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SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
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As Approved by USARS Board of Directors

The USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order in Executive Session at 7:09 PM on Friday, April 23, in the Reno 1 Meeting Room at the Flamingo Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The following Board Members were present: George Kolibaba-President/Chairman, David Adamy-Vice President, Bill Sisson, Toby Tagliapietra, Gloria Manning, Danny Brown, Josh Wood, Annelle Anderson, Jim Pollard, Trace Hansen, April Dayney Jacobson, and John Gustafson. Mark Vittese arrived shortly after roll was called. Also present were Richard Hawkins-USARS Executive Director, and Peggy Young-Recording Secretary.

With an eye toward representation by officials, coaches and athletes, and a desire to infuse new members into the technical discipline committees for each type of roller skating (speed, figure, inline hockey and rink hockey), resumes were reviewed and committees approved by consent. The new committees would be announced during the open session of the Board this weekend.

The meeting was recessed at 9:42 PM.

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The Board Meeting was called to order in open session in the Red Rock II Meeting Room at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 24. All Board Members and staff noted above were present. Chairman Kolibaba welcomed all guests: Tony Berger, Bud and Shirley Engle, Doris Giardini, Ken Shelton, and Jeanne Sincavage. Arriving very late in the day were George Pickard and Nellie Lillie Anderson.

The meeting began with a presentation on the benefits of conducting the 2011 Indoor National Speed and Roller Figure Skating Championships in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Making the presentation was Dan O'Connell, President/CEO of Fort Wayne CVB; Jim Nirmaier, Vice President Group Sales of Fort Wayne CVB; Garnett Miller, Vice President Sales & Chief Operating Officer of the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum; and Kim Wall, Floor Systems, Inc. in Fort Wayne. In his earlier years, Wall was a competitor and an official, with family roots deep in roller skating. He began by giving everyone an overview of the area sites and stressing how family-friendly Fort Wayne is. Wall's presentation was followed with a DVD prepared by the Convention and Visitors Bureau that featured the skating facility, etc., and with others who were present hitting on various advantages of hosting our Championships in their city.

Garnett Miller, speaking on behalf of the Coliseum Expo Center, informed the Board that the facility was non-union and professionally managed, with each member of the staff taking pride in the building, its appearance and the way business is conducted therein. They have professional chefs and offer far more than standard snack bar fare and can prepare whatever menu items we want. A large parking lot is available at the auditorium, and she said she would check on daily and weekly rates.

There is a Holiday Inn across the street that could potentially be the host hotel. Every year new hotels are being built in Fort Wayne, with another facility proposed nearby. Several skating centers are geographically accessible for extra figure skating practice time. Two are owned by the Wall family – Rollerdom North and South, one of which is the closest to the auditorium. Bell's Skating Center is also in Fort Wayne. Another rink is owned by Board Member Trace Hansen within driving distance. A formal bid proposal was passed out to all Board Members. There was concern that the hotels might increase their regular sleeping room rate for this, since the rates seemed rather high, but that was when compared to winter rates.

A very attractive piece of artwork featuring a collage of skates was being given to the Museum and was in the meeting room to show the Board. Julia Wall, Kim Wall's daughter, using a layered printing process, prepared a limited number of pieces that would be available for sale during the RSA Convention. All proceeds would be donated to support the National Museum of Roller Skating. Last year she did an art piece featuring a tent rink owned by Mills Lynn.

Since those from Fort Wayne would not leave until later, it was agreed that Chairman Kolibaba and Executive Director Hawkins would get together with them for additional discussion. The Board gave them a round of applause before they left the meeting.

Board Members were impressed with the well prepared presentation. Noting that our members enjoyed having the 2009 National Championships in Peoria, it was stated that Fort Wayne had everything Peoria had, and then some. The location would make it easy for many people to drive to the National Championships, perhaps increasing attendance and box office. There is an established maximum on what the auditorium could charge USA Roller Sports, and anything above that would be covered through the CVB.

Fort Wayne may be a nice location to return to every three or four years. Des Moines, Iowa, is also very interested in hosting our Championships, but like Peoria, they are having trouble with event funding through their CVB. Lincoln has a new arena that is tentatively on tap to be built. They are seeking a commitment for 2012 and 2014 for Pershing Auditorium, to demonstrate that there is a need to keep it by lining up events

MOTION 1: B/D 4/24/10 11:12 AM

Authorize the Executive Director to negotiate for a favorable contract with Fort Wayne, Indiana, to be the site of the National Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating Championships in 2011 and/or 2013. Final approval shall come from the USA Roller Sports Executive Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The final decision on constructing a new facility in Lincoln, near the ballpark, will come soon. Subject to what happens with this, Pershing might turn into a parking lot. We really would like to have Championship sites confirmed at least three years in advance.

MOTION 2: B/D 4/24/10 11:15 AM

Pending successful negotiations of a favorable contract with Fort Wayne for 2011 and/or 2013, authorize the Executive Director to negotiate for a favorable contract with Lincoln, Nebraska to be the site of the National Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating Championships in 2012 and/or 2014. Final approval shall come from the USA Roller Sports Executive Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 3: B/D 4/24/10 11:18 AM

Ratify the vote on the following Mail Ballot of November 6, 2009 - To approve the Minutes of the 2009 USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 30, 31 and November 1, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Development of Achievement Tests for Speed Skating has been on the agenda for some time. John Gustafson has worked on it with Linda Miner. Danny Brown, a member of the committee, stated that he would get together with Linda Miner and the rest of the committee so that get it finished and to the field.

The World Class Athlete Travel Endowment Fund currently has a total of \$28,013.40. Donors can request that the funds are designated to specific teams. Once the total is \$100,000, the Roller Skating Foundation will invest and manage the funds.

Funding for the 2010 Senior World Roller Figure Skating Team is clarified and approved to be as follows:

Information - Motion 2: 10/31/09 - Approved a USA Roller Sports Operation Gold Refund for Senior World Team Athletes for 2009, 2010 and 2011 as follows for *Senior Figure Skaters, Pairs, Team Dance and Solo Dance athletes*.

- Placements at the 2010, Senior World Figure Championships will result in the following refunds: Gold Medal - \$2,500, Silver Medal - \$2,000, Bronze Medal - \$1,500, 4th place - \$1,000.
- Funding given for placements at the 2010 and 2011 Senior World Championships will match the amounts provided by the USOC Operation Gold Fund for Senior Freestyle athletes.

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.

In addition, the U. S. Olympic Committee Operation Gold Funds for Senior World Team Athletes is available: *Senior Freestyle Athletes* will receive the following in 2010 from the USOC for placements at the 2010 World Championships: 1st - \$2,500, 2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,500, 4th - \$1,000 (subject to change annually). *Senior Speed Athletes* will receive the following in 2010 from the USOC for placements at the 2010 World Championships in individual and relay events: 1st - \$2,500, 2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,500, 4th - \$1,000 (subject to change annually).

MOTION 4: B/D 4/24/10 11:23 AM

Approved funding of \$1,000 per athlete for members of the Senior Team toward the cost of their participation in World Championships, *when profit from the National Championships is at least \$160,000* (funds are not provided to Inline, Show or Precision Team athletes)".

Athlete funding will be confirmed "after" the income from the 2010 National Figure Skating Championships is known and the expenses have all been paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The USA Roller Sports Senior World Speed Team will again receive Olympic funds, because of the Inline to Ice Program, to support the cost of World Championships participation for inline speed skaters, in the amount of \$50,000 for 2010. Expenses of the Men and Women's Senior World Inline Hockey Teams have in prior years also been funded. Men and Ladies Rink Hockey Team Members have been given \$500 toward the cost of the participation by the Rink Hockey Foundation, independent from USARS.

