused by our athletes, USARS paid the additional cost for the team. Other items covered during that meeting can be found in Addendum H of these Minutes.

WFTDA has started referee certification. They have requiring a closed book written exam, with a minimum passing grade of 70%. In addition they are planning to have Meet Director Certification to assure that all roller derby bouts are played using the same rules. They are hoping to have this completed by May.

**DIRECTIVE 13:** Chairman Kolibaba asked if we could obtain a copy of the referee certification.

**DIRECTIVE 14:** Establish a Special Fund Raising Committee, to include Gloria Manning, Ed Harney and Krystal Siebrandt with HBE (USARS accountants).

Danny Brown noted that the RSA would like to have two people from USARS on their Marketing Committee. This would help to find ways that both organizations can be mutually supportive.

The Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from the February 22 Meeting were next reviewed (See Addendum I)

**MOTION 44: B/D 2/24/08 8:18 AM**

Approve USA Roller Sports payment for the replacement of the roof on the rental house and replace the fence on the north side of the property (approximately \$10,000).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

USARS will ask the Foundation to cover the cost of replacing the carpet in the national office (approximately \$27,000) as well as replacement of the current phone system (about \$10,000). At this time we are unable to get the replacement units when one goes bad.

**MOTION 45: B/D 2/24/08 8:20 PM**

To invest \$50,000 from the net profit of 2007 in the USARS Morgan Stanley account.

CARRIED

The Speed World Speed Team receives funding for their World Championships participation from the USOC. To help fund the travel for future world roller figure skating teams, it was suggested to utilize some of the profit from the Figure Skating National Championships. In 2003, USARS was operating in the red by \$280,000 a year. Now we are back into the black by having less staff, making good judgments and decisions, cutting back on meeting expenses, etc. The USARS staff will now grow to 10 but has been working at 8.

**MOTION 46: B/D 2/24/08 8:25 AM**

To distribute 2.5% of the net profit from the Roller Figure Skating National Championships to Senior World Team members to aid in funding their attendance at the World Championships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee on Committees report was sent out well before the required 30 days prior to the Board meeting. The new Committee terms will begin with the close of this meeting and continue through the close of the next Semiannual (February) Board Meeting (after again being reviewed for changes and voted on).

**MOTION 47: B/D 2/24/08 8:33 Am**

Allen Hughes replaces Tony Williams as member of the Elite Officials Committee for Speed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 48: B/D 2/23/08 8:35 AM**

Accept the Standing Committees as amended, effective with the close of this meeting. (See Addendum J, that includes Special Committees as appointed at this meeting)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DIRECTIVE 15:** The National Office should send Dominic Cangelosi a thank you letter for donating his time as organist for the Roller Figure Skating National Championships.

**MOTION 49: B/D 2/24/08 8:46 AM**

Approve the following officials and judges for the 2008 Indoor Roller Figure Skating National Championships:

Meet Director - Ed Harney

CIPA President/Senior Advisor - Jim Pollard

Chief Referee - Dick Miller

Assistant Director/Chief Announcer - Robin Haleber

Referee/Computer Systems - Bob Lim

Referee - Bruce Muench

Computer Scoring/Data Entry - Janet Palm and Louise Neal

Assistant Tabulator - Benjamin Suber\*

Organist - Dominic Cangelosi

Music Coordinator - Tommy Andrew

Music Clerk - Jerry Miller\*

Awards Coordinator - Bud Engle

Assistant Awards Coordinator - Shirley Engle\*

Judges Committee (also judging) - Doris Walsh, Marty Bailey, John Cawley, Debbie Houston

\*Non-compensated officials

Week 1: number of Judges-15 - Non-compensated-9

Week 2: number of judges-15 - Non-compensated 6

Expense-Compensated Judges Panel for Entire Time

1. Debra Adamy
2. Marty Bailey (CIPA)
3. Gary Callahan (new CIPA)
4. John Cawley (CIPA, Judges Committee)
5. John Gustafson
6. Debbie Houston (CIPA, Judges Committee)
7. Michael Jacques (new CIPA)
8. John Lehni (new CIPA)
9. Billy Mastriano (new CIPA)
10. Doris Walsh (CIPA, Judges Committee)
11. Dottie Walsh

Expense-Compensated Judges Panel for first eight days

12. Bill Houle (CIPA)
13. Bill Spooner (CIPA)
14. Michelle Muckey (CIPA)
15. John Rangel (CIPA)

Non-Compensated Judges Panel for first eight days

1. Jim Puracchio (new CIPA)
2. Scott Clifford (new CIPA)
3. Bob Comeau
4. Lana Dennis
5. Roberta Jackson
6. Janet Jordan
7. Marion Spooner (CIPA)
8. Ginny Houle
9. Ted Hansford
10. Bill Hebert
11. Cecelia Kelley (CIPA)
12. Verna Quaranto

Expense-Compensated Judges Panel for second eight days

1. John Hultquist (CIPA)
2. Judy Graves (CIPA)
3. Sue Ellis
4. Al Taglang (CIPA)

Non-Compensated Judges Panel for second eight days

1. Nathan Daniel (new CIPA)
2. Leslie Myers
3. Marie McGee
4. Ron Nichols
5. Scott Ziemann
6. Tom Beebe
7. David Tassinari

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Final details are still being worked out on the 2008 National Roller Figure Skating Championships in Lincoln. The general dates are:

- Saturday, July 19 - Speed National Championships ends
- Saturday, July 19 - Roller Figure Skating Social Skate from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
- Sunday, July 20 - Elite level – practice in the daytime, competition in the evening. Elite ends Thursday, July 24.
- Wednesday, July 23 - Youth events start (practice) and run through Wednesday, July 30, overlapping World Class events.
- Wednesday, July 30 - Adult events, completed Sunday, August 3 around 9:00 or 10:00 PM.

