

**MINUTES**  
**USA ROLLER SPORTS**  
**SPRING SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2011 – ORLANDO, FLORIDA**  
(Approved by USARS Board – 5-20-11)

The USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:12 AM on Saturday, April 30, in the Grouper Meeting Room at the Renaissance Orlando Seaworld in Orlando, Florida. The following Board Members were present: George Kolibaba-President/Chairman, David Adamy-Vice President, Bill Sisson-Treasurer, Danny Brown, Josh Wood, Annelle Anderson, Jim Pollard, Trace Hansen, April Dayney Jacobson, John Gustafson, Charlotte Nicholson, Mark Vittese and Gloria Manning. Also present were Richard Hawkins-USARS Executive Director and Peggy Young-Recording Secretary. Chairman Kolibaba welcomed all guests: Tony Berger, Diane Brown, Bud and Shirley Engle, Joe Hanna, and Tom Hughes. George Pickard arrived mid-morning.

**MOTION 1: B/D    4/20/11    8:13 AM**

Ratify the Mail Ballot vote that approved the Minutes of the 2011 USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 8-9-10, 2011.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Carried forward from the previous meeting was an item relating to establishment of Speed Skating Achievement Tests through RSA International. Danny Brown reported that progress had been made on this since the last meeting, but that the RSA would need to approve the recommended speed test structure first. Recommendations were originated by John Gustafson, who forwarded them to Linda Miner for the RSA. USARS Speed Committee Chairman Ed Mueller was given a copy of the preliminary proposal, which was not yet ready for final approval.

Judy Graves provided a written report that as of April 1, 2011, there was a total of \$41,560.37 in the Athlete Travel Endowment Fund. George Kolibaba stated that the funds would be placed in an investment through Jonathan Beukelman, the financial advisor for the Foundation, until they reached an amount that could be accepted into the care of the Foundation for management. At this time \$4,454.31 is available for world team athlete travel, but since designated for a variety of specific types of recipients, some of the amounts are insignificant. Graves recommendation was that the minimum travel grant to be given should be \$500.

**DIRECTIVE 1:** Judy Graves and Bill Spooner are asked to develop a plan for distribution of these funds from the Athlete Travel Endowment Fund for World Team Travel.

Senior World Figure Team Members have been receiving funding in the amount of \$1,000 each from the profit of the National Championships. Each was given \$2,000 in 2010 because of extra income from the event. Not knowing the final profit margin, the following was passed again for 2011. It was noted that there would not be income this year from the practice rink.

**MOTION 2: B/D 4/20/11 8:25 AM**

Funding of a minimum of \$1,000 per athlete shall be provided for members of the Senior Roller Figure Skating Team toward the cost of their participation in World Championships, when profit from the National Roller Figure Skating 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 current year National Figure Skating Championships is known and the expenses have all been paid.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Because funding for members of the Senior World Speed Team from the USOC (relative to the WHIP program - Wheels to Ice) had been withdrawn this year, a request was made to offer the same USARS funding to them if the USOC funding could not be reinstated. There was discussion on the appropriate total income from our three Speed National Championships that should be used as the total profit margin that would permit this distribution.

**MOTION 3: B/D 4/30/11 8:32 AM**

Pending an unsuccessful outcome of an appeal for reinstatement of World Senior Speed Team Funding from the USOC, USA Roller Sports approves providing a minimum of \$1,000 per Senior Team athlete toward the cost of their participation in World Championships, when the profit from the National Inline, Quad, and Outdoor Speed Championships total is at least \$110,000. Athlete funding will be confirmed “after” the income from these Championships is known and the expenses have all been paid.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was discussion on correspondence from the Foundation about funding participation in the Pan Am Championships. To participate in the Pan Am Games, countries must first qualify for participation through the Pan Am Championships. Our status as a Pan Am Games Sport maintains USA Roller Sports as a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Kolibaba stated that some Foundation members appear to have reservations about reimbursing the money needed to maintain this position, which keeps USA Roller Sport as the Official NGB for our sports.

A copy of the Foundation Bylaws was found. It did not include a mission statement and the purpose is only listed as being for scholarships. It was felt that the purpose should be written to include: (1) Activities needed to maintain Pan Am and USOC status; (2) scholarships and (3) others, such as funding attendance at FIRS meetings, etc. It was noted that the sole member of the Foundation is USA Roller Sports.

**DIRECTIVE 2:** The Foundation is being asked to review their purpose to be certain it covers their current activities and to come up with an appropriate mission statement if not.

At a previous meeting, Mark Vittese and David Adamy were directed to review the current USA Roller Sports Mission Statement and develop a new one. Vittese said that they had reviewed the Mission Statements of other National Governing Bodies and provided copies to the Board, along with their proposed statement, as follows.

**MOTION 4: B/D 4/30/11 9:06 AM**

Approve the following “Mission” and “Vision Statement” for insertion into the USA Roller Sports Bylaws and replace the existing “Purpose” as follows:

**MISSION**

As the recognized National Governing Body (NGB) by the United States Olympic Committee, the Mission of the USA Roller Sports (USARS) shall be to develop, promote, educate and grow Roller Sports at all levels and to enable athletes to achieve sustained competitive excellence in domestic and international competitions.

**VISION STATEMENT**

To inspire and enable our members to achieve excellence in Roller Sports and in life by building the base, promoting the sport and achieving competitive success.

**PURPOSE**

USARS shall comply with the requirements for recognition as a National Governing Body as set forth in the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, 36 U.S.C. §220501 et seq. and as mandated by the United States Olympic Committee (referred to in these Bylaws as "USOC") as such requirements are promulgated or revised from time to time. In fulfilling those requirements USARS shall:

- A. Be a member of only one (1) international sports federation, which is recognized by the International Olympic Committee as the worldwide governing body for Roller Sports (currently FIRS);
- B. Be autonomous in the governance of the Roller Sports by independently determining and controlling all matters central to such governance, by not delegating any of that determination or control, and by being free from outside restraint;
- C. Maintain the managerial and financial competence and capability to establish national goals for Roller Sports relating to the development and well being of the sport, to implement and administer a plan for the attainment of those goals, and to execute its obligations as the National Governing Body for Roller Sports;
- C. Provide for individual and organizational membership;
- E. Ensure that its Board of Directors, and any other governance body, has established criteria and election procedures for, and maintains among its voting members, individuals who are actively engaged in athletic competition in Roller Sports or who have represented the United States in an international athletic competition in Roller Sports within the preceding ten (10) years, and ensures that the voting power held by those individuals is not less than twenty (20) percent of the voting power held in its Board or other governance body;

