

**MINUTES**  
**2008 ANNUAL USA ROLLER SPORTS**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**October 17-18-19, 2008 - Peoria, Illinois**  
**Approved by USARS Board - 10/27/08**

The U.S.A. Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order in closed session on Friday, October 17, 2009, at 6:45 PM in the Directors Room of the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Peoria, Illinois. Roll was called and the following Board Members were present:

George Kolibaba - President/Chair  
Bill Sisson - Treasurer  
Annelle Anderson  
John Gustafson  
Danny Brown

David Adamy - Vice President  
Ricci Porter (Substitute Speed Athlete)  
Jim Pollard  
Jane Wojnarowsky

Board Member Toby Tagliapietra was delayed by traffic and Steven Findlay, Toby Mathews and Mark Vittese were unable to attend any of the sessions. Also present were Richard Hawkins - USARS Executive Director, and Peggy Young - Recording Secretary.

The Board discussed possible restructuring of the organization and of its disciplines. No actions were taken during this session and the meeting recessed at 8:55 PM.

The U.S.A. Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting was called back to order in open session on Saturday, October 18, 2009, at 8:10 AM in the Sky Room of the Prairie Building in Peoria, Illinois. Roll was called and the same Board Members were again present, but also including Toby Tagliapietra.

Others present were John Purcell - RSA Executive Director, Richard Hawkins - USARS Executive Director, Peggy Young - Recording Secretary, Debra Adamy, Mike Bell, Barbara Brooks, Diane Brown, Robert Comeau, Joe and Debbie Cotter, Bud and Shirley Engle, Randall Harbuck, Ed Harney, Jim Larsen, Gloria Manning, John Rangel, Ken Shelton, and Jeanne Sincavage.

Neither the elected Speed Athlete Representative, Gypsy Tidwell, or the alternate, Josh Wood, were able to participate. Ricci Porter met the criteria for a Speed Athlete Representative and was asked to be present for that purpose. The city of Peoria had many events going on this weekend, and for this reason our meeting was being held in a commercial facility just across the street from the Peoria Civic Center, where a large cheerleading competition is taking place. Following the close of the meeting, a tour could be taken of the Civic Center, where the 2009 Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating Championships will take place.

**MOTION 1: B/D 10/18/08 8:12 AM**

Ratify the Mail Ballot dated March 3, which approved the Minutes of the 2008 USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, February 22-23-24, 2008.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The first item for discussion was a review of the joint efforts of the RSA and USA Roller Sports. Danny Brown reported that there was a new, slightly amended contract for the Joint Achievement Tests program in the RSA office that needs to be signed. He stated that there has been difficulty with the electronics of the database. They have uploaded at least two new versions of the software, and additional updates are ready to be uploaded. But there remains a problem with the host organization, and right now the site is not active. They have experienced password problems, but from a user standpoint the site is greatly improved. Copies of payments receipts for income from the RSA showed nearly \$6000, received by USA Roller Sports between January and July of 2008. Jane Wojnarowsky stated that there were some changes in the Achievement Tests structure from the last Board Meeting that needed to be put on the RSA website. There is a signed agreement that renews annually without signature, unless changes are to be made.

**DIRECTIVE 1:** USA Roller Sports needs to receive and review the proposed clarification of the formula for shared revenue, which will be included in the Achievement Test agreement.

At an earlier Board Meeting there was a motion to approach the Roller Skating Association regarding the possibility of a program for jam skaters in the rink, to include discussions on event sanctions, etc. And on another agenda item, it was reported that no action had yet been taken to try to implement Achievement Tests for speed skating.

**DIRECTIVE 2:** John Purcell, the Executive Director of the RSA, was asked to give us a list of rinks that are doing jam skating sessions or events.

As discussed at the February Board Meeting in New Orleans, because the end of the fiscal year has changed from August 31, to become December 31, identification of the annual and semiannual board meeting in the USARS Constitution and By-Laws needed to be amended.