Extra practice time can be purchased at the ice rink, since this year the Agricultural Hall at the Fairgrounds is scheduled for use by another group. A schedule of available private and open sessions will be prepared and made available for booking.

The USOC has an Operation Gold Fund that is provided to Senior level World Singles skaters, but nothing is available for other members of the Senior World Figure Skating Team who win medals at the World Championships (or the Pan Am Games in the years they are conducted).

**MOTION 50: B/D 2/24/08 9:04 AM**

For the 2007 and 2008 World Figure Championships, approve implementation of a USARS Operation Gold Refund Program for Senior Figure Skaters, Pairs, Team Dance and Solo Dance athletes who place, as noted below, at a Senior World Figure Skating Championships. This will be a one-time payment each year, regardless of the number of medals won, for the highest medal achieved by the athlete(s), with full equal amounts being given to each member in team events.

Refunds for 2007: Gold Medal - \$2,850, Silver Medal - \$2,350, Bronze Medal - \$1,800.

Refunds for 2008: Gold Medal - \$2,500, Silver Medal - \$2,000, Bronze Medal - \$1,500, 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$1,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Vittese asked that USARS review the taxability of these funds with our accountants, prior to final implementation of the program, so as to protect as much of the funding given to the athlete as possible.

Changes to the Board election timeline were not made when other changes were approved that made it incorrect, such as amending it to reflect current process for identification of three members of the Nominating Committee, taken from the regions. There is a different write-in petition deadline listed in process section and timeline section. When magazine was 11 times a year, the information submitted was more timely. It was suggested that we consider replacing references to U.S. Roller Sports magazine with “notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine”.

**MOTION 51: B/D 2/24/08 9:15 AM**

Approve the following changes:

**PERMANENT USARS ELECTION TIMELINE FROM USARS BYLAWS**

~~September 1—National office requests each Regional Association to nominate one person for election to the Nominating Committee.~~

October 15 - National Office publishes election procedure and qualifications, and requests applications from members interested in seats on the Board of Directors (all classes) a notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine.

~~November 1—Deadline for Regional Associations to return nominations for seats on the Nominating Committee.~~

~~November 15—National Office mails Nominating Committee ballots to Regional nominees.~~

November 15 - Replace with: National Office contacts appropriate three regions for confirmation of who will serve on the Nominating Committee as outlined in Section 6 of these Bylaws.

November/December - National Office publishes election procedure and qualifications, and requests applications from members interested in seats on the Board of Directors (all classes).

~~December 15 - Deadline for Regional nominees to return ballots for seats on the Nominating Committee.~~ Replace with: Deadline for three Regions to confirm their member on the Nominating Committee.

January 15 - Deadline for interested members to return applications for seats on Board of Directors (all classes).

February 15 - Deadline for Athletes Nominating Committee (Class I) and Nominating Committee (Class II, IV, VI) to select and submit slates to National Office.

March/April - National Office publishes Athletes Nominating Committee slate (Class I) and Nominating Committee slate (Class II, IV, VI) with nominee biographies in a notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine.

June 1 ~~May 15~~ - Deadline for eligible electors to submit names of additional nominees by petition.

July/August - National Office publishes names of *petition* nominees with biographies in U.S. Roller Sports with a ~~June 15~~ deadline.

July 1 - National Office mails ballots for seats on Board of Directors (Class I, II, IV, IV) to eligible electors.

August 1 - Deadline for eligible electors to return ballots for seats on Board of Directors (Class I, II, IV, VI)

September 1 -National Office mails ballots for any runoff election to eligible electors (Class I, II, IV, VI)

September/October - National Office publishes election results in a notice to the membership via the USARS website and/or via the US Roller Sports magazine.

October 1 - Deadline for eligible electors to return ballots in runoff election.

November/December - National Office publishes results of runoff election.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Finance Committee would like to have USARS change its membership year to begin on January 1 and conclude on December 31 each year. It currently begins on September 1 and concludes on August 31 following the National Championships. Credentials for officials have traditionally expired on December 31, giving clubs a chance to regroup and still have current member officials available for competitions. This change will line up the financial year with the membership year and make the accounting processes easier for the USOC audit. This will need to be clearly communicated to everyone involved by all means possible, to assure that there is an understanding why the renewal fee is higher than the previous year. Notices will need to go to club officers, flyers in the National Championships packets, etc.

**MOTION 52: B/D 2/24/08 9:25 AM**

For the last four months of 2008 and the 12 months of 2009, approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to make a one-time increase in USARS membership fees (equal to approximately 33 % - or 1/3) to cover the 16 month membership period, with the result being that the membership will coincide with the calendar year. The next membership period, January 1 – December 31, 2010, will return to previous membership fee levels, with some provisions made for a slight increase in the cost of the insurance coverage that accompanies each card.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There was discussion on implementing a recreational derby club charter. Jody O'Neill stated that the average "life" of a derby girl is 3.5 years. There is great demand for those who are on the competing teams. This designation could possibly be used for "new meat", those who are trying out the program, and for those who are retired from the heavy competition but still want to skate and be involved. They will take it to the membership of the WFTDA for discussion.

**MOTION 53: B/D 2/24/08 9:35 AM**

Approve Regional Championships sites and dates as provided, subject to payment of all fees, completion of all forms, etc. (See Addendum K)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

As earlier noted, the next USARS Board of Directors Meeting is tentatively schedule for Peoria, Illinois, September 26-28, 2008.