F. Provide for reasonable direct representation on its Board of Directors for any sports organization which, in the sport of Roller Sports, conducts on a level of proficiency appropriate for selection of athletes to represent the United States in international athletic competition, a national program, or regular national athletic competition, and ensure that representation reflects the nature, scope, quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of that sports organization in relation to all other of those programs and competitions in Roller Sports in the United States;

G. Be governed by a Board of Directors whose members are selected without regard to race, color, religion, national origin or sex, with reasonable representation on the Board of both males and females;

H. Provide an equal opportunity to athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in Roller Sports competitions without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin;

I. Not have an officer who is also an officer of another sports organization that is recognized by the USOC as a National Governing Body;

J. Provide procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members;

K. Provide fair notice and an opportunity for a hearing to any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official before declaring such individual ineligible to participate;

L. Agree to submit to binding arbitration in any controversy involving:

- (i) its recognition as a National Governing Body, or
- (ii) the opportunity of any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official to participate in athletic competition in Roller Sports, upon demand of the USOC or any aggrieved athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official, conducted in accordance with the Commercial Rules of the American Arbitration Association or as modified pursuant to the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act;

M. Not have eligibility criteria relating to membership status or to participation in the Olympic or Pan American Games that are more restrictive than those of the international sports federation for the sport of Roller Sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee (currently FIRS);

N. Perform all other obligations and duties imposed by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act and by the USOC on a National Governing Body.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At the last meeting, Richard Hawkins was asked to work on revisions of General Rules 21.01 and GR 21.06 relative to clarification of process for changing competitive skating rules. The process was laid out in the form of a flow chart to make the process easier to understand. The chart will be included in the General Rules.

At the last meeting, more specific financial information was requested by the board on the cost to use webinars for communication and education. Research had been done and a document stating a monthly cost

and available options was provided to the Board. We have not yet begun the use of webinars, since the flat rate will be monthly, starting with the first month of use.

**MOTION 5: B/D 4/30/11 9:06 AM**

Accept the use of webinar conferences and the associated expenses.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

At the 2010 Fall Annual Board Meeting, there was discussion on how someone who was interested in becoming a World Team Staff Member could do this. Richard Hawkins was directed to come up with a plan for selection of all World Team staff member for all disciplines, including creation of an application and the requirements for each position. The Board was given a sample application that could be used. After review, it was stated that the form should also include that the application must be submitted annually; and although at the end there was a clause about abiding by the rules of USARS, FIRS and the USOC, a specific bullet item could be added about agreement to abide by the USOC Code of Ethics.

**MOTION 6: B/D 4/30/11 9:16 AM**

Approve the application process, with additions, for individuals wishing to apply for a position as world team staff member. (See Addendum A)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Information was included in the meeting material on the advantages and options for use of e-pay (on-line payments). This could be used with on-line membership enrollments and would eliminate USARS staff individually processing each application in accounting and the data entry to get their membership information into our computer system. A description of the cost to implement it into our accounting system was given, with the total being \$15,750.

**MOTION 7: B/D 4/30/11 9:22 AM**

Approve a budget of \$15,750 to implement e-payments using Microsoft Dynamics GP.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

At the 2010 Fall Board Meeting, it was indicated that Richard Hawkins and George Kolibaba were to review the certification process of regional seminars, whereby coaches and officials receive credential certification extensions through attendance, and the credits to be awarded. Although the following procedures have been used, they have never been included in our official rules. There was discussion on setting required session lengths and/or speakers, but determined that it should be left to the discretion of the Executive Director as to whether or not the program merits participation credits.

**MOTION 8: B/D 4/30/11 9:34 AM**

Approve the following:

USARS member coaches and officials may receive continuing education credential certification through attendance at approved educational programs.

Attendance at a USARS national educational program – 3 year extension  
Attendance at a USARS traveling regional educational program – 2 year extension  
Attendance at a regionally hosted education program – 1 year extension

To qualify a regionally hosted educational program for this purpose, the regional event organizer must provide the USARS Executive Director with the following information in writing at least 30 days prior to its start:

- 1) Event name, location and date(s)
- 2) Speaker names and topics

The program cannot be advertised as viable for this purpose without receipt of authorization from the USARS Executive Director.

To properly credit participants with continuing education membership extensions, program host must submit a roster of those in attendance within 30 days of the close of the session.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A financial statement of profit and loss for the three regional roller figure skating seminars held in 2010 and 2011 was reviewed, showing the profit for each and the bottom-line total profit as being approximately \$2,100. Plans are underway for the 2011-12 series, which will feature free skating as the technical discipline, with Bob Carrier as the instructor. Locations and dates have not yet been determined.

There was discussion on creating updated DVD's to enhance the viability of the information they contain as they are dated in appearance. It was stated that this really seems to only be a problem in the US, as other countries are still able to use what we have to teach and to improve their skating. An Italian training DVD was also mentioned as being useful. The language is not an issue, since it is based on demonstrations of proper technique.

**DIRECTIVE 3:** In addition to the John Dayney DVD that USA Roller Sports would routinely give to free skating seminar participants, also provide the Italian DVD.

**DIRECTIVE 4:** USA Roller Sports is to remarket our existing roller figure skating instructional DVDs, as the information is still relevant and current.

Noting that the traveling figure skating events ended with a small profit, no increase in registration fee was necessary.

### **MOTION 9: B/D 4/30/11 3:37 AM**

The cost to attend a 2011-2012 USA Roller Sports traveling roller figure skating seminar shall be the same as charged for the last three - \$50 per person if received one week prior to the start, or \$75 if received less than one week prior.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A report was given on the status of our proposed agreement with Market America. At the last meeting it was approved that USARS would adopt a marketing agreement with Market America, pending approval by our attorney and accounting staff and full disclosure made of the relationships to the program with any members of the Board. Funds from Market America shall be designated for athletes in all disciplines of our sport for international event expenses, including but not limited to World Games, World Championships, Pan Am Games, etc., and this shall be specified in our marketing of the program. A Committee was formed to meet monthly by phone on Market America, to include Gloria Manning, Danny Brown and Mark Vitese. Gloria Manning said that shop.com is now a part of Market America. Richard Hawkins said that the program is cleared to go as requested above and will be initiated as soon as he returns to Lincoln.