**MOTION 2: B/D 10/18/08 8:22 AM**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least twice each year at a time and place, either within or without the State of Nebraska, designated by the President. The ~~annual~~ *semiannual* meeting shall be held within ~~ninety (90)~~ *one-hundred-twenty (120)* days of the close of the fiscal year. The ~~semi-annual~~ *annual* meeting shall be held not less than four (4) or more than seven (7) months after the ~~annual~~ *semiannual* meeting. USARS.” (With the change of the USARS fiscal year to conclude on December 31, we can change these meeting designations and other references to these meeting will be correct and the meeting names can remain unchanged.)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Also at the New Orleans Board Meeting in February, a motion was made to distribute 2.5 percent of the net profit from the Roller Figure Skating National Championships to the Senior World Roller Figure Team to aid in funding their attendance at the World Championships. At this time no dollar amount had been confirmed, however, it appeared that 2.5 percent is incorrect. This item was referred back to the Finance Committee for a report to the Board before adjournment.

**DIRECTIVE 3:** Finance needs to get together and come back with an amount to be given to the Senior World Roller Figure Skating Team.

Judy Graves provided a written report on fund raising efforts for the World Class Athlete Travel Endowment Fund. Since the endowment fund raising effort was started in December of 2005, her report listed 59 donors who have contributed a total of \$23,706. Letters from a former USA World Team member from each discipline will be prepared and sent out to others involved in their sports discipline to motivate giving. The funds received by USA Roller Sports can be specifically ear-marked for use by Art, Speed, Rink Hockey or Inline Hockey World Teams. Once the principal gifts reach \$100,000, grant requests can be submitted to several charitable and corporate foundations to help us reach our goal of \$4 million dollars. Annelle Anderson stated that the South Central Region made a sizeable contribution to the fund that did not show up on this list, and Richard Hawkins confirmed its receipt. Hawkins reported that the sample flyer provided in the agenda book had been sent out with every membership card and was included in the National Championship athlete packets in Lincoln.

Jane Wojnarowsky has been working with Ricci Porter to conduct an International Figure Skating Academy. The dates are difficult to establish because of the return from World Championships and the holidays. Wojnarowsky stated that we need to plan to have this Academy in 2010 to give participants adequate time to budget for their attendance.

**MOTION 3: B/D 10/18/08 8:35 AM**

Establish a Roller Figure Skating Academy in 2010, dates to be determined and subject to US Olympic Training Center availability.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

An update was given on the Judges, Coaches and Skater's Conference, scheduled for Las Vegas, December 4-7. New speakers are being added this year and the Technical Committee will review new information for next year. An application and program of speakers was included in the agenda material.

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

**DIRECTIVE 4:** Finance Committee is directed to determine what the member fee will be for January 1 - December 31, 2010, when the membership year reverts back to 12 months in length.

The original motion passed at the October 2007 Board Meeting, did not include a requirement for Team Athletic Trainers to pass background checks, probably because for OTC clinics this requirement was already in place.

**MOTION 4: B/D 10/18/08 8:35 AM**

Amend the following to include background checks for athletic trainers:

- (a) International Team USA leaders, ~~and~~ coaches *and athletic trainers*, and coaching staff at camps and clinics held at the USOC must pass a background check. USARS will cover the cost of the check for these individuals.
- (b) Other USARS member coaches and officials have the option to pay for their own background check, with a designation of successful results being added to their USARS membership card.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Board next turned to New Business.

**MOTION 5: B/D 10/18/08 8:37 AM**

Approve the following new rule - GR4.01.03 - Meet Directors Certification courses are conducted at the USARS National Championships and at USARS coaches conferences. There are separate certification courses for Artistic, Hockey and Speed Meet Directors. Certification is valid for a three-year period, providing USARS does not receive verified complaints on the Meet Director that warrants action by the USARS Board of Directors and that the Meet Director maintains USARS membership. To be eligible to participation in a Meet Director Certification course, an applicant must:

- Be a current USARS member
- Be a minimum of 25 years of age
- Have some experience in conducting USARS sanctioned meets
- Obtain approval from the appropriate technical committee (Artistic, Hockey, or Speed)
- Include a list of their activities as a contest official for the past three years.

Certified Meet Directors must be recertified every three years by attending a Meet Directors Certification course.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A Meet Director Certification program is included on the schedule at the December, Las Vegas Judges, Coaches and Skaters Conference for figure skating directors.

**DIRECTIVE 5:** The names of applicants for the Meet Director Certification Program in Las Vegas shall be forwarded to the Technical Chair for approval.