**MOTION 54: B/D 2/24/08 9:40 AM**

Approve the 2008 World Roller Figure Skating Team Staff as follows: Senior World Team Coach-Jane Wojnarowsky, Senior Team Manager–Doug Eley, Junior Team Coach-April Jacobsen, Junior Team Manager-Danny Brown. One trainer will also be sent with each team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 55: B/D 2/24/08 9:45 AM**

Adjourn the 2008 Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## ADDENDA

Men’s Inline Hockey World Team Selection and Replacement Criteria.....	Addendum A
Women’s Inline Hockey World Team Selection and Replacement Criteria..	Addendum B
“C” Figure Skating Judges Commission Application.....	Addendum C
Application for Waiver to Next Highest Championships.....	Addendum D
Executive Committee Telephone Conference Call of December 3, 2008.....	Addendum E
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Finance Committee Telephone Conference Call of February 9, 2008.....	Addendum H
Finance Committee Telephone Conference Call of February 22, 2008.....	Addendum I
Committees for 2008-2009.....	Addendum J
2008 Regional Championships Dates, Locations, etc.....	Addendum K

**USA ROLLER SPORTS  
INLINE HOCKEY  
MEN WORLD TEAM SELECTION  
AND REPLACEMENT CRITERIA**

USA Roller Sports (USARS) will utilize the following criteria for Team USA selection:

**Inline Hockey Team USA Trials** - A trials will be conducted for the selection of the Men's Senior Team USA that will represent the United States in the FIRS World Championships for Inline Roller Hockey. The Men's Team USA Size shall include a minimum of 14 athletes, to include 2 goalies.

Participation in the trials will be earned through preliminary qualification in designated USARS sanctioned inline hockey competitions of national championship rank which shall be published annually in advance of these events via USARS web site and printed notices in official USARS publications so that every potential candidate is informed and free to participate.

Designation of the preliminary events that qualify for eligibility to participate in the Team USA Trials shall be as follows:

- a) Players on the official rosters of participant teams in the immediately prior year's Torhs American Championships, the Adult Men's Inline Hockey USARS National Championships and players in the 18U and 21U Boys/Mens Division at either the USARS USA Championships or AAU Junior Olympics are eligible for selection by the Inline Hockey Selection Committee;
- b) Byes will be provided for as many as two at-large-athletes of established competence who were unable through circumstances beyond their control to compete in the foregoing, as designated by a majority of the Team USA Selection Committee (See attached application for consideration).
  - 1. All players making a request for an at-large bid must submit the at-large request to USARS by the deadline for the submission of a completed application to attend the tryout camp.
  - 2. In addition, the player making the request for an at-large bid must also submit all the necessary regular paperwork for the camp, including the payment of all fees. If the at-large request is denied, the fees will be returned. If a request is made and all paperwork and fees are not supplied by the deadline, then the at-large request shall be denied.
  - 3. The USA Roller Sports Hockey Committee will make determination of the allowable at-large requests after the deadline for the submission of the applications for the trials camp.

**Team USA Selection Committee** - The USARS Board of Directors will appoint a 3 to 5 person committee, the number dependant upon the availability of competent personnel, to be the talent evaluators at the trials to rate players, consult with the designated Team Coach on formation of playing lines, collecting left and right hand shooters, defense specialists, forwards and effective scorers and thereby select the players for an annual Inline Hockey Team USA. The team coach shall conduct the trials and be consulted as a non-voting member of the committee.

The Team USA Selection Committee shall act according to approved trials selection standards and shall document this process. Three required positions on this committee shall include: A USOC qualified Athlete Representative, the designated world team coach (without vote), and the Chairman of the USARS Inline Hockey Committee or appointed representative(s). This will constitute the normal selection procedure for Team USA.

### **REPLACING A MEMBER OF TEAM USA**

#### **Prior to departure for the Championships:**

- a) Should a Team USA member after being selected, later withdraw, become injured, incapacitated or Otherwise is not able to participate according to published criteria set forth for the team membership, which will be distributed for player's signature after the team's selection at the site of the trials. Replacement for illness or injury will take place after consultation with competent medical authority. The Selection Committee will replace a player with the next in ranking for that position from the participants at the trials.
- b) Should the trials produce a void for sufficiently qualified world class players to fill the designated positions on Team USA (i.e. a world class goalie, which is arguably the most critical position for contention as a World Champion team) or a qualified replacement for an already established selection, a Special Committee consisting of the team coach, Chair of the Inline Hockey Committee and one at-large member of the Inline Hockey Committee, appointed by the USARS Board of Directors, will conduct a nation-wide search for a USA citizen replacement qualified for that spot and by majority decision name that person to the opening on Team USA.

NOTE: Success in hockey is a team effort, with the ultimate goal of all-star team selection being to produce the best available national representatives who might earn a championship GOLD MEDAL for the United States of America. Selection for Team USA is not a lottery or an individual prize, but should be considered a privilege of American citizenship, where individual athlete is chosen to represent their country in sport as the most qualified that this country can offer.

#### **Arrival at the World Championship Site:**

After arrival at the site but before the official start of the championships and before the official team roster is submitted (after which by FIRS rules no substitutions may be made), an inline hockey athlete who withdraws from the team due to illness, injury or for any other reason, or is removed for disability or failure to abide by the USARS Athlete Code of Conduct, may or may not be replaced with another athlete in accordance with the following:

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- b) The substituted player must have participated in the team trials and been ranked or must have the approval of a majority of the Special Committee, as designated above, consisting of the Team Coach, the USARS Inline Hockey Committee Chair and a selected at-large member of the USARS Inline Hockey Committee.