A report on the 2010 Judges, Coaches and Skaters Conference, held in Biloxi, Mississippi, January 28 - 31, was reviewed. Also provided were results from an e-mailed survey that went to participants. Overall, everyone enjoyed the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino and were very appreciative of returning one day of the program to a nearby rink. Billy and Sheila Atkins, the rink owners, went out of their way to make everyone feel welcomed. The event operated at a loss of approximately \$2,500.

It was noted that those in attendance were the ones who always attended. Missing for the most part were the beginner and middle experience coaches. Tony Berger attended the conference and he felt we were still offering advanced information. He said that we need to provide education from a very intense business aspect, and include how to coach lower levels and build relationships with people for five or ten years. Danny Brown believes our program needs to provide more emphasis on the in-rink aspect and learning how to teach beginners to skate. He believes we should still be able to get the younger ones involved in our programs. We need to include the how to teach the teacher programs at the conference and agreed with Tony that the emphasis needs to be placed on teaching the coaches how to be better at the business of coaching.

Tony further stated that we need to give the newer teachers a way to come into the skating world. It is very intimidating right now. George Kolibaba agreed we need to consider our grassroots new coaches, the new kids on the block, who may not have a lot of income to spend to attend a national conference. He felt we should take our educational program to four or five places, offer it at a minimal charge, and use a small hotel and a nearby rink. The problem is in mixing the beginner coaches with the advanced coaches.

David Adamy stated that the judges need to be more involved during rink presentations. Judges could also evaluate what the coaches are teaching at the rink. Newer judges really don't know how to evaluate. Gloria Manning talked about a seminar given by Ron Jellse that had basic information and where he also gave a book to everyone in attendance. Her copy of that book has been a tool now for years, with the information being passed along to newer coaches.

Bud Engle pointed out that at one time the philosophy would be to offer a national conference every other year. Believing there would not be one this year, their region tried to set up a conference, but with the announcement of the Biloxi conference, it was not successfully executed. It would help the Regions with their own programs to know what the plans are for national education sessions as soon as possible.

DIRECTIVE 1: All technical discipline committees are to come up with their a plan to present to the Board on how they are going to handle the training of beginner athletes and coaches, elite groups, and how they would incorporate the judges and business aspect in the beginning.

The 2010 Indoor Speed & Roller Figure Skating Nationals Championships will be in Lincoln (with a split schedule) - Speed Skating - July 4 – 10, (must be completed by Wednesday the 14th) -- Figure Skating - July 25-August 8. Pending Negotiations, 2011 will be in Fort Wayne.

George Kolibaba had prepared a preliminary Mission Statement and e-mailed it to the Board prior to the meeting. There seemed to be some confusion on whether or not the statement was for the Board or for the organization. As amended by e-mail by David Adamy, the preliminary statement read: "The mission of USA Roller Sports is to create a strong organization for the development of Roller Sports in the United States. The areas to be developed are to include, but not be limited to, membership, sponsorship, image improvement, and the development of new disciplines. USA Roller Sports must be financially stable and forward looking for the future as well as present opportunities."

There was discussion on the mission statement currently in place for USA Roller Sports that reads "*USARS is dedicated to creating, enhancing and conducting the best competitions and programs for roller sports. We instill the drive to win and be the absolute best in sports and in life.*" FIRS now has a lot of sports disciplines included under its umbrella of responsibility. There was talk that identifying all roller sports disciplines in the Mission Statement, even if we are not currently directly responsible for them, could serve to "lay claim" to them in the future. Toby Tagliapietra questioned the cost of redoing everything to carry a new Mission Statement. Richard Hawkins stated that there is not so much cost as work involved with amending existing documents.

DIRECTIVE 2: Mark Vittese and David Adamy will review what we currently have, work on the development of a Mission Statement and return with their recommendation at the next meeting. Discussion on mention of specific discipline names within it will be included.

As covered at an earlier meeting, there was a proposal from Jim Ball to generate a media kit for distribution to skating centers to raise interest in our competitive programs. Richard Hawkins passed out posters to members of the Board. "How to Guides" for speed skating, roller figure skating and roller derby were included in each board packet. He said that these items will be sent out to all rinks in the country, RSA member and non-RSA member. In addition, they will be passed out from the USARS booth at the RSA Trade Show, along with other information on hockey.

Approval to use the image of Apollo Ono on the media kit poster came from Apollo and the USOC via Kelly Skinner, making it easier to move the project forward. Hawkins was asked if they could get the poster in electronic media so they could make it larger. A larger one will be on display the USARS booth at the RSA trade show. Hawkins said he would check to see if we could use the image on USARS program materials, etc. It was suggested that for future printings the USARS logo could be added.

Carried forward from previous agendas was a directive relating to problems that Team USA staff sometimes has with interfering parents at the World Championships. Hawkins indicated that there were two proposed parent letters from USARS staff members Ricci Porter and Jane Wojnarowsky. The final documents will be included with the team member forms for signature when the team is qualified and a copy kept with the athlete forms. Kolibaba indicated these would be alright. Staff will need to follow up with any related problems will go through Richard Hawkins.

In a previous Inline Hockey Committee Report, it was recommended for USA Roller Sports to join the AAU as an allied member or club with the application to be forwarded to the USARS Executive Committee and reviewed by our attorney, Tom James, prior to execution. An application is on its way for our use in signing up as an affiliated member.

A lunch break was taken at 12:10 PM, with the meeting returning to session at 1:30 PM.

Because of the late date of our Semiannual Board Meeting, many of the items usually on the agenda had already been approved by the USARS Finance and/or Executive Committee, making this meeting agenda lighter than usual. On this meeting's agenda was a discussion of only having one face-to-face meeting in the future in the fall, and perhaps utilizing a webcast or other modern means of e-meeting. Chairman Kolibaba stated that this could be a different way to do business in the future, but felt we were not yet there.

Gloria Manning gave a presentation on use of a link/portal to our website to sell products to members via Market America. Income is generated by those who enter the website from ours and make purchases. There are several ways this program works. USARS would only be involved in the marketing, and not in fulfillment of the ordered items. Details of the plan will be out next month.

DIRECTIVE 3: Gloria Manning will work with Richard Hawkins on a program to market items through the USARS website portal to result in income from sales. The program will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Bill Sisson gave a report from the Rink Hockey Committee, resulting in the following motions:

MOTION 5: B/D 4/24/10 2:17 AM

Approve the following expense-compensated officials for the 2010 National Rink Hockey Championships at Bremerton, Washington, July 11-16:

Meet Director - Bill Sisson

Assistant Meet Directors - Rink Hockey Committee (not expense-compensated)

Referees: Mark Brailey, Jim Jost, Duane McMinn. Additional referees will be paid \$10 per game.

Time/Scorekeeper: Latecia Ponder. Additional scorekeepers will be paid \$40 per day.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTIVE 4: A motion was proposed that would change the age and divisions for the 2011 rink hockey season. Because the wording raised some question as to interpreted meaning, the Committee was asked to bring it back at a later time in a different format that would be easier to understand.

The 2010 Ladies World Rink Hockey Championships will be in Alcobendas (near Madrid), Spain, September 25 - Oct 2. The 2010 Men's World Championships are in Dornbirn, Austria, October 24 - 30.