It was noted, however, that there may be some who do not meet the criteria just approved who have already signed up and bought airline tickets to Las Vegas, and it would not be fair to restrict their participation at this time. Jim Pollard mentioned the possibility of having different levels of Meet Director Certification. This was discussed and brought back in Motion24 of these Minutes. Bill Sisson stated that Rink Hockey could offer a certification session at their National Championships this year.

A letter was received from a Carey Elder, stating that the Eastern Region performs many events through the year to help support and improve the sport for skaters, coaches, and judges. His region wanted to go on record, asking for a clear process to submit their educational session to obtain

certification/recertification points/extensions. They also suggested that seminars should be publicized for all interested parties by posting an application on the USARS website.

**DIRECTIVE 6:** Republish information showing a clear process for regions, club and individuals to get approval from USARS to hold seminars that qualify for one year certification/recertification and/or educational credits/points. Find the motion authorizing credits through regional programs and the process to use for getting approval through the Executive Director, and send it to the respective technical committees for review. Any changes to the process should be brought back at the next meeting.

Pollard mentioned that it can be a problem when seminars are given that don't match the national criteria. It has to be the same message for everyone. Consideration needs to be given for who the leaders are, what the topics are, how long the session will last and whether it is being given in years when we don't have a national seminar. It was agreed that the "Traveling Road Show" is best so that the same speakers give the same message to everyone.

Richard Hawkins, Ken Shelton and Jane Wojnarowsky were assigned to a Special Committee to review the Coaches Tests and the criteria for the Elite Status Coach. While discussing this, they realized the process was not encouraging for people to move up through the coaching ranks. Ken put together a recommendation that eliminates "restricted coaches". As the coach progresses, they have longer periods of certification. We need to amend our tests to match this new process. Speed has a lot of Level 1 Coaches who have National Champions, who have not taken the time to take tests or attend seminars. It was felt that this will encourage coaches to take the next step up the coaching ladder.

**MOTION 6: B/D 10/18/08 9:11 AM**

Effective immediately, approve the following new requirements for coaching levels 1, 2 and 3. They will be labeled "XC-1" Registered, "XC-2" Certified and "XC-3" Advanced. The X can be "A" for artistic, "S" for speed or "H" for hockey. The "Elite level 4" remains unchanged by this proposal.

The "Restricted Coach" category is eliminated by this proposal.

**XC-1 Registered Coach** – Applicant must meet basic USA/RS membership requirements and submit XC-1 Registered Coach's application and fees to USA/RS national office. The USA/RS national office will send the applicant a basic coaching skills study guide and test. The test is open-book and must be returned to the national office for evaluation. Only after passing the basic coaching skills test will the applicant be issued an XC-1 Registered Coach's card. The XC-1 Registered Coach's card is valid for one year and requires a basic coaching skills test be completed satisfactorily for renewal. The basic coaching skills test requirement for renewal will be waived if the XC-1 Registered Coach produced a national champion or two podium placements the previous year or attends an authorized USA/RS coach's conference.

**XC-2 Certified Coach** - Applicant must meet basic USA/RS membership requirements, have held a XC-1 Registered Coach's Card for one year and submit XC-2 Certified Coach's application and fees to USA/RS national office. The USA/RS national office will send the applicant a certified coaching skills study guide and test. The test is open-book and must be returned to the national office for evaluation. Only after passing the certified coaching skills test

will the applicant be issued an XC-2 Certified Coach's card. The XC-2 Certified Coach's card is valid for one year and requires a certified coaching skills test be completed satisfactorily for renewal every second year. The certified coaching skills test requirement for renewal will be waived if the XC-2 Certified Coach produces a national champion or two podium placements during the previous two years or attends an authorized USA/RS coach's conference.

**XC-3 Advanced Coach** - Applicant must meet basic USA/RS membership requirements, have held a XC-2 Certified Coach's Card for two years and submit XC-3 Advanced Coach's application and fees to USA/RS national office. The USA/RS national office will send the applicant an advanced coaching skills study guide. Advanced Coach's testing may be conducted at an authorized USA/RS coaches conference or the national championships, applicants will be notified of the time and place. The test is open-book and must be proctored by an approved USA/RS official. Only after passing the advanced coaching skills test will the applicant be issued an XC-3 Advanced Coach's card. The XC-3 Advanced Coach's card is valid for one year and requires an advanced coaching skills test be completed satisfactorily for renewal every four years. The advanced coaching skills test requirement for renewal will be waived if the XC-3 Advanced Coach produces a national champion or two podium placements during the previous four years or attends an authorized USA/RS coach's conference.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A letter was reviewed asking for a separate Regional Board in the Great Lakes Region for speed because of the dominance of roller figure representatives on the board. After discussion about the circumstances from several who were present, it was decided that this was a regional issue, and they need to figure out a process where speed will be more involved.