**USA ROLLER SPORTS  
WOMEN'S INLINE HOCKEY  
WORLD TEAM SELECTION  
AND REPLACEMENT CRITERIA**

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**Inline Hockey Team USA Trials** - A trials will be conducted for the selection of the Women's Senior Team USA that will represent the United States in the FIRS World Championships for Inline Roller Hockey. The Women's Team USA Size shall be include a minimum of 12 athletes, to include 2 goalies.

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# B

## APPLICATION FOR USA ROLLER SPORTS FIGURE SKATING JUDGING COMMISSION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### The "B" Commission

To obtain a "B" commission, the candidate must be a current member of USARS and a member of a USARS club. The candidate must be a minimum of 16 years of age, hold a valid "C" commission, and be fully accredited (holding level 2 RSA Commissions) in all skating disciplines.

Applications for the "B" commission will be made to USARS National Headquarters. Upon receipt of the application, USARS National Headquarters will forward the application to the proper Regional Upgrading Committee, who will, in turn make their recommendation after interviewing the applicant. The Chairman of the Regional Upgrading Committee or a designated agent will monitor the exams for the "B" commission. The test must be taken within 30 days after being mailed from the USARS National Headquarters and must be returned within two days after being taken. The National Judges Committee will grade the exam and determine eligibility of the candidate. Please note that with or without Regional approval, candidate may take the "B" Test.

Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Regional Upgrade Committee																	
Mock judging evaluation: 1 - Weak, 2 - Fair, 3 - Average, 4 - Good, 5 - Strong, please circle score.																	
Figures	1	2	3	4	5	Solo Dance	1	2	3	4	5	Singles	1	2	3	4	5
Loops	1	2	3	4	5	Team Dance	1	2	3	4	5	Pairs	1	2	3	4	5
Comments: _____																	
_____																	
_____																	
Committee Recommends <input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Recommend <input type="checkbox"/>																	
Committee Member Signature _____																	
Date Test Taken _____ Monitored by _____																	

Return this form to:      USA Roller Sports  
4730 South St.  
Lincoln, NE 68506

Please include the annual fee if you do not hold a **current** USARS commission plus the fee for a non-competitive card. If you are a **current** USARS coach, you do not need to submit the annual fee.

Credit card information (circle one): VISA   MC   AE   Discover	
Card Number:	_____
Expiration Date:	_____
Signature:	_____

# Application for Waiver to Next Higher Championship



USARS Headquarters may grant permission for skaters to advance to the next higher Championships when they are unable to skate a Regional Championship. Skaters must meet the eligibility requirements listed in rules AR 7.05.03 and AR 11.13.07

Skaters Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 USARS Club ID \_\_\_\_\_ USARS Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event(s) waiver requested for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reason for request of waiver: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Documents Supplied: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

For protected competitions (all CIPA disciplines), Please complete the following.  
 List all Regional and National placements in related discipline (team events list partner).

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all supplied information is accurate and complete.

\*Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by Regional Meet Director and/or Chief Referee..

The above listed skater is a registered club member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Region and has properly applied to skate the Regional Championships.

\*Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by USARS National Headquarters

The above information has been verified/not verified and this application is

APPROVED                       NOT APPROVED

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Director return form within 24 hours to:  
 (mail) USA Roller Sports  
 4730 South Street  
 Lincoln, NE 68506  
 (fax) 402-483-1465

USA ROLLER SPORTS  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 3, 2007

The USARS Executive Committee telephone conference meeting was called to order approximately 8:00 pm central time. Committee members participating were George Kolibaba, Jim Pollard, Jane Wojnarowsky, and Bill Sisson. Absent was Gypsy Tidwell. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The first agenda item consisted of the resignation of Judy Graves as USARS Finance Committee Chairperson. George Kolibaba indicated that he accepted her resignation and had emailed her his response.

The second agenda item was the nomination of Bill Sisson to fulfill the Finance Committee Chair until the Committee on Committees meets at the February board meeting.

**MOTION 1: To appoint Bill Sisson as Chairman of the Finance Committee effective immediately.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The third agenda item was regarding the resignation of Charles Wahlig from the Foundation.

**MOTION 2: To appoint Scott Kleiman to fulfill the unexpired term of Charles Wahlig as a member of the foundation effective immediately.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The next agenda item regarded the funding of Class V members of the board to attend board meetings. The board voted at the Fall 2007 board meeting that Class V members would fund themselves to attend USARS board meetings. After discussion, the Executive Committee recommended that George Kolibaba draft a mail ballot to the Board of Directors asking them to allow USARS to fund the travel of each Class V seat to the board meetings.

The fifth agenda item was an item from the Fall 2007 board meeting for the official apparel vendor at the National Championships. The Executive Committee will discuss this at the conference in Las Vegas, with Bill Sisson participating via telephone.

The final agenda item was the nomination of Bob Labriola to fulfill the position of Chairman of the Elite Coach Committee formerly held by Charles Wahlig. Bob is currently a member of that committee.

**MOTION 1: To appoint Bob Labriola as Chairman of the Elite Coach Committee effective immediately.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The conference call adjourned approximately 8:25 pm central time.

USA ROLLER SPORTS  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 20, 2007

The USARS Executive Committee telephone conference meeting was called to order approximately 9:00 pm central time. Committee members participating were George Kolibaba, Jim Pollard, Jane Wojnarowsky, Bill Sisson, Gypsy Tidwell and Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The first agenda item consisted of a recommendation from Richard Hawkins regarding the USARS national office staff bonuses and vacation for the 2007 Christmas holidays.

**MOTION 1: To accept the recommendation that the USARS national office staff receive a bonus of \$100 (\$1300 total) as well as having both Christmas Eve and New Years Eve off.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The second agenda item related to the Senior World Figure Team and their payments to attend the 2007 World Championships.