The Board packet included three specific documents to promote Derby: (1) "Organizing Roller Derby", (2) a copy of the presentation made to FIRS seeking recognition as an official roller sports discipline and (3) an informational document "Starting a Roller Derby League". In review of the number of participants, rules of the game, etc., FIRS did approve Derby as a discipline; and Roberto Marotta will be coming to the USA to see a "bout" (competition).

It was noted that although Derby is now a discipline of roller sports, it has not been incorporated into our Bylaws, and a recommendation was coming forward later in the meeting for this integration. Danielle Krienert Fairbanks, Roller Derby Director, has been able to benefit from the structure in place for our other various disciplines to create a program for Derby, and had done a fabulous job. Danny Brown noted that Derby does not have representation on the USARS Board. George Kolibaba stated that this may not be an issue, pending a restructure of the Board to be more "business" intense and less "rules" oriented.

At the last Board Meeting Richard Hawkins was directed to write a letter to Keith Noll, stating that before USARS will approve conducting the Inline Hockey World Championships in the USA in 2013, there must be a written agreement detailing who does what and what expenses will be covered. A copy of Hawkins' letter to Noll went to Gilbert Portier, CIRILH President, and George Pickard, Chairman of the USARS Inline Hockey Committee.

Portier provided a blank copy of the World Championships contract and clarified that CIRILH, not Keith Noll, proposed that USARS host the 2013 Championships and the 2010 General Assembly agreed. He noted that according to FIRS Statutes and Bylaws, CIRILH must have the signed contract with USARS, and it is up to USARS to delegate that organization to others under the responsibility of USARS.

In this case it was understood that the event would be coordinated by Keith Noll and the Anaheim Ducks would provide competition venues, ground transportation, pay the necessary FIRS fees, etc. It was further understood that there would be no cost to USA Roller Sports for this event, however, nothing was in writing to state any of this. The Board took no action at that time without a signed agreement with the Ducks. George Pickard, Inline Hockey Committee Chairman, needs to be involved with Keith Noll to assure that all is in place.

At the last meeting a motion was made and approved for USARS to bid to host the World Roller Figure Skating Championships in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 2012 as an alternate site and for 2016 as the first option host. Jim Pollard confirmed that New Zealand will now host 2012. Hawkins indicated that the possibility for Lincoln as host for 2016 was still unconfirmed, not knowing whether Pershing Center would still be operational. Pollard indicated that there was still time before this needed to be confirmed.

The first CIC Indoor Speed World competition will be a “Cup”. FIRS has approved our request for it to take place this year in Fort Wayne, Indiana, during the National Indoor Speed Skating Championships - July 17-23.

At the last meeting the Executive Director was asked to contact the USOC for a list of individuals who are experts in marketing and finance, who may be interested in serving on the USARS Board of Directors. A notice was included in USARS publications, including criteria, asking for resumes of interested parties in three areas, roller industry, finance and marketing. The deadline for receipt of resumes was set for March 15, so the Board could select two new Board Members at this meeting. Although open to current members, these positions were originally created with the thought of getting non-skating people on the Board for a new view of what it is doing. Only our own roller sports people have applied, and they are very qualified. Kolibaba stated that further action would be suspended until a final board structure is determined.

**DIRECTIVE 5:** The National Office is to inform those who applied for the new positions on the Board that the direction of the board right now is being redefined, and we are not able to fill these positions at this time.

A short break was taken at 10:30 AM.

**MOTION 10: B/D 4/30/11 10:45 AM**

Accept the following resolution: Items that have appeared on the USARS Board agenda without any action for two consecutive meetings will be automatically be deleted from consideration, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman of the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was discussion of an e-mail received by Gloria Manning, recommending that roller figure skating “A” events at Regional Championships should receive a medal, “B” events should receive ribbons and “C” events should receive certificates in order to differentiate between the different skills needed at each level. One Board Member stated that all pay the same entry fee and they know the difference in the required skills at each level. It was questioned how this reached the Board when it should first have come through a technical committee for discussion and a recommendation if warranted. No action was taken.

A copy of the USA Roller Sports Derby Committee Meeting of March 20, 2011 was included. As noted earlier, this committee is not officially recognized in the USARS Bylaws as are the other sport discipline committees. In addition, a clarification to GR2.00 was requested by Daniel Krienert Fairbanks, Derby Director.

The Bylaws may be altered, amended or appealed by the Board, provided notice is given ten days prior to the meeting, or notice is waived by unanimous consent of the Board.

**MOTION 11: B/D 4/30/11 11:00 AM**

To waive the 10 day notice required for a change to the USARS Bylaws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 12: B/D 4/30/11 11:03 AM**

To amend the following relative to Membership Registration:

GR2.01.01 In order to compete in a USARS member-sanctioned roller sports contest, a person must be a member in good standing of USARS through applying for and obtaining a USARS amateur competitor's card in the appropriate federation, except as provided in GR2.01.02. A person that is not a USARS member in good standing ~~must may also~~ obtain a single event amateur registration in order to participate. ~~But this~~ Single event amateur registrations may not be used to enter a Regional or National Championships

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 13: B/D 4/30/11 11:04 AM**

Add "Roller Derby" into the Bylaws as follows:

Section 2. Membership Privileges, heading F, Class IV. A. Chartered Figure, Speed, **Roller Derby** and Hockey Clubs, Leagues, Associations and Groups.

Section 3. Membership Application Procedure, B, 1: Clubs. Persons participating in the disciplines of figure, speed, **roller derby** and hockey may organize as clubs. Separate registration must be obtained for each skating discipline.

Article VII. Committees – **Insert Roller Derby Committee** as "F" and re-identify following committees.

Article XIV. Skating Disciplines. Add D. **Roller Derby Federation.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annelle Anderson, President of the Museum Board of Trustees, stated that the Museum was again having a raffle to raise funds for its support and that Richard had tickets that could be purchased at this meeting. George Pickard informed the Board that Museum members now have access on its website to scanned copies of the magazines dating back to the 1940's. Richard Hawkins added that James Vannurden, Museum Director, is currently scanning past National Championships programs for this members-only part of its website, as the Museum gets many calls from individuals who want to see their name, or their family member's name as a Championships participant, and the magazine results sections only list the first place winners.

George Pickard noted that we have a new book for sale that covers the history of roller skating and ice skating for the years prior to those covered in his last book. USARS Board member were given a copy. This is actually a reprint on an old book that he found while researching "Titans of Roller Skating", and has a foreword written by Pickard. A new poster with both books has been printed for use at the RSA Convention, where Pickard will be in the Museum booth to promote sales and bring awareness of the Museum to those who attend. The Museum is offering a special price of \$30 for both books if purchased together. Pickard indicated that there were several other projects that could be done to preserve the history

or roller sports if funding were available. Kolibaba asked if these books might be of interest to the library system and Pickard agreed this should be researched.