**DIRECTIVE 7:** The request for a separate Regional Board for Speed only was sent back to the region to resolve. It was stated that there is a Great Lakes Regional Meeting next weekend and speed representatives should be informed of the meeting and told they have the option for a speed rep on the Great Lakes Board.

Other Regional Chairs spoke up and said that they have a Vice Chair for Speed and a Vice Chair for Artistic. Money for each is in a separate account. Some regions meet as a group but hold their Regional Championships in different locations. And some meet separately with the Regional Chair person attending both meetings.

The Bid Criteria for USA Roller Sports Speed and Figure Skating National Championships had been amended and was submitted to the Board for approval, as attached.

**MOTION 7: B/D 10/18/08 9:40 AM**

Accept the amended bid criteria for the Speed and Figure Skating National Championships. (See Addendum A)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Added to the agenda under New Business was the need to establish a policy for regions to qualify skaters for Nationals, when the region is too small to hold a Regional Championships. The Executive

Committee granted direct entry to the Nationals for the Northeast Regional Speed skaters for the second year in a row. Because of low entry they could not run a viable contest. If next year they cannot conduct a Regional Championships they will need to qualify through participation in the Eastern Regional Championships. Pollard stated that our numbers told us five years ago that this would be happening and the numbers don't lie. We need to have more rinks with more coaches making more skaters.

A short break was taken with the meeting resuming at 10:16 AM.

Ken Shelton presented the Speed Committee Report. There was discussion of the need for a back-up finish line camera, electronic starting equipment and lap counting equipment. It is hard to get the blanks for starter pistols and this equipment has a horn that would blow signaling the start of the race. Photos of finishes were passed around and an explanation given of how the view using these cameras can be blocked by skaters who cannot hawk the finish line.

**MOTION 8: B/D 10/18/08 10:10 AM**

Approve the Speed Committee Report in its entirety, with the exception of their request for a budget for a camera, starting equipment and lap counting equipment, which was referred back to the Finance Committee for their review and response during this meeting. (See Addendum B for Speed Committee Report, which includes items approved by this motion.)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Jane Wojnarowsky, Chairperson of the Figure Committee, gave their report, and asked that the following go into effect for the 2008-2009 skating season.

**MOTION 9: B/D 10/18/08 10:20 PM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Time of Skating for:

- Premier Silver (Solo/Team): 4 repetitions
- Premier Gold (Solo/Team): 2 minutes (elimination and final rounds)
- Masters (Solo/Team): 4 repetitions
- Novice B Team: 4 repetitions
- Novice B Solo: 4 repetitions
- Esquire B Solo: 4 repetitions

(The above events will be skated and judged as two (2) skater/team flights)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 10: B/D 10/18/08 10:21 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

To lower the age requirements of the Novice A Team Dance event to eighteen (18) for both team members. (This will maintain age consistency throughout all Novice A events)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 11: B/D 10/18/08 10:35 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Championship Draw AR11.05.07

The championship draw for all figure, team and solo dance events will be posted to the USARS website on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Junior and Senior World Class National figure draw will take place on the practice day at the National Championships.

The Technical Committee recommends a “flip-flopping” of the requirements from the Regional Championships to the National Championships.

At the Regional and National Championships

- a) If there are a sufficient number of participants to hold an elimination round and a final round – the USARS “elimination listings” will be skated for the elimination round and the USARS “final listings” will be skated for the final round.
- b) If there is not a sufficient number of participants to hold an elimination round and a final round – the USARS “elimination listings” will be skated for the final round.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 12: B/D 10/18/08 10:50 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

General Rule AR8.02.05 (f)

Any skater or team placing 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the National Championships in an event that has less than five (5) contestants shall have the option to remain in that division, or to move to the next higher division. This rule does not apply to divisions that have a maximum age. *Placing in an event with less than five (5) contestants has no effect on future eligibility.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 13: B/D 10/18/08 10:51 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (g)