**MOTION 2: To return to the 2007 Senior World Figure Team a payment of \$1000 per person (\$22,000 total) from USARS to assist in their travel expenses for the World Championships.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The third agenda item was a contract for an Affinity Credit Card to be made available bearing the USARS logo and pictures depicting the various disciplines.

**MOTION 3: To contract with US Bank to issue credit cards bearing USARS logos and pictures in exchange for various royalty fees to be paid to USARS.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The final agenda item regarded the proposals from both Cricket Loft and Fine Designs regarding the official apparel designation at the National Championships. After discussion, Richard was directed to forward to George Kolibaba Cricket Loft's previous contract for comparison to the proposed contracts. During this conversation, Gypsy Tidwell was designated as chair of a committee consisting of Gypsy, Don Allen and Linda Lavelle to determine the needs of our World Teams for apparel to attend the world championships. Richard was directed to forward to Gypsy contact information for those individuals serving on the committee.

Richard was asked to leave the call to discuss his contract with USARS which expires December 31, 2007. Upon his return, George Kolibaba indicated he would be working with Richard to negotiate a new contract for his employment.

Additionally, Gypsy brought up the subject of skating competitions in the Caribbean as her efforts to establish skating programs there. Jim Pollard offered his assistance in helping her to establish contact with the various federation officials in the area.

The conference call adjourned approximately 10:30 pm central time.

USA ROLLER SPORTS  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, January 26, 2008

The USARS Executive Committee telephone conference meeting was called to order approximately 4:00 pm central time. Committee members participating were George Kolibaba, Jim Pollard, Jane Wojnarowsky, Bill Sisson, Gypsy Tidwell and Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The first agenda item consisted of a question from Richard Hawkins regarding USARS credit cards. In the past all members of the Executive Committee were issued USARS credit cards. Several years ago, USARS auditors recommended that the number of cards be kept to a minimum. The committee decided that other than select members of the office staff, the Executive Committee, with the exception of the athlete representative would be issued USARS credit cards.

The second agenda item related to an appeal from Justin Foster regarding a suspension imposed by the Membership/Eligibility Committee.

**MOTION I: To rescind the suspension of Justin Foster and Nick Chrissan replacing it with a probation period effective January 1, 2008 for a period of one year ending December 31, 2008.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Richard was directed to notify all speed meet directors utilizing the services of Justin and Nick during the probation period to notify the National Office should any problems arise.

The third agenda items related to the national figure schedule. Richard was directed to report back to the committee with daily attendance figures for the World Class figure portion of the national championships, determining an adequate schedule for box office pricing as a standard and not a special one for World Class. Richard is also to take into account the fee revenue for the entire figure championships.

The fourth agenda item was the proposed contract for Richard Hawkins as Executive Director of USARS. Richard was asked to leave the call and he returned at a later time.

Upon Richard's return, George Kolibaba was discussing inline hockey and the effects on the USARS budget. George and Richard will be meeting with Keith Noll and George Pickard on Sunday in order to work out an agreement for funding the world inline hockey team.

Jane Wojnarowsky asked for a clarification on the achievement test structure. Jim Pollard agreed that there is no change to the structure from last season.

The conference call adjourned approximately 5:30 pm central time.

USA Roller Sports  
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, February 9, 2008

The Finance Committee telephone conference meeting was called to order at 10:30 am central time. Committee members participating included: George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director and Ken Hobza, USARS Financial Director.

The first agenda item consisted of a question Ken Hobza had regarding the 2007 World Speed Team. Due to fluctuations in currency conversion, the hotel price increased significantly from the time the deposit was made until the final bill was paid.

MOTION 1: For USARS to absorb the additional cost of the hotel rooms for the 2007 World Speed Team.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The second agenda item regarded the World Team Travel Endowment Fund. The Foundation has returned all donations to USARS until the fund reaches an amount that can adequately be invested along with the Foundation's assets.

MOTION 2: To set up a special account for the World Team Travel Endowment Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The third agenda item was whether to consider replenishing USARS investments. Richard was directed to find recommendations for non-profits for reserve amounts to have set aside for investment purposes.

The fourth agenda item dealt with the practice rink for the 2008 National Figure Championships. Richard suggested the fees be increased due to the small amount of profit obtained from this in 2006. Ken was directed to charge the trucking fee to move the floor to Peoria against this item in the budget.

MOTION 3: To increase the private practice fee for the national practice rink to \$150 per hour along with an increase to \$6 per skater per practice for open practice

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The fifth agenda item was the pricing structure for men's roller derby. Currently, men are having demonstration bouts during the intermission times of the ladies bouts. With USARS having separate insurance policies, both events must be sanctioned and certificates of insurance issued.

MOTION 4: To charge men's roller derby leagues \$150 for an exhibition sanction including any required insurance certificates. All participants must be USARS members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The final agenda item was the proposed 2008 budget. Discussion followed on many of the line items with some changes to some before the final budget is to be voted on at the upcoming board meeting. Items from the discussion include the following:

The committee recommends that Mel Holt, USARS roller derby board member, work on establishing referees and coaches certification with assistance from Linda Pena for all roller derby participants (womens, mens, and junior derby).

Richard is directed to forward to the Finance Committee the final contract for Peoria for approval.

Richard was directed to add to the agenda for the upcoming board meeting consideration in moving the membership year to the same as the fiscal year (Jan. 1-Dec. 31). All committee members were also directed to bring to the board meeting recommendations for an announcement to all members as well as a plan for informing them of the change. Richard was directed to include in the board packets recommended prices for the year to adequately cover the additional time period covered in the first years membership.