MOTION 6: B/D 4/24/10 2:23 AM

Approve the Ladies' World Team staff as follows: Coach - Frankie Lee, Assistant Coach - Daniel Vianna; Manager - Tom Hughes, Athletic Trainer - Gina Gerona (to be requested)

Approve the Mens World Team staff as follows: Coach - Jimmy Trussell, Assistant Coaches - Pat Ferguson and Daniel Vianna; Manager - Don Allen, Goalkeeper Coach - Ron Torvik, Athletic Trainer - Rob Murphy (to be requested)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was concern over a statement in the report that the South American Open International Tournament will take place in Barcelona. Obviously, this tournament cannot be for South America and held in Spain. It is believed that this is actually a part of Catalan's plan to become recognized as an official federation, separate from Spain. In any event permission would not be given for USA participation in this event if it is not CIRH approved and approved by Spain, the recognized FIRS Federation.

The Speed Committee Report was given by Committee Chairman Ken Shelton. Using their system of presenting proposals to the field for input prior to implementation, Shelton reported on those that the Committee approved and the ones they rejected, with their reason for rejection being provided to the Board.

MOTION 7: B/D 4/24/10 2:35 PM

Effective for the 2011 season, approve the Speed Committee recommendation to add a Novice Veteran Division (age 45 and up) at the Regional Championships to verify participation prior to including it at the Indoor Nationals. The distances would be the same as for the Masters Division.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 8: B/D 4/24/10 2:39 PM

Effective for the 2011 season, approve the Speed Committee recommendation for the distances skated in the Novice divisions at Indoor Speed Championships should mirror distances of the comparable standard event.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 9: B/D 4/24/10 2:42 PM

To reject the proposal to add a longer race to the Freshman Boys and Girls Division at Outdoor Nationals.

MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 10: B/D 4/24/10 2:43 PM

To reject the proposal to eliminate the World Class Division to eliminate the teamwork and manipulation of placements in that group.

MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 11: B/D 4/24/10 2:45 PM

To reject the proposal to add Quad Veteran 2 Person Relays to Quad Nationals.

MOTION TO REJECT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTIVE 5: The Speed Committee would like to allow authorized coaches to vote on posted proposals via the internet, instead of through their regions. They are directed to prepare proposed changes to their process to submit at the next board meeting.

Ricci Porter has done some research for the Committee on use of webinars as an educational tool. In an e-mail, she provided some general information and stated that her initial idea was to have webinars for coaching' education at the entry level. Perhaps we could offer a webinar at the beginning of the season with the topic being beginning of season training, techniques, etc. After the first one the program could be expanded into other areas. A charge could be collected to help pay for the expenses of the program. USA Roller Sports will need to buy some equipment, pay a monthly or annual fee, pay airfare and lodging for the coach conducting the webinar, etc. Ken Shelton indicated that they would like to continue to have advanced coaching education programs at the USOTC in conjunction with Outdoor Nationals. We maybe be able to include USOC speakers in the webinars as well.

DIRECTIVE 6: The plan to use webinars should be further developed to include an actual budget of expenses, etc. This program could be utilized by other disciplines of our sport and for and areas of communication, such as officials, parents, athletes, etc. Once more specific information is available, it should be forwarded to the USARS Executive and Finance Committees for approval.

A break was taken from 3:00 to 3:25 PM.

The Figure Committee Report was presented by David Adamy.

MOTION 12: B/D 4/24/10 3:28 PM

Effective immediately, approve the following recommendation of the Figure Committee:

World Class Events: Awards and Presentation Procedures - At the USARS National Championships, the presentation of awards for the Junior World Class and World Class events will be made following the completion of the skating of both divisions. Awards will be given to those skaters who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each contest.

Following this ceremony, the announcing and presentation of awards will be made for both the Junior and Senior World Teams. The two highest placing American skaters in each Junior World Class divisions who satisfy all of the necessary requirements will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals, and a position on the Junior World Team. The 3rd place winners will be awarded a medal. The three highest placing American skaters in the World Class divisions of figures, team dance, pairs and free skating, who satisfy all of the necessary requirements will be awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals and a position on the Senior World Team. The two highest placing American skaters in each World Class division of solo dance, who satisfy all of the necessary requirements will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals and a position on the Senior World Team. The 3rd place winners in all disciplines will be awarded a medal. This rule would become AR7.03.02

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

This will require two sets of medals and our awards supplier should be informed immediately.

There was a discussion about Junior World Class/Senior World Class Team Dance skaters relative to their participation in Solo Dance events. It was agreed that nothing could be done on this until 2011.

MOTION 13: B/D 4/24/10 3:35 PM

Effective immediately, approve the following recommendation of the Figure Committee, as amended:

To protect the longevity of the skaters in Freshman/Sophomore A Men Free Skating, Freshman/Sophomore A Men Figures, Sophomore A Women Free Skating, and Sophomore A Women Figures, the following should be instituted for the 2010 national placement winners:

- (a) Skaters who have placed 1st at the National Championship in the ____ event must advance to the next higher age appropriate (A) event in subsequent skating seasons.
- (b) Skaters who have placed 2nd or 3rd at the National Championship in the ____ event may advance to the next higher age appropriate (A) event, or remain in the ____ division event in subsequent skating seasons.
- (c) Please refer to AR7.05.04 (5-7), and AR8.02.05 for rules of eligibility

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Other items were listed within the Figure Committee Report (proposed for the 2011 championships season), that were sent to regional officers on April 22 for discussion with their members. Their input would be reviewed during the Regional Coaches Meeting during Nationals at Pershing on July 28 at 1:00 PM.

Proposed 2010 World Figure Team Staff members were included in an e-mail from Jane Wojnarowsky, the Figure Director at USA Roller Sports. The question was raised of whether or not these recommendations had received review by the Figure Committee, and they had not. The Speed Committee always reviews their recommendations for World Speed Team staff prior to submission for approval.

There was brief discussion on the role of the USARS staff person being the Team Manager of each discipline. However, this may not be effective for all disciplines, noting that inline and rink hockey share the same Hockey Director. It may be that as these positions develop the staff person may not always be the best choice to take this type of responsibility, which is heavily weighted on finance, spending and reports of expenditures vs teaching/coaching, strategy, etc.

DIRECTIVE 7: Create an application for World Team positions, to include qualifications and commitments.

DIRECTIVE 8: Return the World Figure Team staff recommendations to the Roller Figure Committee, to review all applications received and come forward with a recommendation from the Committee.

George Kolibaba noted that the conference call meeting minutes of an October 31, 2009 Executive Committee meeting, a December 16, 2009 Executive/Finance Committee meeting and a January 24, 2010 Executive Committee meeting were included with the meeting material. He asked if there were any questions regarding them, and there were none. These minutes are attached as Addendum A, B and C of this meeting.

The USARS Elite Coaches Committee met by conference call on April 13, 2010, and approved submission of the following as Elite Level Coaches of USA Roller Sports:

MOTION 14: B/D 4/24/10 3:55 PM

Approve recognizing Charlie Lucas (speed) as an elite level coach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 15: B/D 4/24/10 3:56 PM

Approve recognizing Samuel Johnson (speed) as an elite level coach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 16: B/D 4/24/10 3:56 PM

Approve recognizing Billy Graf (roller figure skating) as an elite level coach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 17: B/D 4/24/10 3:57 PM

Approve recognizing Dale Sprague and Caroline (Sprague) Diwold (roller figure skating) as an elite level coaches.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Hawkins, Roller Sports USOC representative, reported that Kelly Skinner, who in March of 2009 was replaced as our Sports Partner due to restructuring, has now been returned as our Sports

Partner - much to our delight. USARS has been giving \$50,000 again this year to be used toward the 2010 World Speed Team expenses, with Senior athletes getting first dollar and the balance (if any) going to the Junior athlete. Many renovations have been taking place at the USOC in Colorado Springs, after the decision to stay in the city. These renovations included resurfacing, new plexiglass and padding on the railings at the Velodrome. Scott Blackmun is the new Executive Director for the USOC. Hawkins reported that he believes Blackmun to very genuine and sincere regarding the Olympic movement.