*Solo Dance skaters who participate in the International Youth Solo Dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Junior World Class Solo Dance division as well as their age appropriate domestic solo dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Junior World*



*Class Solo Dance division at the National Championships will prevent participation in the International Youth Solo Dance division in subsequent skating seasons.*

Motion 13a - Amend Motion 13 to include all items in #6 of the Figure Committee report - including (g) above:

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (h)

*Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Freshman (A) or Sophomore (A) Solo Dance divisions may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Junior Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Junior Solo Dance division at the National Championships will prevent participation in the Freshman (A) or Sophomore (A) Solo Dance divisions in subsequent skating seasons.*

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (i)

*Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Classic Solo Dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Junior Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Junior Solo Dance division at the National Championships will not prevent participation in the Classic Solo Dance division in subsequent skating seasons. (Refer to the rules for the Classic Solo Dance division).*

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (j)

*Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Junior Solo dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Senior Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Senior Solo Dance division at the National Championships will prevent participation in the Junior Solo Dance division in subsequent skating seasons.*

Solo Dance AR8.02.75 (k)

*Solo Dance skaters who participate in the Premier Gold Solo Dance division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Classic Solo Dance division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Classic Solo Dance division at the National Championships will not prevent participation in the Premier Gold or Silver Solo Dance divisions in subsequent skating seasons.*

**MOTION TO AMEND APPROVED**

**AMENDED MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 14: B/D 10/18/08 10:55 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Figure Skating AR8.02.100

*Figure skaters who participate in the Premier Gold Figure division may, during the same qualifying championships, participate in the Classic Figure division. Placing 1-2-3 in the Classic Figure division at the National Championships will not prevent participation in the Premier Gold or Silver Figure divisions in subsequent skating seasons.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 15: B/D 10/18/08 10:56 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

General Rule Clarifications

(The clarifications listed below are necessitated due to the Premier move-down rules and requirements within the events)...

Novice (A) Solo Division AR8.02.85

*Events shall consist of registered amateur skaters and teacher/coach skaters who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older, who have never placed at a National Championship in any Solo Dance event excluding Level (B), Level (C), Novice (A), Esquire (A), Masters (A), Veterans (A), Premier (A) Silver and Premier (A) Gold divisions.*

Novice (A) Team Dance AR8.02.61

*Events shall consist of registered amateur skaters and teacher/coach skaters who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older, who have never placed at a National Championship in any Team Dance event excluding Level (B), Level (C), Novice (A), Esquire (A), Masters (A), Veterans (A), Premier (A) Silver and Premier (A) Gold divisions.*

Novice (A) Figures AR8.02.110

*Events shall consist of registered amateur skaters and teacher/coach skaters who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older, who have never placed at a National Championship in any Figure Skating event excluding Level (B), Level (C), Novice (A), Esquire (A), Masters(A), Veterans (A), Premier (A) Silver and Premier (A) Gold divisions.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 16: B/D 10/18/08 11:05 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Defense of Title AR11.13.08

(Eliminate a-b-c-d of the existing rule)

*Skaters in all events who have placed first in a National Championships are required to qualify for the National Championships in subsequent skating seasons.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 17: B/D 10/18/08 11:08 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

Free Skating “A” Divisions

Remove all requirement restrictions in the “A” Free Skating division events with the exception of the CIPA footwork requirement for the skating season.

“B” and “C” Free Skating requirements will remain the same.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Content of Pairs events will come back for consideration at the April Board Meeting.

**MOTION 18: B/D 10/18/08 11:15 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

General Rule AR8.02.05 (g)

In all events with less than five (5) participants at a Regional Championships, cross-over “A” and “B” skaters that place 1st -2nd -3rd 4th may skate both division events to qualify for the National Championships. Placements of 1st -2nd -3rd at the National Championships with more than five (5) skaters/ teams will eliminate future participation in Level “B” in that discipline event in subsequent skating seasons.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 19: B/D 10/18/08 11:20 AM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

World Class Events

AR7.05.04 - ADD... To qualify for the USA National Team for the World Championships, skaters/teams must obtain an average score of 8.0 from the majority of the judges. (This must be added to G.R. AR7.06.01 and AR11.13.07 (H)).