The Finance Committee was asked to have their recommendation on a Fund Raising Committee for USARS ready for the board meeting. Possible considerations include Gloria Manning, Ed Harney, and Krystal Siebrandt with HBE (USARS accountants).

Richard was directed to review the Cricket Loft contract and report back to the committee USARS needs regarding their contract.

The conference call adjourned approximately 1:30 pm central time.

USA ROLLER SPORTS  
Finance Committee Minutes  
Friday, February 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am on Friday, February 22, 2008. Members present were George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson and Bill Sisson. Also present were Jim Pollard, John Gustafson, and Richard Hawkins.

After a discussion of the 2008 budget and a review of the 2007 financials, the following motions were made:

Motion 1: To approve USA Roller Sports payment for the replacement of the roof on the rental house and replace of the fence on the north side of the property (approximately \$10,000).

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: USARS will ask the foundation to cover the cost for replacing the carpet in the national office and installation, as well as the new phone system.

Motion 2: To distribute 2.5% of the net profit from the figure national championships to the senior world team members to aid in their attending the world championships.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 3: To invest \$50,000 from the net profit of 2007 in our standing Morgan Stanley account.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The committee also noted that the letters sent by the office to those donating to the world team endowment fund needed to be corrected. The brochure indicates that donations were being held by the foundation and actually are being held by USARS.

The committee also recommended that Richard ask the USOC for funding to support the athlete representative's attendance to the FIRS meetings.

The meeting adjourned approximately 10:00 am.

USA Roller Sports Officers, Board Members and Committees

As of October 7, 2007

**OFFICERS**

**Chairman of the Board & President:** .....George Kolibaba, Milwaukie, Oregon  
**Vice President:** .....David Adamy, Clifton, Virginia  
**Treasurer:** .....Bill Sisson, Lubbock, Texas  
**Corporate Secretary/Executive Director:** .....Richard Hawkins, Lincoln, Nebraska

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Terms Expiring 2008**

CIPA President (ex officio-subject to re-election): James Pollard, Redwood City, California  
 USOC AAC Representative (4 year term):.....Steven Findlay, Temple Terrace, Florida  
 Speed Athlete: .....Gypsy Tidwell, Waco, Texas  
 Grassroots Director: .....Bill Sisson, Lubbock, Texas  
 Club Representative: .....Annelle Anderson, Fort Worth, Texas

**Terms Expiring 2009**

Roller Figure Skating Athlete: .....Toby Mathews, Plantation, Florida  
 At-Large Director: .....George Kolibaba, Milwaukie, Oregon  
 Grassroots Director: .....David Adamy, Clifton, Virginia  
 Championships Officials Representative: .....John Gustafson, Auburn, Washington

**Terms Expiring 2010**

At-Large Director:.....Mark Vittese, Woodbury, New Jersey  
 Coach Representative:.....Jane Wojnarowsky, Willoughby, Ohio  
 Hockey Athlete:.....Toby Tagliapietra, Lake Villa, Illinois

**Terms Expiring 2011**

Pan Am Confederation VP (ex officio):.....Danny Brown, Flint, Michigan

**USA ROLLER SPORTS COMMITTEES**

Term of Service- Effective February 25, 2008 through the close of the 2009 February Board of Directors Meeting  
 Committees as amended by the USARS Board-February-2008

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** George Kolibaba-Chairman, Jim Pollard, Jane Wojnarowsky, Bill Sisson, Gypsy Tidwell-Athlete

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Bill Sisson-Chairman, George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson, ~~Judy Graves~~, ~~Ed Harney~~, Steven Findlay-Athlete Representative

**FIGURE SKATING COMMITTEE:** Jane Wojnarowsky-Chairman with vote, Jim Pollard-Non-Voting Member, David Adamy, Bob Labriola, Doris Walsh, ~~Toby Mathews~~ ~~Kyle Turley~~-Athlete Representative, Bud Engle-Show Liaison without vote

**SPEED COMMITTEE:** Ken Shelton - Chairman with vote, John Gustafson-Non-Voting Member, Debbie Alpers, Mike Bell, Ed Mueller, ~~Gypsy Tidwell~~ ~~Josh Wood~~-Athlete Representative

**INLINE HOCKEY COMMITTEE:** George Pickard-~~Non-Voting~~ Chairman ~~with vote~~, Keith Noll, Arlene Lehman, Mark Vittese, Barry Jackson, Jon Roux, Mike Ciolli-Athlete Representative, ~~Charlotte Nicholson – Athlete Representative~~

**Coaching Education Director for Inline Hockey** – Jeff Prime

**HARDBALL HOCKEY COMMITTEE:** Bill Sisson and Barb Brooks-Non-Voting Chairmen, ~~Frankie Lee~~ ~~Paul "PJ" Mueller~~, Pat Ferguson, Don Allen, Jim Jost, Toby Tagliapietra-Athlete Representative

**SCORING COMMITTEE:** George Kolibaba-Chairman, Terry Gohs, Jim Arsenault, ~~Beverly Thibodeaux~~, Tish Gorman, Bob Lim, Janet Palm

**MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE:** Annelle Anderson-Chairman, David Adamy, Kurt Anselmi, Ed Mueller, ~~Toby Mathews~~ ~~Josh Wood (speed)~~, ~~Kyle Turley (figure)~~, ~~Mike Cioli (hockey)~~-Athlete Representatives

**ATHLETE PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE (SPORTS MEDICINE):** Dr. Scott Kleiman-Chairman, Lori Brandon, David Pittman, ~~Toby Mathews~~ ~~Josh Rhoads~~-Athlete Representative

**HALL OF FAME AND HONORS COMMITTEE:** Richard Hawkins-Secretary and non-voting Chairman, George Pickard, Jim Pollard, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (Elected Annually at October Meeting):** George Kolibaba-Chairman, David Adamy, Jane Wojnarowsky, Annelle Anderson, Toby Mathews-Athlete Representative.