Trace Hansen, Roller Sports' representative on the Athlete Advisory Council, reported on their April 9-11 Meeting in Washington DC. He touched on eight main topics, which included a program called World-Fit - www.worldfit.org. They AAC discussed that each sport should have a "peaking plan" to help athletes reach their peak participation for their important competitions; improved communication between the office, directors, committees and athletes; a walk/jog to the Haitian Embassy service project, for which AAC members were encouraged to launch their own drive to benefit the Haitian Sports Foundation; and other items of interest. Trace wants addresses of elite athletes/world teams so he can communicate directly with them.

There are eight Pan Am Only NGB's including USA Roller Sports. Most receive little or no funding whatsoever from the USOC, even though the USOC does state in various documents a responsibility for supporting both Olympic and PAG NGBs. In addition, Hansen passed out a document containing background information from Luke St. Onge from an NGB Conference call on April 8 about Pan Am Only (PAO) Funding (sports that do not compete in the Olympic Games). Their position was that if funding was granted to PAO sports, that it would be restricted to help offset the costs of athletes to travel to the Pan American Championships and World events. The funding would be restricted to those disciplines that each sport has officially in the Pan American Games. They proposed that the funding would not come from funds allocated to Olympic Sports but from found allocations (excess funds).

Jim Pollard, CIPA President (International Roller Figure Committee) noted that the World Roller Figure Skating Championships schedule was included in the Board meeting material. He will be traveling to Portimao, Portugal, soon to inspect the facilities and available hotels. In 2011 the Championships will be in Brazilia. A five-year visa will be needed to enter the country, at a cost of \$150. Pollard indicated that this visa can be obtained on-line, but wanted to give us notice so we could research the process, the cost, etc., in advance.

Richard Hawkins, a member of the CIC, the International Speed Skating Committee, reported that we still do not have a World Championships site confirmed for 2010. He was supposed to have word by April 21, but no location or dates have been announced yet.

George Pickard says that the CIRILH (inline hockey) has an international problem. Ice hockey in the US is trying to reopen the battle internationally over which NGB is officially recognized as being responsible for inline hockey. Rumor is that they are going to try to deal with FIRS officials to trade off inline hockey for their support of speed skating while attending a meeting in Dubai.

Danny Brown, stated that there was no new news from the CPRS (Pan Am Confederation for Roller Skating).

Richard Hawkins touched on the National Office Reports. Although the membership figures are not comparable to last year at this time (since the new membership year began on January 1 this season),

it was clear that derby memberships are increasing. WFTDA had a problem with their insurance program, and several of the leagues have brought their memberships back to our program. He said in April we were only about 3% off and he expected that we would be even or above in members at the start of the Regional Championships.

A new program has been launched whereby USA Roller Sports members are eligible to receive discounted travel through United Airlines for USARS sanctioned events throughout the 2010 competitive season. Event organizers must have their event sanctioned approved eight weeks prior to the event for it to be eligible to receive the benefits of this program. To take advantage of these discounts, tickets must be booked using a special event code, either by calling the United Olympic Desk or by entering their website via a link on the USA Roller Sports website. USARS will get free tickets based on tickets purchased.

Richard Hawkins gave an update on the current office staff, installation of a new phone system which resulted in the loss of our receptionist Sondra Wendell, property issues, anticipated office and building equipment needs, and sales and marketing efforts and opportunities. A new hockey director has been hired who will be responsible for both inline and rink hockey. The discipline directors will begin to take responsibility for coaches and officials, taking that responsibility from the derby director, as it is currently handled.

George Pickard spoke about the book he has written, Titans and Heroes of America Roller Skating. The RSA, USARS Foundation and USARS are each donating \$1,500 toward the production costs. Pickard's family has donated much time and talent to help with its preparation and printing. The proceeds from sale of this book will all go to benefit the Museum of National Roller Skating. The Museum Trustees will meet here in Vegas to try to talk about ways to build a more solid membership base.

The motivation for this book came recently when one of the organizational titans passed away and there was a lack of knowledge that we should do a feature article on his contributions to the sport. Pickard realized at that time that this needed to be done, to preserve the donations of dedication and talent made to the sport and industry and its history. The book will contain profiles on 15 organizational titans, 16 industry heroes, 175 photos and complete rosters of the past recipients of Life Membership, Hall of Fame and other significant honors bestowed by the RSROA and by USA Roller Sports.

MOTION 18: B/D 4/24/10 4:45 PM

Approve the Regional Championships sites, as amended, pending resolution of payment of the performance bond, floor sizes, etc., as listed. See Addendum D.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 4:50 PM.

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The meeting was called back into order on 8:00 AM. Roll was called and all Board Members and guests from the previous day were again present.

George Pickard gave the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendations from their meeting on April 23, 2010. No athletes or coaches were recommended for inclusion in the Hall of Fame this year, although there were candidates that had been re-nominated numerous times and/or who did not meet the listed criteria.

MOTION 19: B/D 4/25/10 8:04 AM

Approve for induction into the USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame: Walter Frazier of Litchfield, Illinois, President of the Roller Derby Skate Company, in recognition of his long-time support of USA Roller Sports, both financially and by his company equipping USARS teams for international competitions, as well as assisting other continental national teams in presenting necessary country support to maintain our Pan American Games status. For years, when no other equipment manufacturers would sponsor USARS inline hockey, Walt Frazier via the Roller Derby Company was our sole inline hockey sponsor. Roller Derby was of significant assistance with USARS maintaining its NGB status for inline hockey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 20: B/D 4/25/10 1:35 PM

Approve for induction into the USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame: Bob Lim, Rocklin, California, now deceased, in recognition of his computer expertise in support of the National Roller Figure Skating Championships and for his help with the scoring table for over two decades.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 21: B/D 4/25/10 8:07 AM

Approve presenting the Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership Award to: Bob Labriola, Fountain Valley, California – Coaching era began in the 1950's. He was the leading American Dance Coach at the National Championships for decades. Labriola was a frequent contributor for more than 50 years toward coaching education and seminars in advancement of excellence in the sport. Labriola was a former Chairman of the SRSTA, has been a continual member of the Roller Figure Skating Technical Committee and contributed to the establishment of the USARS Coaches Certification program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 22: B/D 4/25/10 8:08 AM

Approve presenting the Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership award to: Jim Ball, South Gate, California – Jim Ball is the third generation of his family through the Sure-Grip Skate Company to support the programs and goals of USA Roller Sports. Jim serves as a Trustee for the United States Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating, guiding the investments and future interests of the sport. He is a frequent sponsor of USARS programs, affecting national and international competitions.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service award began in 1961 as the "Amateur of the Year Award." The recipient of this 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 23: B/D 4/25/10 8:09 AM

Approve presentation of the Shattuck Award to Derek Parra, Salt Lake City, Utah – This former multi-gold medal champion in FIRS Inline Speed Skating World Championships, and an Olympic gold medalist in ice speed skating, was nominated in recognition of his notable support for the FIRS bid to establish roller speed skating as an Olympic Games participation sport.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award was established in 1983 to honor a current competitive skater in any of the three disciplines who has conducted himself or herself according to the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. This skater exemplifies, in an outstanding way, the pledge of the USARS Code of Conduct.