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION 20: B/D 10/18/08 11:28 AM**

USARS National Judges Committee AR17.07

- A. The committee will be composed of four (4) members; one chairperson and three (3) members. The chairperson will not have a vote.
- B. To select qualified judges for the National Championships.
- C. To assign the selected judges from their application for the National Championships to appropriate events. Only one (1) National Judges Committee member may be assigned to any given National event panel, or as many as necessary for World Class events.
- D. To monitor the judges performance.
- E. To be available to council with the judges regarding a particular event.
- F. To notify all persons applying to judge the National Championships to submit their potential conflict list of events, with this list to be updated (when applicable) after all Regional Championships of the judging year.
- G. To be available to replace a judge on an event in case of illness, conflict, etc. as long as this does not conflict with item C.
- H. Will monitor “open discussions” with the judges prior and/or after any given event.
- I. To help inform the judges of any modifications in the skating requirements.
- J. Review assignments to ensure that the compensated judges are used to their maximum potential in order to reduce the expenditures of the National Office.

- K. Committee members and National Panel Judges must mentor aspiring judges during the skating season and strive to attend USARS National approved continuing education seminars yearly.
- L. To suggest judging programs aimed to entice new judges.
- M. To be available for the upgrading of judges from “C” level to “B’ level.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The question was raised of how the Judges Committee is assigned. The Judges Committee is a sub-committee of the Artistic Committee that is approved by the Executive Committee. The Speed Committee also has an Officials Committee that is approved this way. The Figure Judges Committee has had some changes, but like other committees, there needs to be rotation. The Judges Committee is not a Standing Committee. The National Championships staff goes through the Executive and Finance Committees for approval.

**DIRECTIVE 8:** This year's Figure Skating National Championships Meet Director, Ed Harney, provided a report with recommendations (that would be reviewed by the Figure Committee at their December Meeting), an overview on each day and a report of sportsmanship, to be forwarded to the Honors Committee. He mentioned another volunteer who he felt was exceptional in the assistance she gave at the Championships.

At the recent Ladies Rink Hockey World Championships in Japan, Harro Strucksberg was re-elected as the Chairman of the FIRS Rink Hockey Committee (CIRH), and Bill Sisson is once again a member of that Committee. Richard Hawkins has been added to the FIRS International Speed Committee (CIC) by the Chairman of the CIC, Roberto Marotta, who selects his committee members.

Bill Sisson, Co-Chairman of the Hardball Hockey Committee, gave that Committee's report.

**MOTION 21: B/D 10/18/08 11:54 AM**

Approve conducting the 2009 Rink Hockey National Championship at Sports Unlimited, 5701 Azle Avenue, Lake Worth, TX (Fort Worth) on Sunday, June 21 - through Friday, June 26, 2009.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Because Hardball Hockey is known as Rink Hockey in other parts of the World, the Committee made the following request:

**MOTION 22: B/D 10/18/08 11:54 AM**

Change the name from Hardball Hockey to Rink Hockey.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

As information, Sisson reported that Saturday, June 20, 2009, there would be training camp for Juniors and Seniors. The Junior Team will be picked at Nationals. The Senior World Team will be selected in January (date to be announced), but only if the USA qualifies through the "B" Championships to

participate in the "A" Championships. The "A" Championships will be the 1st or 2nd week of July in Spain.

**MOTION 23: B/D 10/18/08 12:00 Noon**

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

**LADIES, JUNIORS AND MENS RINK HOCKEY WORLD TEAM SELECTION  
AND REPLACEMENT CRITERIA**

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

**Rink Hockey Team** - Tryouts will be conducted for the selection of the Team USA that will represent the United States in the FIRS World Championships for Rink Hockey. The Team USA size shall include a minimum of 10 athletes to include 2 goalies.

Participation in the tryouts will be earned through participation in mandatory training camp(s) and shall be published in advance of these events via USARS web site and printed notices in official USARS publications so that every potential candidate is informed and encouraged to participate.