**Note:** The Committee on Committees must include the USARS President/Chairman, in addition to four current Board Members (one member must be an athlete) who are elected at the October Annual Board of Directors Meeting. The Committee on Committees shall prepare committee membership recommendations and submit them to the Board at least 30 days prior to the February Semiannual Board Meeting, where the Board will discuss and vote on these recommendations. The Committee on Committees will serve through the end of the Annual Board Meeting in October.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** ~~Charles Wahlig~~ Gary Castro-Chairman, Steven Findlay - AAC Member, and three TBD annually (membership of last three rotates between Regional Officers)

**ROLLER SKATING ATHLETES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RS-AAC):** Steven Findlay -Chairman (USOC-AAC Rep-roller figure skating), Julie Glass (Alt-USOC-AAC Rep-speed), Toby Mathews (roller figure skating), Eric Anderson (roller figure skating), Mike Ciolli (hockey), Toby Tagliapietra (hockey), Josh Wood (speed), Gypsy Tidwell (speed). The Roller Skating Athletes Advisory Council shall consist of eight members to include: The USOC AAC Representative as Chair, the alternate USOC-AAC representative, the three athlete members elected to the USARS Board of Directors and one additional athlete from each of the three disciplines who receives the next highest number of votes cast in the preceding USARS Board elections for athlete representatives.

**ATHLETE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Steven Findlay - Chairperson, Julie Glass, Toby Mathews, Eric Anderson, Mike Ciolli, Toby Tagliapietra, Josh Wood, Gypsy Tidwell. The Athlete Nominating Committee shall consist of members of the USARS Athlete Advisory Committee, exclusive of any member who may be running for current election to a Board seat. The RS-AAC will appoint to the Athlete Nominating Committee substitute members from the appropriate discipline should a current RS-AAC member be thus disqualified.

**ELITE COACHES SELECTION COMMITTEE:** ~~Charles Wahlig~~ Bob Labriola - Chairman, John Viola, Jane Wojnarowsky, Bill Sisson, Ken Shelton

**ELITE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE FOR SPEED:** Dan Whittaker - *Chairman*, Allen Hughes, Kay Gallatin

### **SPECIAL USARS COMMITTEES**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP STRUCTURE FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY-NOVICE COACH:** John Gustafson, Danny Brown, Toby Mathews

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STRUCTURE OF THE USA ROLLER SPORTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Betty Ann Danna-Past Board Member, Mark Vittese-Athlete, George Kolibaba-Current Board Member and Chair, Bill Sisson-Current Board Member and Treasurer, Richard Hawkins-Executive Director, Jim Ball-Manufacturer. A Board Member from another sport shall be asked to participate. The Committee is charged with reviewing the current structure of the USARS Board of Directors and developing an outline for restructuring it to better manage the sport:

**A SPECIAL WORLD TEAM APPAREL COMMITTEE:** Josh Wood Tidwell (speed), Don Allen (hardball hockey) and Linda Lavelle (roller figure skating), was appointed by the Executive Committee during their December 20 conference call to determine the needs of our World Teams for apparel while attending World Championships. It was noted that each team is different and has different needs.

**SPECIAL AC-3 COACH TESTING COMMITTEE:** Jane Wojnarowsky, Ken Shelton and Richard Hawkins. The Committee is charged with recommending a testing process for AC-3 coaches and the criteria that surrounds the Elite Status coach as provided by Bob Labriola.

**SPECIAL FUND RAISING COMMITTEE:** Gloria Manning, Ed Harney and Crystal with HBE (USARS accountants).

## 2008 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

### Southern

Artistic: June 14-17, 2008 (paid \$200)

\*Requested 45 day deadline

Spin Nations Skating Center  
 8345 Congress Street  
 Port Richey, FL 34668  
 Contact: Gloria Manning 305-271-7003  
 GMannSkate@aol.com  
 Floor Surface: Wood w/Roll On  
 Size of Skating Surface: 90 x 190  
 Meet Director: Ted Leineke  
 Chief Tabulator Art: Ed Gracey  
 Artistic Transfer Deadline: April 30, 2008  
 Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

Speed: May 16-18, 2008 (paid \$150)

\*Requested 45 day deadline

Spin Nations Skating Center  
 8345 Congress Street  
 Port Richey, FL 34668  
 Contact: Gloria Manning 305-271-7003  
 GMannSkate@aol.com  
 Floor Surface: Wood w/Roll On  
 Size of Skating Surface: 90 x 190  
 Meet Director: Ted Leineke  
 Chief Tabulator Speed: Terry Gohs  
 Speed Transfer Deadline: April 1, 2008  
 Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

### North Central:

Artistic: June 14-15, 2008 (paid \$100)

US on Wheels  
 5353 West 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 Arvada, CO 80003  
 Contact: Diane Brown 952-934-0991  
 Floor Surface: concrete with Roll On  
 Size of Skating Surface: 75 x 184  
 Meet Director: Diane Brown  
 Chief Tabulator Art: Suzanne Swanson  
 Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 15, 2008  
 Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 11, 2008 **OWES \$50**

Roller City  
 3234 South Meridian  
 Wichita, KS 67217  
 Contact: Joe Cotter 316-708-2693  
 NIRA@aol.com  
 Floor Surface: Rotunda Maple with Titanium  
 Size of Skating Surface: 75 x 160  
 Meet Director: Joe Cotter  
 Chief Tabulator Speed: Debbie Cotter  
 Speed Transfer Deadline: April 11, 2008  
 Performance Bond Paid: **OWES \$1000**