Pickard then gave a quick update on the progress of the “Roller Skating Rocks” campaign, as he was “volunteered” to be on the committee. Seed money totaling \$175,000 was put together to hire a company, PH2, to work on a promotional plan. USARS, through our Foundation, committed to participate at a cost of \$25,000 per year for three years, to help promote the sport, business and sales of roller skating. The Roller Skating Rocks group meets weekly by conference call. PH2, hired to publicize the sport, business and fun of roller skating, has generated a variety of promotional material that should appeal to the younger set. Manufacturers say that 80% of their business is from inline skates, but nothing generated so far by PH2 includes an inline skate, only the quad skate, and this issue will be addressed. Pickard felt that the program is worthwhile and was encouraged by the direction they are going in gearing the promotions to young people. Ron Creten is the leader of the group that includes David and Glenn Ramsey, Jim Ball, and Walt Frazier. The program has a way to evolve before it is ready, however, posters have been sent to the participating rinks. Kolibaba stated that for this to be effective, rink operators need to step up.

National Office Reports were included in the Board Agenda packet. Membership statistics were reviewed. The beginning growth in the Junior and Men’s Derby “Aggressive” discipline is growing. Figure and speed coach memberships are down making greater potential for loss of skaters in the future. It was noted that the membership was not correct for rink hockey, and Hawkins explained that this could be off if payment is not entered into our financial system using the correct account number, etc.

Richard Hawkins reported that USARS this year again took advantage of a USOC agreement with United Airlines where United is offering discounted travel to USARS members who book through our website or the via Olympic Travel Desk. Rebates in the form of free tickets are given back to USARS after meeting a minimum booking requirement. Details are available on the USARS website. For our participation in 2010, USARS received \$8,427 in United VIK as well as seven free flight certificates.

The USARS agreement with Enterprise Rent-A-Car has also been beneficial as we have increased our commission from a little over \$1,300 in 2009 to almost \$2,800 in 2010. Hawkins is working with our Enterprise representative to include Alamo and National as they are both owned by Enterprise. The LaQuinta agreement was not very beneficial in 2010, so he is in discussion with Holiday Inn to offer a potential discount program to our members.

Rink Hockey Chairman, Billy Sisson, gave a report from that committee.

**MOTION 14: B/D 4/30/11 11:44 AM**

Approve the Rink Hockey Report. (See Addendum B)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A lunch break was when taken, returning to session at 1:05 PM. Tim Rounds, the National Championships videographer, was present to speak with the Board. He played a video for the Board and asked if they had ever seen it. Most had not. He has a website located at [www.skatersplace.com](http://www.skatersplace.com), where videos are available which felt should have a link from the USARS website. Over 150,000 people visited this website last year, and our Board didn’t even know it existed.

Rounds also voiced his concern about a lack of publicity on how to find the live broadcast of our 2010 Roller Figure and Speed Skating National Championships on the USARS website, as well as the need to click multiple times to get to the link. To be certain the feed is good, we need to assure that there is a T-1 bandwidth available at our Championships sites. Rounds wants to be a partner, not just a vendor. He wants to get out there and use the website to our advantage, as an inexpensive way to publicize our sport. He is also working on a learn-to-skate video with Gloria Manning and Tony Berger (which was viewed later).

**DIRECTIVE 6:** Richard will work on (1) USARS website front page ID of a link for National Championships video coverage, (2) Assuring T-1 bandwidth feed at future National Championships venues, and (3) Adequate publicity to promote the website of Tim Rounds – [www.skatersplace.com](http://www.skatersplace.com).

George Pickard, Chairman of the Inline Hockey Committee, had a printed report in the agenda material. He did not cover the entire report, but chose to highlight the need to identify someone to be certain there is adequate coverage of the World Championships to be able to prepare articles for the magazine on the various teams. Pickard recommended that the Team Manger should take the responsibility to find someone who would be willing to collect daily team tidbits and photos that can later be used in the articles. Bill Sisson said that he takes a thumb drive to the organizers and gets all of the official Championships results downloaded to it.

**MOTION 15: B/D 4/30/11 1:52 PM**

To approve the Inline Hockey Committee Report, including dates. (See Addendum C)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

George Pickard next gave the Hall of Fame and Honor Committee recommendations. The first was to strike the restriction which limits the Athlete Hall of Fame to amateurs only, by deleting the words "amateur" in all its published criteria. The criteria for USARS Athlete Hall of Fame was written in 1983 during the era of the International Olympic Committee's pure amateur status view, when all national Olympic Committees, as well as their subordinate National and International Sport Federations, were required to comply, as did USA Roller Sports. With professional athletes now being a part of the Olympic Games, it is no longer a restrictive issue.

**MOTION 16: B/D 4/30/11 1: 59 PM**

Remove “Amateur” from the Athletes Hall of Fame description, purpose and criteria as follows:

**Athletes Hall of Fame** - The USARS ~~Amateur~~ Athletes Hall of Fame was instituted in 1983 to honor those individuals and teams who have made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating. Only those who, through their skating performances, have materially influenced and enriched the sport shall be considered for election to the Hall. Election to the ~~Amateur~~ Athletes Hall of Fame will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee for those persons who have transformed competitive roller skating through their athletic achievements in their chosen event or discipline. Such contributions must be of a lasting nature. See below criteria.

**THE USARS ~~AMATEUR~~ ATHLETES ROLLER SKATING HALL OF FAME**

**Purpose:**

The USARS ~~Amateur~~ Athletes Hall of Fame was instituted in 1983 to honor those individuals and teams who have *by their skating prowess* made exceptional contributions to the sport of roller skating. ~~Only those who, through their skating performances, have materially influenced and enriched the sport shall be considered for election to the Hall of Fame.~~ Election to the ~~Amateur~~ Athletes Hall of Fame will be considered annually by the USARS Hall of Fame Committee for those persons who have transformed ~~competitive~~ roller skating through their athletic achievements in their chosen event or discipline. Such contributions must be of a lasting nature.