Designation of events that qualify a player for eligibility to participate in the Team USA tryouts shall be as follows:

- a) Players on the official rosters of teams participating in the immediately prior year's (Ladies, Juniors & Seniors) USARS Rink Hockey National Championships and past World Team members.
- b) Byes will be provided for as many as two at-large-athletes of established competence who were unable through circumstances beyond their control to compete in the foregoing, as designated by a majority of the Team USA Selection Committee (See attached application for consideration).
  1. All players making a request for an at-large bid must submit the at-large request to the USARS and Rink Hockey Committee by the deadline for the submission of a completed application to attend the tryout camp.
  2. In addition, the player making the request for an at-large bid must also submit all the necessary regular paperwork for the camp, including the payment of all fees. If the at-large request is denied, the fees will be returned. If a request is made and all paperwork and fees are not supplied by the deadline, then the at-large request shall be denied.
  3. The USA Rink Hockey Committee will make determination of the allowable at-large request submitted after the deadline for the submission of the applications for the trials camp.

**Team USA Rink Hockey Committee** – Rink Hockey will appoint 3 to 5 persons from their committee, the number dependent upon the availability of competent personnel, to be the evaluators at the tryouts to rate players, consult with the designated Team Coach on formation of playing lines, collecting left and right hand shooters, defense specialists, forward and effective scorers and thereby select the players for Rink Hockey Team USA. The team coach shall conduct the trials and be consulted as a non-voting member of the committee.

The Team USA Rink Hockey Selection Committee shall act according to approved tryout selection standards and shall document this process. Three members of the Rink Hockey Committee shall include: The designated World Team coach (without vote), and the Chairman of the USARS Rink Hockey Committee or appointed representative(s). This will constitute the normal selection procedure for Team USA.

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

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

- a) Should a Team USA member after being selected, withdraw, become injured, incapacitated or otherwise not able to participate according to published criteria, the Selection Committee will replace the player with the next player in ranking for that position as established at the training camps. Published criteria will be distributed to players for their signature at the Team USA tryout selection site. Replacement for illness or injury will take place after consultation with competent medical authority.

Should the tryouts produce a void for sufficiently qualified world class players to fill the designated positions on Team USA (i.e. a world class goalie and floor player, which are arguably the most critical position for contention as a World Champion team) or a qualified replacement for an already established selection, a Special Committee consisting of the Team Coach, Chair of the Rink Hockey Committee and one at-large member of the Rink Hockey Committee, will conduct a nation-wide search for a USA citizen qualified to be a replacement for that spot and by majority decision name that person to the opening on Team USA.

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

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

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

- a) The Team Coach and Manager have the authority to replace an injured or missing player with another player for that position should there be one available and before the team roster is submitted to CIRH.
- b) The substituted player must have participated in the team tryouts and been ranked or must have the approval of a majority of the Special Committee, as designated above, consisting of the Team Coach, the USARS Rink Hockey Chair and a selected at-large member of the USARS Rink Hockey Committee.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Billy Sisson stated that the Ladies World Team has finished in fourth place at the recent World Championships in Japan. Barbara Brooks note that three of the top four players were unable to take the trip, so the 4th place finish was truly exciting.

Lunch break was taken, with the meeting resuming at 2:00 PM.

The Inline Hockey Committee Report prepared by George Pickard, Committee Chairman, was included in the agenda material. This year the Women's Team placed third and the Men's Team took home the Gold Medal from their World Championships in Germany.

**DIRECTIVE 9:** The Team USA Staff recommended in the Inline Hockey Committee report shall be forwarded to the Finance and Executive Committees for their review.

The CIRILH General Assembly at the 2009 World Championship in Dusseldorf approved the following rules changes that would have an effect on the USARS/AAU Rules Manual and for this reason the Inline Hockey Committee recommended that the USARS Board of Directors approve these changes to keep our general playing rules uniform with those of FIRS.

### **MOTION 24: B/D 10/18/08 2:05 PM**

Approve the following changes to the USARS/AAU Inline Hockey Rules Manual:

- A) To avoid the unnecessary use of obscure mathematical formula for tie breaking during round robin or pool play, establish addition of the following preface before Part II – General Game Regulations, 9.D. “Tie Breakers. The following rules are fundamentally written for two-team ties. In the event of three or more ties needing resolutions, this tie breaking procedure should be applied in the order presented until one or more of the tied teams are eliminated from contention for the highest open placement, and then the two or more teams remaining tied will be subject again to a new application of the tie breaking rules, beginning at the top of the order with B. head-to-head competition, whereby the process will continue until a single team remains for placement.” This procedure prevents ignoring the face-to-face tie breaking rule that might otherwise produce a higher placement for a team beaten in round robin play by a lower finishing team.
- B) Rule Twenty -Four – third sentence strike minor to read now as follows: “On the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) penalty in the same game to the same player, including the goal keeper, that player will

receive an additional ten (10) minute misconduct penalty”. The rule was originally intended to include all penalties.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ricci Porter, the World Speed Team Manager, stated that each year in the last three years the team has gotten better. The CIC will formulate a list of athletes who qualify to compete in the World Games in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, and at that time we will know who from the USA is invited to compete.