MOTION 24: B/D 4/24/10 2:14 PM

Approve presentation of the Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award to Greg Thompson, Bayport, New York – Captain of the 2009 World Champion Inline Hockey Team from the USA, Greg was praised by his team mates for his leadership on and off the rink in bringing about a successful defense of the USA World title for inline hockey, with a team consisting of young and internationally unseasoned players where 8 of the 13 man roster had never previously played in a World Championships. Recruited by the USA Ice Hockey Federation for its Inline Hockey World Championships in 2009, he elected to remain with USARS while many of his former team mates defected to the other side.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOTION 25: B/D 4/25/10 8:10 AM

Approve presentation of the Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award to Betty Ann Danna, Sarasota, Florida – for her contributions to USARS and the United States Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating. Betty Ann Danna began serving on the USARS Board of Directors in 1985 and was elected President from 1994 through 1998. Because of her financial background, she has served on the USA Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating for a decade, being elected as its President in 2007 and remains in that position today.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The purpose of the Dennis R. Snead Award 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 26: B/D 4/25/10 8:11 AM

Approve presentation of the Dennis R. Snead Award to Kay Gallatin, Ault, Colorado, in recognition of her outstanding contribution of time and talent as a speed skating official at Indoor and Outdoor National Championships as well as at Regional Championships and local contests. She received Meritorious Service Award in 2003 with husband Leonard. Leonard received the Snead Award in 2008.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 27: B/D 4/25/10 8:15 AM

Approve the following USARS Athlete Awards:

USARS ROLLER FIGURE SKATERS OF THE YEAR for 2009 – Robert Hines and Aubrey Orcutt, Redwood City, California – 2009 Taiwan World Games Gold Medalists in Pairs, 2009 Senior World Figure Skating Championships Silver Medalists in World Class Pairs, and 2009 National Championships Gold Medalists in World Class Pairs.

USARS SPEED SKATER OF THE YEAR for 2009 - James Michael Cheek, Greensboro, North Carolina – At the 2009 World Speed Championships, Michael won two gold medals, in addition to constantly supporting the team, not only overall but in individual races in which he competed.

USARS BALL RINK HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR for 2009 – Gwen Catledge, Bremerton, Washington - Defensive player and team leader of the 2008 Ladies World Team that took 4th place at the World Championships in Japan.

USARS INLINE HOCKEY PLAYER OF THE YEAR for 2009 – Michael Urbano, Huntington Beach, California - Goalie for the USA Gold Medal Winning Team at the 2009 Inline Hockey World Championships and at the 2009 World Games.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 28: B/D 4/25/10 8:16 AM

Approve presenting the USARS Meritorious Service Award to Martha Polston of Flemington, New Jersey, in recognition of her work on behalf of the World Speed Skating Teams through her “Send the Best” fund raising program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 29: B/D 4/25/10 8:19 AM

Approve the following USOC award nominations:

USOC ROLLER SPORTS TEAM OF 2009 - 2009 Gold Medal Men's Inline Hockey World Championships and World Games Team - Brandon Barnette, Chris Connole, Keith DiPrima, Travis Fudge, Eric Keene, Anthony King, Joshua Laricchia, Daniel Marmorstein, Pete Messina, John McGuinness, Jonathan Mosenson, Dustin Roux, GregoryThompson, Michael Urbano (Goalie)

USOC ROLLER SPORTS MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2009 – Joey Mantia, Colorado Springs, Colorado – At the 2009 World Speed Championships, Joey Mantia won 7 gold medals, 1 silver and 2 bronzes out of a possible 12 medals, leading the USA to a third place overall finish.

USOC FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FOR 2009 - Autumn Lee of Poulsbo, Washington - High scorer at the Ladies World Championships Team that placed 4th in Japan.

USOC *NATIONAL* COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 2009 – Jeff Prime, Long Beach, California - World Champion Women's Team Coach 2002 – 2009, winning four Gold, three Silver and one Bronze Medal in FIRS World Inline Hockey Competitions during the eight year history of Women's Inline Hockey World Championships.

USOC ROLLER SPORTS *VOLUNTEER* COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 2009 – Mario Sousa, Gilroy, California - Coach of the highly successful Northern California Mustangs Inline Hockey Team in the AIHL.

USOC *DEVELOPMENTAL* COACH OF THE YEAR FOR 2009 - Eforrest “Buggy” Allmond, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 30: B/D 4/25/10 8:21 AM

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee proposal for a new roller figure skating award to be as follows:

THE MARIE WALKER AWARD FOR FIGURE SKATING - The purpose of this roller figure skating award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller figure skating through their dedication in the service of competitive roller figure skating under the aegis of USARS as judges, referees, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to roller figure skating seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and roller figure skating technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades earned such recognition.

The first recipient of this award shall be Marie Walker, who by her past dedication to these pursuits will validate this award for its future recipients.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 31: B/D 4/25/10 8:25 AM

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee proposal for a new rink hockey award to be as follows:

THE BILL SISSON AWARD FOR BALL RINK HOCKEY - The purpose of this roller hockey award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of ball roller hockey through their dedication in the service of competitive ball rink hockey under the aegis of USARS as referees, meet directors, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to roller hockey seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and roller hockey technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades earned such recognition.

The first recipient of this award shall be our colleague Bill Sisson, who by his past dedication to these pursuits has identified himself as “Mr. Ball Hockey” in the United States, and will thus validate this award for its future recipients.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 32: B/D 4/25/10 8:25 AM

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee proposal for a new inline roller hockey award to be as follows:

THE GEORGE PICKARD AWARD FOR INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY - The purpose of this roller inline hockey award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller inline hockey through their dedication in the service of competitive inline roller hockey under the aegis of USARS as referees, meet directors, scorers and other significant competition support officials. . The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to inline roller hockey seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and inline hockey technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades have earned such recognition.

The first recipient of this award shall be George Pickard who by his past dedication to these pursuits will validate this award for its future recipients.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 33: B/D 4/25/10 8:26 AM

In the future the Snead Award shall become discipline identified as “The Dennis Snead Roller Speed Skating Award”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

George Pickard, Chairman of the Inline Hockey Committee presented their report. Pickard updated the information he provided to the Board at its last meeting relative to event dates and team staff. He gave them the World Team Trials dates and selection staff, 2010 FIRS World Championships dates, and sites and countries entered to date. In addition to the Junior Men's Inline World Championships in Dusseldorf, Germany and the Men and Women's World Championships in Beroun, Czech Republic, a Junior Women's Inline Hockey World Cup will take place in Huntington Beach, California. Registration remains open, but at this time there are six countries committed to participate in July.

The Pan Am Games are political, financial and everything else. Size of teams and the number of players involved make it difficult to be included. Jim Pollard was notified by PASO that ball hockey would not be included - inline hockey is questionable. There are a couple of meetings coming up, one quickly, the PASO Meeting in Merida, Mexico, on Yucatan Peninsula - May 5 arrival, meeting on May 6-7-8, May 9 return. The South American Confederation Meeting is tentatively set for Asuncion, Paraguay, August 18-29, arrival on the 17th, departing on 30th. Pickard stated that Keith Noll would like to attend the PASO Meeting. He is in a position to bargain with enhancements. Pollard felt that this would not be the meeting for Noll to attend, but perhaps the next one. Pollard noted that often more can be accomplished outside of the formal meetings. The problem is financial for everyone.