**Criteria:**

1. The person/team must have influenced all other competitors in his or her discipline through one or more of the following: innovations in movement or style; high performance standards; training or competitive techniques; or persistent and inspirational leadership.
2. The numbers of skating titles won by an individual or team, or the length of their amateur career is not an automatic qualification for election to the Hall. However, these factors may be taken into account in considering the individual's high performance standards or their persistent and inspirational leadership.
3. The individual's contribution to the sport of roller skating must have been made during the time he or she was ~~competing as~~ an ~~amateur~~ athlete.
4. Eligibility for election to the Hall of Fame shall not be limited to skaters from one or more specific ~~amateur~~ roller skating bodies. Specifically, not only skaters affiliated with USARS shall be considered, but also those individuals who competed under the auspices of other roller skating sports organizations. These include, but are not limited to: United States Federation of Amateur Roller Skaters, United States Amateur Roller Skating Association, Roller Skating Rink Operators Association, and other, pre-1937 federations such as the Western Skating Association, International Skating Union of America, and the Amateur Roller Skating Association of America.
5. Regardless of which organization the individual skated under, or how great his or her accomplishments are said to be, proof of the individual's contributions to the sport of roller skating must exist for the individual to be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame. Such documentary proof shall consist of published archival and library items, and reports of interviews conducted with the individual's contemporaries. If possible, all of the individual's contributions should be confirmed in at least three different sources.
6. Although the selection of individuals to the Hall of Fame shall not be limited to American citizens, only those skaters who have made significant contributions of a lasting nature to the sport of roller skating in the United States shall be eligible.
7. Individuals must be retired from official national or world competitions and must not have competed at the elite level of that discipline ~~for cash prizes~~ for a minimum of five (5) competitive seasons to be eligible for election to the Hall of Fame.

8. In the case of the death of an outstanding ~~amateur~~ skater who meets all of the requirements, other than #7 listed above, the USARS Board of Directors, by unanimous secret ballot, may waive the time requirement listed under #7.
9. The annual number of individuals or teams that may be inducted in the ~~Amateur~~ Athletes Hall of Fame is limited to three or less nominees in the Current category (five years or more retired from competition) and one additional nominee may be proposed in the Veteran category (retired at least 15 years). Any number of candidates in excess of this limitation must receive 2/3 approval from the USARS Board of Directors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Pickard next turned to nominations for individual honors.

**MOTION 17: B/D 4/30/11 2:00 PM**

To approve the induction of *Keith Turner, Kernersville, North Carolina*, into the *Athletes Hall of Fame*. Keith Turner was known primarily as a sprinter of great ability and was a member of the 1995 through 2000 USA World Speed Skating Teams. He also participated in the 1997 World Games and in the 1999 Pan American Games on the U.S. Team.

National Senior Champion Outdoor Road Races: 300m in 1994-96-97-98-99; 500m in 1996-97-98;  
National Senior Champion Banked Track Nationals: 300m in 1994-95-96-99; 500m in 1995-97-99-2000; 1500m in 1998; 20000m in 1997.

World Championship Placements

2000 - 2 Gold, 2 Silver

1999 - 2 Gold, 1 Bronze

1998 - 4 Gold, 1 Silver

1997 - 2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze

1996 - 3 Gold, 1 Bronze

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 18: B/D 4/30/11 2:00 PM**

To approve the induction of *Roland Cioni, Norristown, Pennsylvania*, into the *Athlete Hall of Fame* as the first professional speed skater to be enrolled in the Veterans category of the Athlete's Hall of Fame. Cioni is recognized and pictured for his achievements as a roller athlete by four respected published sources: *Skaters History of Ice and Roller Skating 1916* by Julian Fitzgerald; *Roller Skating Through the Years 1944* by Morris Traub; *The History of Roller Skating 1997* by James Turner; *Titans and Heroes of American Roller Skating 2010* by George Pickard. Quoting from Turner's book, "On March 25, 1914, Roland Cioni won his first World Professional Speed Skating Championship at the Palace Rink in Detroit. Skating against the best in the world, Roland Cioni remained undefeated in individual competition until his retirement in 1921, after capturing eight straight World Roller Speed Racing titles."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 19: B/D 4/30/11 2:01 PM**

To approve the induction of *Charlie Lucas of Waco, Texas*, into the *Coaches Hall of Fame*. Artistic and Speed Coach in the South Central Region for 30 plus years, produced many National and World Champions from 1983 – 1998. Clinic Leader for the Developmental/Elite Clinics in Colorado Springs many times from 1986 – 1995, he has participated in numerous foreign clinics in promotion of roller speed skating. U.S. World Speed Team Coach in 2001, 2002, 2010, and named for 2011. Produced seven coaches who at some point in their careers have coached at the National or World level.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 20: B/D 4/30/11 2:03 PM**

To approve the induction of *Mike Pattison of Federal Way, Washington*, into the *Coaches Hall of Fame*. Born into a skating family whose grandfather and parents ran rinks in Washington State. The family business is being passed on to Mike's son, going into the fourth generation. Mike began coaching speed skating in 1964 following his own successful competitive career. Pattison has won the high point club trophy in the Northwest Region for speed skating for the past 20 years, producing Regional and National Champions. His rink has been the home of World Champion speed skaters Joey Mantia and Julie Glass. Olympic ice speed skating champions Apollo Ohno and JR Celski had roller speed skating careers at Pattison's West Roller Rink.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 21: B/D 4/30/11 2: 04 PM**

To approve the induction of *Tom Panno of Laguna Beach, California*, into the *Coaches Hall of Fame*. Tom Panno began his coaching career 46 years ago with his peak production at Nationals occurring over a six year period, 1965 – 1970, during which his skaters acquired 25 medals at the National Championships in artistic events. He conducted beginner classes through elite private lessons and has mentored many west coast coaches toward success in this profession. Listed among his successful students are: Jim Bray, Pam Stewart, Trisha Hiller, Doug Eley, Chris Baerg, and Shannon Gentile.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 22: B/D 4/30/11 2:05 PM**

To approve the induction of *Brad Bradner of Orlando, Florida*, into the *Distinguished Service Hall of Fame*. At his own expense, Bradner built a banked track in Couderay, Wisconsin, to train American speed skaters before such a track was otherwise available in the United States. Many USA World Teams trained on his facility, located in a remote corner of the state of Wisconsin. Bradner's adult life was devoted to roller skating, marketing a competitive speed skate that was for a time the hot equipment for elite competitions. Athletes were welcome to train on Brad's track, whether they wore his skate or not. Brad Bradner had a life mission to support roller speed skaters and to do all he could to enhance performances.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 23: B/D 4/30/11 2:06 PM**

To approve bestowing *Charles Wahlig Membership Life Membership* on *Janet Palm of Lancaster, New York*. Palm has been involved in all levels of roller skating competition, having served as a regional meet director and as a tabulator/scorer in service to generations of National and Regional Championship skaters. She has conducted numerous training sessions on artistic skating scoring.