### **Northeast:**

Artistic: June 28-July 1, 2008 (paid \$200)

Interskate 91 South  
2043 Boston Road  
Wilbraham, MA 01095  
Contact: Bob Comeau 978-204-3953  
rskate@aol.com  
Floor Surface: Wood with Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 70 x 170  
Meet Director: Bob Comeau  
Chief Tabulator Art: Janet Palm  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 29, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (paid 12-07)

Speed: May 18, 2008 (OWES \$50)

Rollerama Skating Center  
2710 Hamburg Street  
Schenectady, NY  
Contact: Cathy Morante 516-349-7899  
CMLISK8@optonline.net  
Floor Surface: Wood with Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180  
Meet Director: Cathy Morante  
Chief Tabulator Speed: Karl Owczak  
Speed Transfer Deadline: April 18, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

### **Southeast:**

Artistic: June 14-16, 2008 (paid \$150)

Skateland, USA  
200 Stage Coach Trail  
Greensboro, NC 27409  
Contact: Cindy Schrader 804-748-6376  
amschrader@aol.com  
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180  
Floor Surface: wood with Roll-On  
Meet Director: Nickie Nolte  
Chief Tabulator Art: Bob & Mary Carter  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 15, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: dates (paid/owes)

rink  
rink address  
rink city, state, zip  
Contact:  
contact's email  
Size of Skating Surface:  
Floor Surface:  
Meet Director:  
Chief Tabulator Speed:  
Speed Transfer Deadline:  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

### **Northwest:**

Artistic: June 15-17, 2008 (paid \$150)

Oaks Park  
7805 SE Oaks Park Way  
Portland, OR 97202  
Contact: George Kolibaba 503-233-5777  
GJKolibaba@comcast.net  
Floor Surface: maple w/Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 100 x 200  
Meet Director: John Gustafson  
Chief Tabulator Art: Pat Chappell  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 16, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

Speed: May 10-11, 2008 (paid \$100)

Oaks Park  
7805 SE Oaks Park Way  
Portland, OR 97202  
Contact: George Kolibaba 503-233-5777  
GJKolibaba@comcast.net  
Floor Surface: maple w/Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 100 x 200  
Meet Director: John Gustafson  
Chief Tabulator Speed: Pat Chappell & Kristin Poundstone  
Speed Transfer Deadline: April 10, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

### **Southwest:**

Artistic: June 24-July 3, 2008 (**OWES \$400**)

Fresno Convention Center  
700 "M" Street  
Fresno, CA 97321  
Contact: Jim Pollard 650-369-5559  
CIPARS@aol.com  
Floor Surface: Wood with Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 190  
Meet Director: Robin Haleber  
Chief Tabulator Art: Bob Lim  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 25, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 26, 2008 (paid \$50)

\*Requested 45 day deadline

Cal-Skate Milpitas  
980 Los Coaches  
Milpitas, CA 95035  
Contact: Michael Nelson 707-576-7566  
Meet\_director@comcast.net  
Floor Surface: Maple with Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180  
Meet Director: Michael Nelson  
Chief Tabulator Speed: Nancy Boyer  
Speed Transfer Deadline: April 11, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

## Great Lakes:

Artistic: June 25-29, 2008 (OWES \$250)

Rollhaven  
5315 South Saginaw Road  
Flint, MI 48507  
Contact: Howard Engle 216-661-7752  
budpet@roadrunner.com  
Floor Surface: wood with Titatium  
Size of Skating Surface: 81 x 181  
Meet Director: Howard Engle  
Chief Tabulator Art: Shirley Engle  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 26, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 24-25, 2008 (paid \$100)

Roll Arena  
2909 Bay City Road  
Midland, MI 48642  
Contact: Bob Babcock 586-749-9904  
babcockb@dteenergy.com  
Floor Surface: maple with Titatium  
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180  
Meet Director: Bob Babcock  
Tabulator: Dianne Miller  
Speed Transfer Deadline: April 24, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

## Eastern:

Artistic: June 21-22, 2008 (paid \$100)

Holiday Skating Center  
1775 Creek Road  
Delanco, NJ 08075  
Contact: Steven Hinkle 609-870-7055  
SGHI@aol.com  
Floor Surface: Maple  
Size of Skating Surface: 90 x 210  
Meet Director: Janet Palm  
Chief Tabulator Art: Louise Neal  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: May 21, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 17-18, 2008 (paid \$100)

\*requested extended deadline

Skate A Way  
3800 Lehigh Street  
Whitehall, PA 18052  
Contact: Holly Snow 717-792-6463  
snowproblem@comcast.net  
Floor Surface: wood with Roll-On  
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180  
Meet Director: Bob Albanese  
Chief Tabulator Speed: Lisa Mannon  
Speed Transfer Deadline: April 13, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (paid by Holly Snow)

## **South Central:**

Artistic: May 25, 2007 **(OWES \$50)**

Skate Country  
500 North Loop 340  
Waco, TX 76705  
Contact: Chris Tidwell or Charlie Lucas 254-799-8899  
Sk8country@aol.com  
Floor Surface: wood with Titanium  
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 170  
Meet Director: Roland Sanchez  
Tabulator: Roland Sanchez  
Artistic Transfer Deadline: April 24, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

Speed: May 24, 2007 **(OWES \$50)**

Skate Country  
500 North Loop 340  
Waco, TX 76705  
Contact: Chris Tidwell or Charlie Lucas 254-799-8899  
Sk8country@aol.com  
Floor Surface: wood with Titanium  
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 170  
Meet Director: Joe Cotter  
Tabulator: Roland Sanchez  
Speed Transfer Deadline: April 24, 2008  
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)