MOTION 34: B/D 4/25/10 8:52 AM

Effective immediately, approve the following rule change:

The Committee recommends that USARS Divisional regulations be changed to permit girls age 13 to 10 year olds to enter Boys age group 12u and 10u in the Team USA division of competition. This request is due to scarcely any current women's team organization at this age level and leaves the girls of this age no place to play at this level of competition. Girls over 14 have the Junior and Senior Divisions for Women in which to play.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this time Chairman Kolibaba noted that there are financial issues with the Inline Hockey Program being unable to generate enough income to support expense-free participation in the Men and Women's World Championships. This year these Championships are in the Czech Republic. Airline tickets are much higher than anticipated due to the volcano that disrupted European air travel for more than a week.

Athletes who participate on the Senior Speed Team have their participation subsidized by the U.S. Olympic Committee because of the WHIP program (wheels to ice). Roller figure skating teams are expected to pay most of their own expense of participation, receiving funding only if Nationals

operates at a profit of \$160,000. Pickard spoke on behalf of continuing forward without cost to the inline hockey athletes in 2010 (it was noted that inline hockey athletes have been covering their expenses to travel to the international point of departure for a pre-flight practice).

Trace Hansen, Roller Sports Athlete Advisory Council Member, felt it was not fair for the other sporting disciplines to carry the extra expense for inline hockey when their own athletes must bear personal financial responsibility to participate at the World Championships. Toby Tagliapietra, hockey athlete representative on the Board and a member of numerous Rink Hockey World Teams, stated that he also had paid for his own expenses in the past.

MOTION 35: B/D 4/25/10 9:43 AM

Athlete members of Senior Men and Women's Inline Hockey World Teams, are expected to contribute \$500 toward the cost of their participation in the World Championships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IMPORTANT NOTE - For the Men's World Team, funding for participation would have gone to 12 athletes of a 14 member team and for the Women's Team to 10 of a 12 member team. Athletes who would have otherwise paid for their participation must still pay the entire cost of their participation.

George Kolibaba gave the Committee on Committees report. The following changes were approved, with the complete list of Committees attached as Addendum E.

MOTION 36: B/D 4/25/10 9:45 AM

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall include George Kolibaba-Chairman, Jim Pollard, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, Josh Wood-Athlete

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 37: B/D 4/25/10 9:46 PM

The FINANCE COMMITTEE shall include Bill Sisson-Chairman, George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson, Ed Harney, Trace Hansen-Athlete

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 38: B/D 4/25/10 5:17 PM

The MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY COMMITTEE is amended as follows: ~~Annelle Anderson-Chairman~~, David Adamy-~~Chairman~~, Kurt Anselmi, Ed Mueller, ~~Danny Brown~~, Josh Wood (speed), Trace Hansen (figure), Charlotte Nicholson (hockey)-Athletes

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 39: B/D 4/25/10 8:07 AM

Approve the following Committees:

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

HALL OF FAME AND HONORS COMMITTEE: Richard Hawkins-Non-Voting Chairman, George Pickard, Jim Pollard, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (Elected Annually at Fall Annual Board Meeting): George Kolibaba-Chairman, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson, Mark Vittese, Trace Hansen-Athlete

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 40: B/D 4/25/10 9:47 AM

The Elite Coaches Selection Committee is amended as follows: Bob Labriola ~~Chairman~~, ~~John Viola~~, ~~Jane Wojnarowsky~~, Bill Sisson, Ken Shelton, Richard Hawkins-*Non-Voting Chairman*, *Gloria Manning*, *Mark Vittese*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 41: B/D 4/25/10 9:47 AM

Approve the Elite Officials Committee for Speed: Dan Whittaker - Chairman, Allen Hughes, Kay Gallatin.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Using a new process for selection of Roller Sports Technical Discipline Committees, the Board met on Friday evening in closed session to review applications that were received by the February 28, 2010, deadline. Selection was guided by the following structure requirements:

- **Discipline Leadership Committee Composition** - Each Committee will be comprised of five to nine members and include 20% athlete representation (as defined below). The USARS Board will be aware and sensitive to diversity of gender, ethnicity, geographic location in these appointments to ensure national representation and that these committees meet the requirements of the USOC.
- **Chairperson** - The USARS Board will elect the Chairperson of each Leadership Committee, who may be the Discipline Director if so designated by the Board.
- **Discipline Director** - One staff member shall serve as the Discipline Director (the director is a full-time paid staff position in the National Office). The Discipline Director/staff member will have a vote on the committee and will report to the Executive Director.
- **Term of Service** - The term of service for each of the committee members elected at the 2010 Semiannual Board Meeting will be staggered from 1 year to 4 years to implement the process and assure continuity. For the following elective period of each committee, terms of service will be for four years. Term of Service will begin at the close of the Semiannual Meeting where member

is elected. Members, other than the Discipline Director/staff member may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Eligible for Election to the Discipline Leadership Committee - Resumes can be submitted for Board consideration from current members of the following membership classes:

Athletes - Speed, Roller Figure, Hockey Athletes for each discipline within USARS. Only members who have attained 18 years of age or older and who meet the USOC definition of an active athlete (meaning they must have competed in roller skating in the Olympics, Pan American Games, Senior World Championships or other Senior International Elite Level Competitions within the immediately preceding ten years) may apply to and qualify for nomination for a Discipline Leadership Committee.

Officials - Speed, Roller Figure and Hockey Officials who are commissioned national championships officials and who have served in such a capacity for at least the immediately preceding two (2) years.

Coach - Speed, Roller Figure and Hockey Coaches who are USARS Advanced or Elite Coaches.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISCIPLINE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES - Discipline Leadership (Technical) Committees are charged with monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the curriculum of the competitive program, including, but not limited to, divisions, eligibility, competitive regulations, rules governing proper procedures, uniform and costume requirements, safety requirements, standards of officials, in addition to on-going evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs for athletes, coaches and officials. Input shall be sought from all interested parties before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to members of the Board of Directors in a written report.

The following shall constitute cause for removal from the Discipline Leadership Committee:

Failure to attend two consecutive regular meetings of the Committee, except for reasons beyond the control of the member; Unruly or disruptive behavior at a Board Meeting; Violation of a USARS policy or USARS By-Law when the member knew or should have known of the policy or by-law; An act or acts bringing disrepute on the Committee, USARS or the sport of roller skating.

An effort was made to include at least one coach, one official, and a senior/international member on each committee. Terms were determined by a draw for each group, from 1 to 4 years, with all future terms being 4 years in duration. Non-voting senior advisors are actually international representatives for their discipline.

MOTION 42: B/D 4/25/10 10:09 AM

Approve the Technical Discipline Committees for each skating discipline as follows:

Roller Figure Skating Committee

Jane Wojnarowsky - Staff Director/Chairperson - 1 year term

John Cawly - Official - 4 year term

Tony Berger - 3 year term

David Adamy - 2 year term

April Jacobson - Athlete - 1 year term

Jessica Gaudy - Athlete - 1 year term - non-voting

Jim Pollard - non-voting Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Speed Committee

Ricci Porter - Staff Director - 1 year term

Ed Mueller - Chairperson - 3 year term

Josh Wood - Athlete - 4 year term

Buggy Allmond - 2 year term

Mike Bell - Official - 1 year term

Chris Payne - 1 year term - non-voting

Richard Hawkins - non-voting Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Inline Hockey Committee

Brent Benson - Staff Director - 1 year term

George Pickard - Chairperson - 2 year term

Charlotte Nicholson - Athlete - 4 year term

Jon Roux - 4 year term

Mark Vittese - 3 year term

Jetta Rackleff - Athlete - 2 year term

Barry Jackson - 1 year term

Keith Noll - non-voting Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Rink Hockey Committee

Brent Benson - Staff Director - 1 year term

Bill Sisson - Chairperson/Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Tom Hughes - 4 year term

Jim Jost - 3 year term

Toby Tagliapietra - 2 year term

Don Allen - 1 year term

Pat Ferguson - non-voting - 1 year term

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

George Kolibaba stated that there would be a conference call with each Committee to explain the duties and expectations. If a member is not able to commit, then we will need to find someone else. The committees will be encouraged to set up sub-committees, especially for roller figure skating since they have free skating, dance, etc.