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 24: B/D 4/30/11 2:07 PM**

To approve bestowing the *Shattuck Award* on *Kristine Gallatin Heger of Winter Park, Colorado*, cited for her unceasing continuation of the Gallatin family tradition of service to competitive speed skating administration at the Indoor and Outdoor National Speed Skating Championships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award was established in 1983 to honor a current competitive skater 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 25: B/D 4/30/11 2:08 PM**

To approve bestowing the *Ringeisen Award* on *Mario Valencia of Cali, Colombia*. Upon experiencing a series of extraordinary disasters on both track and road at the 2010 FIRS World Speed Skating Championships, including several trips, fouls, and being blocked by rival teams, Valencia went on to win more medals than any other USA Junior or Senior competitor at the 2010 World Championships, including a win in the final race, the Junior Men's marathon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

**MOTION 26: B/D 4/30/11 2:09 PM**

To approve bestowing the *Van Roekel Award* on *Annelle Anderson of Fort Worth, Texas*, for her tireless dedication to competitive roller skating for nearly a half century as meet host, chapter officer, national board member, committee chairperson, executive board member, national officer, volunteer championship registrar, mentor, arbitrator, National Roller Skating Museum President, and

on and on. Annelle Anderson throughout her life has shown the deepest devotion to furthering the sport of roller skating at home and throughout the United States.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 27: B/D 4/30/11 2:10 PM**

To approve presenting the USARS Roller Figure Skater(s) of the Year Award for 2010 to *Kyle Turley and Heather Menard of Spring, Texas*, Silver Medalists in Senior Dance at the 2010 FIRS World Figure Skating Championships in Portimao, Portugal

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 28: B/D 4/30/11 2: 10 PM**

To approve presenting the *USARS Speed Skater of the Year Award for 2010* to *Mario Valencia of Cali, Colombia*. Upon experiencing a series of extraordinary setbacks, Mario went on to win more medals than any other USA Junior or Senior competitor at the 2010 FIRS World Roller Speed Skating Championship, including a gold medal in the final race, the Junior Men's marathon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 29: B/D 4/30/11 2:11 PM**

To approve presenting the *USARS Rink Ball Hockey Player of the Year Award for 2010* to *Shawn Schmeltzer of Utica, New York*. Acclaimed by his fellow athletes for his offensive prowess and tenacity to score, Schmeltzer was the USA team's leading scorer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 30: B/D 4/30/11 2:12 PM**

To approve presenting the *USARS Inline Hockey Player of the Year Award for 2010* to *Mike Urbano of Huntington Beach, California*. Acclaimed at the 2010 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships in the Czech Republic as best goal keeper, and a leading contributor to the Gold Medal success of Team USA.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 31: B/D 4/30/11 2:13 PM**

Approve presenting a *USARS Meritorious Service Award* to *John and Gail Easton of Titusville, Florida*, for their assistance in redrafting the skate dance diagrams into a facile computer format by use of a CAD computer program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 32: B/D 4/30/11 2:14 PM**

Approve presenting a *USARS Meritorious Service Award* to *Robert Styma* of *Phoenix, Arizona*, for his creation of a new computer tabulating program for roller figure skating.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 33: B/D 4/30/11 2:15 PM**

Approve the following as our nomination for the *USOC Roller Sports Team of 2010*, the Gold Medal USA Men's World Championships Inline Hockey Team: *Ryan Bond, Dustin Brown (Goalie), Jose Cadiz, Jr., Travis Fudge, Eric Keene, Joshua Laricchia, Peter Messina, Jr., Jonathan Mosenson, James Redstreak, Dustin Roux, Charles Sgrillo II, Kelly Spain, Gregory Thompson, and Michael Urbano (Goalie)*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 34: B/D 4/30/11 2:15 PM**

Approve the following as our nomination for the *USOC Roller Sports Male Athlete of the Year for 2010* – *Mike Urbano of Huntington Beach, California* - Inline Hockey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 35: B/D 4/30/11 2:16 PM**

Approve the following as our nomination for the *USOC Roller Sports Female Athlete of the Year for 2010* - *Charlotte Nicholson of Morrisville, North Carolina* - Inline Hockey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 36: B/D 4/30/11 2:16 PM**

Approve the following as our nomination for the *USOC National Coach of the Year for 2010* – *Charlie Lucas of Waco, Texas* – Speed Skating.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 37: B/D 4/30/11 2:17 PM**

Approve the following as our nomination for the *USOC Roller Sports Volunteer Coach of the Year for 2010* – *Chuck Thuss, Mobile, Alabama* – Inline Hockey

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 38: B/D 4/30/11 2:17 PM**

Approve the following as our nomination for the *USOC Roller Sports Developmental Coach of the Year for 2010* – *Chris Baerg of Fountain Valley, California* – Roller Figure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following two awards are to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of their discipline of the sport in the service of competitive roller skating under the aegis of USARS as judges, referees, scorers and other significant competition support officials. These awards are to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met.

**MOTION 39: B/D 4/30/11 2:18 PM**

To present the *Marie Walker Award for Roller Figure Skating* to *Marty Bailey of Diamond Bar, California.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 40: B/D 4/30/11 2:18 PM**

To present the *Billy Sisson Award for Rink Ball Hockey* to *James Jost of East Troy, Wisconsin.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A 10 minute break was taken.

There was some confusion about the policy for discussion of the proposals that were submitted via the Figure Committee. As an athlete representative on the Roller Figure Skating Committee, April Jacobson felt that she should have been able to discuss them with athletes in the field, but was advised against this. Because these are big changes, Gloria Manning agreed that they should first be seen by our members. Jim Pollard stated that changes need to be made now that we don't have the same number of participants as we once did. Danny Brown felt that the proposal does consolidate the numbers in an effort to have a profitable event. If it goes to the field, what we are trying to achieve from this proposal should be stated. It is necessary to get more skaters in fewer events. It takes time to digest the information.

George Pickard said that he was impressed with Danny's comments. It has become impossible to run a program that is focused nationally and internationally, without numbers at the local level. The focus now should be how to get this back to the rink level -- the events, the age groups, the content that is needed to facilitate a rebuilding of artistic and speed skating. Tony Berger said that this is business. You need to have a good grassroots program. The consensus seemed to be that this was a lot of change to make all at once, without anyone having the opportunity to see the changes that could be coming. It was noted, however, that the Special Committee and Figure Committee did meet the objectives of the directive as made by the Chairman at the last Board Meeting. If approved, the skating requirements will come from the Figure Committee (which was later directed to prepare requirements to be ready for approval).