George Pickard brought up responsibilities and guidelines for meeting conduct. Danny Brown agreed that there must be some rules of conduct within the meeting makeup, such as whether decisions need to have a quorum of participating members, procedures of voting, distribution of information, having an agenda prior to the meeting, etc. Brown stated that the meetings should be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, since these rules govern our Board Meetings. There must be minutes, a record of participants, a tally of votes, a quorum to be one less than the total on the committee, etc.

Subject to whether or not an agreement can be made with Fort Wayne, Indiana to host the 2011 Indoor Speed and Roller Figure National Championships, the 2010 Semiannual Board of Directors meeting will tentatively be on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10, in Fort Wayne - or perhaps in Lincoln, Nebraska.

MOTION 43: B/D 4/15/10 10:10 AM

To adjourn the 2010 USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDENDA

Executive Committee Telephone Conference Call of October 31, 2009.....Addendum A
Executive/Finance Committee Telephone Conference Call of December 16, 2009.....Addendum B
Executive Committee Telephone Conference Call of January 24, 2010.....Addendum C
USA Roller Sports Committees.....Addendum D
2010 Regional Speed and Roller Figure Championships.....Addendum E

**MINUTES
USA Roller Sports
Executive Committee Conference Meeting
Saturday, October 31, 2009
5:30 pm Central Time**

George Kolibaba called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm central time. Members present were George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, Annelle Anderson, Jim Pollard and Josh Woods. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The purpose of the committee meeting was to hear an appeal from Linda Gyenese-Defilippo regarding her skater, Amanda Trumble. Amanda placed second at the 2009 National Figure Skating Championships in the Open B Creative Solo (Free) Dance event. Linda filed a protest regarding the first place skater and that skater's eligibility for the event. The protest was forwarded to the Membership/Eligibility Committee with that committee supporting the placements as they were awarded at the Championships. After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To award two first placements in the Open B Creative Solo (Free) Dance event at the 2009 National Championships and to advance the third, fourth and fifth placements accordingly.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The next item of discussion was the approval of Daniel Marmorstein's suspension for a period of six months beginning September 1, 2009. This suspension was negotiated by the inline hockey committee with Pat Wallace of the FIRS Sports Medicine Committee.

MOTION: To approve the six month suspension of Daniel Marmorstein beginning September 1, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The final agenda item was presented by Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director. Richard requested that USARS National Office staff vacation expire on December 31 of each year instead of each employee's anniversary date. This is the only item that is not on a calendar year basis. All sick and personal leave expires on December 31 and is prorated for new employees.

MOTION: To approve USARS National Office Staff vacation expiring on December 31 of each year as to be aligned with their personal and sick leave.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting concluded approximately 6:30 pm central time.

MINUTES
USA Roller Sports
Executive/Finance Committees
Telephone Conference Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2009
5:00 PM Central Time

The telephone conference call was called to order approximately 5:00 pm. Committee members participating included George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson, Bill Sisson, Jim Pollard, Ed Harney, and Trace Hansen. Also participating was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director. Absent from the call was Josh Wood, athlete representative.

Initially, Jim Pollard gave a report on a meeting held in Lincoln the previous weekend. Ricardo Grin and Guido Ferraiuolo, both from Argentina, traveled to Lincoln to discuss options on running for Pan Am Roller Sports Confederation offices, Pan Am Cups for figure, speed and hockey and also changing the Pan Am Confederation of Roller Sports regulations.

ITEM # 1: Canadian Clubs & Skaters
Canadian clubs and skaters would like to join USARS and compete in our competitions. This could be accomplished with the following general rule:

GR501.12 Roller skating clubs, skaters, and coaches located in Canada, which are members in good standing and with the permission of the Canadian Roller Sports Federation, may apply for USARS membership. Regional association membership and regional championship participation will be determined by location, with the club joining the closest region geographically.

MOTION: To accept GR501.12 above effective immediately.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM # 2: Novice A Team Dance Re-instatement:

To provide a more gradual development for newer adult dance skating teams, and to facilitate their continued participation in this branch of skating, the Novice A Team Dance Skating division is being re-instated, effective immediately.

All the rules and requirements as to dances being skated, eligibility, etc. will remain the same as those that were in effect for the 2008-2009 skating season.

The dances are:

- Group I
Siesta Tango
Pilgrim Waltz
La Vista Cha-Cha

- Group II
Chase Waltz
Rhythm Blues
Syncopated Swing

MOTION: To reinstate Novice A Team Dance with the above listed requirements effective immediately.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM # 3: National Championship Speed Officials

MOTION: To accept the recommendation to eliminate positions as a cost saving measure at the Indoor National Championships.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM # 4: National Championship Figure Officials

MOTION: To accept the recommendation to eliminate positions as a cost saving measure at the Indoor National Championships.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM # 5: CIRH Ball Hockey Rules for 2010/2011

MOTION: To accept the recommendation that the 2010 Rink Hockey Nationals utilize the old rules for this year with the new rules being implemented in 2011.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM # 6: Free sanctioning for rink hockey for 2010 provided everyone participating is a USARS member.

MOTION: In an effort to increase rink hockey memberships for 2010, accept the recommendation to offer free sanctioning of all rink hockey tournaments in the US for 2010 provided all participants are a current rink hockey member of USA Roller Sports

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

***ITEM # 7:** Price and structure changes for 2010:

Figure

Regional assessment fees \$4 to \$5

Regional entry fee maximum increased from \$45 to \$55

National Championship World Class events \$55 to \$75

National Championship events (other than World Class) \$55 to \$60

National private practice at practice rink \$150 per hour to \$200 per hour

National open practice at practice rink \$6 per person to \$10 per person

National open practice at auditorium \$5

Other national championship staff changes as noted

Delete one paid world team position (manager)

Speed

Regional assessment fees \$4 to \$5

Outdoor Nationals Junior and Senior \$55 to \$75 (road and track)

Outdoor Nationals Freshman & Master \$55 to \$60 (road and track)

Indoor Nationals events from \$55-\$55-\$35 to \$60-\$60-\$40

Delete flowers at the National Championships

Delete awards coordinator at the National Championships

Delete one paid world team position (coach)

MOTION: To accept the above listed price and structure changes for 2010.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM # 7: Online payments-Richard presented an update on USARS being able to accept online payments for memberships (clubs, coaches, members, merchandise, etc.). A more complete update will be given at the Spring Board of Directors meeting.

ITEM # 8: 2010 USARS Budget

MOTION: To accept the 2010 budget incorporating the previously passed prices, national office staff changes, national championship staff changes and the purchase of a new national office phone system.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 pm central time.

MINUTES

**USA Roller Sports Executive Committee Telephone Conference Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2010, 1:00 pm central**

George Kolibaba called the meeting to order approximately 1:00 pm central time. Members present were George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, Annelie Anderson, and Jim Pollard. Richard Hawkins, Executive Director was also on the call.

MOTION # 1: Motion was made to approve the attached Outdoor National Staff.

Passed unanimously

MOTION # 2: Motion was made to approve the attached Outdoor National Schedule.

Passed unanimously

MOTION # 3: Motion was made to approve the attached Indoor Speed & Quad National Staff the Indoor Speed & Quad National Schedule.