**MOTION 41: B/D 4/30/11 3:25 PM**

Accept the Figure Committee Report, effective for the 2011-2012 season.

Roll Call Vote:

Adamy-Yes  
Gustafson-No  
Nicholson-No  
Wood-No

Anderson-No  
Hansen-No  
Pollard-Yes

Brown-No  
Kolibaba-Yes  
Sisson-Yes

Jacosbon-No  
Manning-No  
Vittese-Abstain

4 YES, 8 NO, 1 ABSTAIN – MOTION DEFEATED

**DIRECTIVE 7:** To send the report back to the Figure Technical Committee to be placed on the USA Roller Sports website in order to collect comments and review by the membership (no vote). Regional representatives should be contacted for their opinions. The proposal, after getting this input, shall be discussed at the Regional Representatives Meeting at the National Championships in July/August (without vote). The Technical Committee shall vote on the final proposal and a conference call of the entire board will be conducted to vote on the resulting recommendations of the committee.

Copies of the Finance and/or Executive Committee meetings conducted since our last Board Meeting were provided to the Board. Relative to a directive to Richard Hawkins from the November 11 minutes, he was able to confirm that USARS can bar an athlete from competition in trials or the world championships for non-payment of world championships expenses as long as they are given reasonable notice.

**MOTION 42: B/D 4/30/11 3:40 PM**

Approve the following:

Minutes from Executive and Finance Committee Conference Call – November 2, 2010; Minutes from Executive and Finance Committee Conference Call – November 11, 2010; Minutes from Executive Committee Conference Call – November 14, 2010; Minutes from Executive Committee Conference Call – February 20, 2011. (See Addendum D-G)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

David Adamy, Chairman of the Membership Eligibility Committee, reported that there were several protests that the Committee needed to meet about. While reviewing the mandated process, it was noticed that there was a discrepancy in the rules of the informal hearing procedures involving non-protected competitions, where one referred to 14 days to respond and the other referred to seven working days to respond. The Committee recommended that both should list 14 days.

**MOTION 43: B/D 4/30/11 3: 48 PM**

Amend GR12.06.02 and GR12.06.03 to provide a response time of fourteen (14) days from the date of the effective notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 44: B/D 4/30/11 3: 55 PM**

Approve use of electronic communication for the Membership Committee, subject to clarification of USOC legal counsel, as follows:

GR12.06.06 The informal hearing shall be conducted by the Membership Eligibility Committee based upon a review of the statements and documents submitted by the protested person, and the complainant, and those collected and submitted by the investigator. These documents may include written statements of the protested person or any witnesses and documentary evidence. The protested person, the complainant, or their representatives, and the investigator, also may provide a written argument or explanation of the evidence. The Membership Eligibility Committee may convene in person, or by telephone conference call *or e-mail* to examine the evidence, make its findings and render its decision. Neither the complainant, the protested person nor their representatives shall have the right to participate in person or by telephone during the informal hearing. The minutes of the meeting, the statements, documents, arguments and explanations reviewed, and the written decision of the Committee shall constitute the record of the hearing.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Hawkins gave his USOC Roller Skating Representative Report. He stated that the Pan Am Sports are continuing to lobby to receive funding. A copy of a letter composed by the Executive Directors of the Pan Am Only sports was provided. The topic is supposed to be discussed at a June USOC Meeting. Funding previously given to Senior Speed Team athletes to attend the World Championships has gone down from \$100,000, to \$50,000 and has now been totally eliminated for 2011. A request has been submitted for reinstatement of this funding. He further reported that he would be attending the annual conference of the Association of Chief Executives of Sport in Phoenix in May. There are a variety of topics that could provide useful information for our sport and business activities.

Trace Hansen, USOC Athlete Advisory Council representative for USA Roller Sports, was not able to attend the April AAC meeting in New York City, but our alternate representative, Aubrey Orcutt, did attend. A list of topics that were covered was provided to the Board. The next meeting will be at the Olympic Assembly in Colorado Springs, in September of 2011.

Hansen stated that he was concerned that the roller figure skating trials for Pan Am Games was schedule for the day after qualification of the World Team.

**DIRECTIVE 8:** Trace Hansen was asked to send his schedule recommendations to Jane Wojnarowsky and Ed Harney to see if there could be any schedule adjustments.

Jim Pollard, CIPA President, wanted to remind everyone that visas are required for entry into Brazil to attend the 2011 World Roller Figure Skating Championships and provided a copy of the Championships schedule. He talked about a new event, the World Artistic Games, which could include roller figure skaters, along with other sports such as acrobatics, synchronized swimming and diving athletes, dancing, etc. He mentioned efforts that were underway in China to host an open competition with cash prizes. In 2013 the dates of the World Games are in conflict with our National Championships, as are the dates of the 2015 Pan Am Games. We will need to be prepared to do some kind of a waiver to permit individual athlete participation.

Richard Hawkins gave a report on his involvement with the CIC and some of the politics of the Committee. The international speed rule book is being updated by CIC President Marotta and another non-committee member. At the FIRS Executive Board Meeting in Portimao, Portugal, in December of 2010, the following changes were approved. Starting in 2011, the minimum age to participate at the World Championships in the Junior category is 15 years and the maximum is 19 years as of December 31 of the year of the

Championships. In addition, starting in 2011 the use of earphones is forbidden at all intercontinental and world speed skating events.

Hawkins stated that he hopes to continue in this position in the future, as he enjoys his involvement with conducting the Championships and being someone that many of the smaller countries are comfortable in coming to with their questions and problems. In addition, the USOC looks favorably upon NGBs that have representation on the international committees and in the international federations.

Richard Hawkins continued with a report on his involvement as the Coach of the Speed Team that traveled to Rosario, Argentina, in March to participate in the Pan Am Championships, in order to qualify the USA to participate in the Pan Am Games with a speed team. He noted that the speed team and the figure team were supportive of each other, often eating together or shopping together.

Danny Brown also attended the Pan Am Championships, but as the Roller Figure Skating Team Coach. He reported that every member of the figure team came home with a medal, 10 total. He was impressed with the great team and also with the help from parents who attended. Brown provided some highlights from a meeting of the National Federations and noted that the CPRS Congress will convene during the Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico. All CPRS positions are up for election to four year terms. He further reported on roller sports and the 2015 Pan Game Games in Toronto and efforts to have all roller sports disciplines included as participants.

On behalf of the Elite Coaches Selection Committee, Richard Hawkins, Chairman, reported that they had received three applications for this status, but only two were approved at this time.

**MOTION 45: B/D 4/30/11 4:45 PM**

To approve *USARS Elite Coach status* for the following speed skating coaches: *Ed Mueller and Jay Ingram*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At the last USARS Board Meeting, the process for election of members of the Committee on Committees was amended to be as follows: The Committee on Committees must include the USARS President/USARS Chairman, in addition to four current Board Members who are elected at the Semiannual 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 Annual Board Meeting, where the Board will discuss and vote on these recommendations. The Committee on Committees will serve through the end of the Semiannual Board Meeting in April/May.

**MOTION 46: B/D 4/30/11 4:47 PM**

Approve the Committee on Committees to remain as last year: George Kolibaba-Chairman, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson, Mark Vittese and Trace Hansen as the athlete representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Kolibaba announced that the meeting would be called to order the next day at 9:00 AM. The meeting was recessed at 4:47 PM.

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The meeting was called back to order in the Atlantis Meeting Room on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 9:10 AM. Roll was called and all Board Members and guests from the previous day were again present (with guest George Pickard arriving after roll was called). Also present at some time during the morning were Kim Wall and Tina Robertson.

This year the terms of three Foundation Trustees were expiring. Each had agreed to serve again.

**MOTION 47: B/D 5/1/11 9:11 AM**

Re-elect Scott Kleiman, David Ramsey and George Pickard to the Foundation Board of Trustees for three-year terms that will expire in 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A list of Regional Championships was reviewed and a few clarifications made.

**MOTION 48: B/D 4/30/11 9:19 AM**

Approve the 2011 Regional Championships sites, subject to receipt of performance bonds, floor sizes, etc., where not listed. (See Addendum H)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**MOTION 49: B/D 4/30/11 9:25 AM**

Move to approve Regional Championships sites at the Fall USARS Board Meeting the year prior to the date they will take place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**DIRECTIVE 9:** The National Office is directed to send a letter of notice to Regional Chairmen to tell them that Regional Championships will now be approved at the Fall Board Meeting prior to the event.

The dates for the Fall Board Meeting were tentatively set for October 1 and 2 in Lincoln. These dates were chosen to avoid being on a football weekend and because the fall roller skating event schedule is very busy. Billy Sisson noted that he would have a conflict on those dates, because of the World Rink Hockey Championships.

**DIRECTIVE 10:** The National Office will review the fall schedule of roller sports events and the Nebraska football schedule, and try to find dates that will work for everyone.

The Board discussed the problem of financial reports from the National Office not being timely. A review was made of the most recent report received and questions were asked. Some recommendations to clarify line items were made, separating some that had been consolidated which made the true picture somewhat difficult to ascertain.

Tina Robertson, RSA Vice President, briefly stopped in to thank us for holding our meeting at the RSA convention site and said that if we need anything to let her know.

**DIRECTIVE 11:** Richard Hawkins will contact our membership insurance carrier to ask for the renewal rates for 2012 sooner than last year – perhaps basing them on our sports loss experience prior to the end of the season – so that we can get our membership renewals out earlier.

**DIRECTIVE 12:** The Finance Committee should look at breaking out the “bad debts” from the Museum from other bad debts as a line item on the budget, consider splitting the rental for our Roller Figure Skating National Championships venue and rental for the practice rink into separate lines, USARS contributions to World Teams should be separated from the individual athlete contributions, reimbursements should be separated too. An expense breakout of all World Championships should be provided.

**DIRECTIVE 13:** Based on cash currently in the USARS checking account, more funds should be deposited into a short term money market account, or something else that would provide interest but permit the funds to be accessible as needed, on a limited basis. Hawkins will make a recommendation to the Finance Committee.

**DIRECTIVE 14:** Ask Jonathan Beukelman to come to our next Board Meeting in Lincoln and update the Board on USARS investments.

**DIRECTIVE 15:** The Roller Figure Skating Committee was asked to prepare requirements for the proposed divisions, if approved.

During the 2010 Fall Board Meeting, Gloria Manning and Tony Berger were asked to work on updating grassroots class material and to work with Tim Rounds to obtain taped material that could be put on-line and distributed to the rinks. They presented the first cut of a video that could be used. There were several items that the two felt could be improved for the next version and they were asking for additional input from the Board. Using the RSA and the USARS logo on the opening was discussed. Before this would be done, it was agreed that input and approval would need to come from the RSA via Ron Liette, its President. Manning also passed out a couple of letters that could be used to distribute the videos to rinks when they are ready to go out.

Kim Wall gave a quick report regarding the 2011 Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating Nationals in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have been in conversation with Richard Hawkins in preparation, and Richard will be making another site visit prior to the event. One of the questions raised was whether or not there could be a parking pass for the competition facility. While this is not possible, they will give our participants a one day pass with in and out privileges, at a cost yet to be determined but expected to be between \$7 and \$8. Several Board Members felt that this was reasonable.

Hotels have seen significant bookings and they are so pleased that the time has been blocked for a couple of years out so that they can bid for a future Championships. The Coliseum will offer food items that are similar to those in Peoria, making more healthy options. The Coliseum staff is working with USARS people on a live feed throughout the Coliseum. Two social skates will take place, with the income going to support USARS World Teams. There will be some paid local advertising provided. The local college would like to be involved in setting up some kind of a local outdoor speed event. Everyone is excited about the Championships in Fort Wayne and the possibility of hosting another one in the future. Jim Pollard noted

that we may want to review the dates anticipated for the 2013 Nationals, due to some potential international conflicts.

A few other questions came up. One was about getting from the host hotel to the venue across a busy street. Wall thought that the hotel planned to increase shuttle service. The host hotel will be asked if they can extend restaurant hours and others in the area can be contacted as well. There are also two “Reunion Skates” planned, one for Speed on July 16 and one for Figure on July 23. The admissions for this will also go to the World Team Travel Fund. A flyer will be included in each registration packet. Wall invited anyone with questions to e-mail him at [kim@rollerdomenorth.com](mailto:kim@rollerdomenorth.com).

**MOTION 50: B/D 5/1/11 12:00 Noon**

To adjourn the 2011 USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADDENDA**  
**SPRING SEMIANNUAL USA ROLLE SPORTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**APRIL 30-MAY 1, 2011 – ORLANDO, FLORIDA**  
**See Separate Document**

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