Passed unanimously

MOTION # 4: Motion was made to approve the attached Figure National Staff.

Passed unanimously

The 2010 Figure National Schedule along with the 2010 Regional Dates and Locations was deferred to a mail ballot upon Richard's receipt of the above.

MOTION # 5: Motion was made to approve the following staff for the 2010 Rink Hockey World Teams.

Women Coach – Frankie Lee

Women Assistant Coach – Daniel Vianna

Women Manager – Tom Hughes

Men Coach – Jimmy Trussell

Men Assistant Coaches – Pat Ferguson and Daniel Vianna

Men Manager – Don Allen

Men Goalkeeper Coach – Ron Tarvik

The above listed staff with the exception of Frankie Lee and Jimmy Trussell will be volunteer positions. USARS will only cover the expenses of Lee and Trussell.

Passed unanimously

George Kolibaba then read to the committee a letter he will be presenting to Keith Noll, Mark Vittese, and George Pickard at the Let's Play Hockey convention in Las Vegas later this week. After discussion, the committee was in strong agreement that the letter should be presented along with a face to face meeting with Keith Noll regarding inline hockey under USARS.

The meeting adjourned approximately 1:45pm central time.

ADDENDUM D

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USA Roller Sports Officers, Board Members and Committees
Approved for 2010

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 2010

At-Large Director: Mark Vittese, Woodbury, New Jersey
Coach Representative: Gloria Manning, Miami, FL
Hockey Athlete: Toby Tagliapietra, Lake Villa, Illinois

Terms Expiring 2011

Speed Athlete: Joshua Wood, Salt Lake City, Utah
Grassroots Director: Bill Sisson, Lubbock, Texas
Club Representative: Annelle Anderson, Fort Worth, Texas
Pan Am Confederation VP (ex officio): Danny Brown, Flint, Michigan

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2010 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Southern

Artistic: June 12-14, 2010 (paid \$200)

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Spin Nations Skating Center
8345 Congress Street
Port Richey, FL 34668
Contact: Gloria Manning 305-978-6277
GMannSkate@aol.com
Floor Surface: Wood w/Roll On
Size of Skating Surface: 90 x 190
Meet Director: Ted Leineke
Chief Tabulator Art: David Hankerson
Regional Entry Deadline: April 28, 2010
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Regional Entry Deadline: April 7, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 8, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

North Central:

Artistic: June 19-20, 2010 (paid \$100)

Skateville
201 South River Ridge Circle
Burnsville, MN 55337
Contact: Diane Brown 612-269-3932
diane@rollergardenASC.org
Floor Surface: maple with Roll On
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 170
Meet Director: Diane Brown
Chief Tabulator Art: Suzanne Swanson
Regional Entry Deadline: May 20, 2010
Transfer Deadline: April 20, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 23, 2010 (paid \$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
Regional Entry Deadline: April 23, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 24, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 **NOT PAID**

Silver City Skateland
1 Lawton Avenue
Taunton, MA 02780
Contact: Bob Comeau 978-204-3953
rskate@aol.com
Floor Surface: Wood with Roll-On
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180
Meet Director: Bob Comeau
Chief Tabulator Art: Janet Palm
Regional Entry Deadline: May 27, 2010
Transfer Deadline: April 27, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (paid 12-08)

Northeast:
Artistic: June 26-28, 2010 (paid \$150)

Speed: May 23, 2010 (**owes \$50**)

Ron a Roll Skating Center
85 South Frontage Road
Vernon, CT 06066
Contact: Paul DiJulio
Speedcoachdj@gmail.com
Floor Surface: Wood with Roll-On
Size of Skating Surface: 78 x 180
Meet Director: Paul DiJulio
Chief Tabulator Speed: Mary Ellen DiJulio
Regional Entry Deadline: April 23, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 24, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: guaranteed by NE Figure

Southeast:
Artistic: June 19-21, 2010 (paid \$150)
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Skateland USA
200 Stage Coach Trail
Greensboro, NC 27409
Contact: Cindy Schrader 804-530-3731
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
Regional Entry Deadline: May 1, 2010
Transfer Deadline: April 1, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 15-16, 2010 (paid \$100)

Skateland
US Highway 70 SE
Contact: Mary Allmond 5215-410-5194
irishchampions@aol.com
Size of Skating Surface: 80 x 180
Floor Surface: maple
Meet Director: Mary Allmond
Chief Tabulator Speed: Anne Russell

Regional Entry Deadline: April 15, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 16, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Northwest:

Artistic: June 19-21, 2010 (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, Kristin Poundstone
Regional Entry Deadline: May 20, 2010
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Speed: May 15-16, 2010 (paid \$100)

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7805 SE Oaks Park Way
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Regional Entry Deadline: April 31, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 1, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$500 (carried over)

Southwest:

Artistic: June 22-29, 2010 (owes \$400)

Fresno Convention Center-Exhibit Hall
848 "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 180
Meet Director: Robin Haleber
Chief Tabulator Art:
Chief Referee: Dick Miller
Regional Entry Deadline: May 22, 2010
Transfer Deadline: April 22, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 22, 2010 (paid \$50)

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Sunrise Rollerland
6001 Sunrise Vista Drive
Citrus Heights, CA 95610
Contact: Michael Nelson 707-576-7566
Meet_director@comcast.net

Floor Surface: Maple with Roll-On
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 180
Meet Director: Michael Nelson
Chief Tabulator Speed: Nancy Boyer
Regional Entry Deadline: April 7, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 8, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Great Lakes:

Figure: June 26-30, 2010 (paid \$250)
*Requested extended deadline

Skatetown USA
8730 North Pavilion Drive
West Chester, OH 45069
Contact: Howard Engle 216-661-7752
budpet@roadrunner.com
Floor Surface: maple with Roll-ON
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 185
Meet Director: Howard Engle
Chief Tabulator Art: Shirley Engle
Regional Entry Deadline: May 6, 2010
Transfer Deadline: April 6, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 29-30, 2010 (paid \$100)

Skatetown USA
8730 North Pavilion Drive
West Chester, OH 45069
Contact: Bob Babcock 586-749-9904
babcockb@dteenergy.com
Floor Surface: maple with Roll On
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 185
Meet Director: Bob Babcock
Tabulator: Dianne Miller
Regional Entry Deadline: April 29, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 30, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Eastern:

Artistic: June 19-20, 2010 (paid \$100)

Holiday Skating Center
1775 Creek Road
Delanco, NJ 08075
Contact: Steven Hinkle 609-870-7055
SGHI@aol.com
Floor Surface: Plastic coated maple
Size of Skating Surface: 90 x 210
Meet Director: Steven Hinkle
Chief Tabulator Art: Louise Neal
Regional Entry Deadline: May 20, 2010
Transfer Deadline: April 20, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (carried over)

Speed: May 15-16, 2010 (paid \$100)

Whitehall Skateaway
3860 Lehigh Street
Whitehall, PA 18062

Contact: Martha Polston 908-284-5022
mjp1962@comcast.com
Floor Surface: wood with Roll-On
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 180
Meet Director: Bob Albanese
Chief Tabulator Speed: David Alcorn
Regional Entry Deadline: April 15, 2010
Transfer Deadline: March 16, 2010
Performance Bond Paid: \$1000 (paid by Holly Snow)

South Central:

Artistic: May 30, 2010 (paid \$50)

Skate Country
500 North Loop 340
Waco, TX 76705
Contact: Charlie Lucas 254-722-7597
Sk8waco@aol.com
Floor Surface: maple with Val-Spar
Size of Skating Surface: 85 x 170
Meet Director: Roland Sanchez
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