George Kolibaba gave a report from the Scoring Committee on improvements made to Jim Arseneault's tabulating program. Copies of the upgraded version will be provided to Regional Championships tabulators. There will be a tabulating seminar at the Judges, Coaches and Skaters Conference in Las Vegas, and everyone interested is asked to bring their laptops to the session.

George Kolibaba noted that the Executive Committee had met via telephone conference calls on September 14 and again on April 21. The Finance Committee meet via conference call on June 3, 2008, and the minutes of these meetings were included in the Board Agenda book (See Addendum C and Addendum D). A financial statement was passed out for Board Members to review at their leisure.

WFTDA has found its own insurance program and a sizeable number of the leagues previously registered with USA Roller Sports will not renew this year. Chairman Kolibaba appointed a Special Roller Derby Committee, that met via conference call on October 5, with the charge of determining what we can do to help maintain members and make membership more valuable to them. Danielle Krienert, a member of the USA Roller Sports staff, was hired to coordinate these members within the USARS office and she prepared minutes of the meeting that were in the board agenda book. A plan of action was formulated that included preparation of a list of the benefits of having a roller derby club in a rink, efforts to develop material for officials (including written tests and skating requirements), formulation of the minimum skills needed to be involved in a derby group, setting up a Yahoo Group, elements of safety, a coaches program, the development of a roller derby dvd, etc.

A written report was included in the agenda material from Richard Hawkins, the Roller Sports representative to the USOC. Richard indicated that in addition to what he had listed in his report, he had worked to come up with a residency program for four speed skaters, which began at the end of May and ran through departure for the World Speed Champions, Four gold medallists from the previous year were selected for this program. Approval for Joey Mantia to stay on the OTC through November has been received, and he would like to be there year around (along with nine others). While they are there they have the use of the track, the gym, etc., all day, every day. This was the first year that Josh Wood won an individual medal at the World Championships. This program didn't cost USA Roller Sport anything and the athlete's transportation as their only expense. Use of the OTC for athlete residency enhances our programs and our athletes.

Jim Pollard noted that he would be running for the CIPA President again this year in Kaohsiung during the World Artistic Championships. The FIRS Presidency will also be voted on soon, and we must decide which candidate USARS will endorse. Keith Noll is a member of the FIRS International Inline Hockey Committee (CIRILH) following the decision of George Pickard not to stand for re-election as the Chairman of that Committee. Pollard mentioned a new competition backed by the IOC - The Junior Olympics, for athletes 13 - 17 years of age. They are Olympic events sponsored by Olympic Committees and there will be 26 sports involved in the first one.



The 2010 IOC Junior Olympics are scheduled for Singapore, where roller sports are huge. The year 2016 is the next opportunity for Roller Sports to be included in the Olympic Games, since the program is already locked in for the 2011 Games in London.

**DIRECTIVE 10:** Write a letter of nomination for Jim Pollard, in support of his candidacy for the upcoming election of the CIPA President.

Richard Hawkins provided a brief report that he was appointed to the CIC by Chairman Roberto Marotta. The term begins in January of 2009 and concludes in January of 2012. He attended the CIC meeting at this year's World Championships, where the only pertinent information discussed was the site of the 2009 World Championships, which has yet to be confirmed.

The search for certified athletic trainers was mentioned. A notice containing the requirements has been posted on the USARS website. Our current pool of participants is not large enough to cover all of the events that need their support during the year. And with the new requirement that they must pass a background check first, because of the time it takes for the check to clear, this makes it even more important to have a larger pool to invite.

John Gustafson had prepared an outline for a new category of coach membership - Apprentice Coach/Teacher. On this Special Committee with John was Danny Brown and Toby Mathews. Danny would like to present the full concept to the Executive Committee so that it could be approved at the April Board Meeting.

**DIRECTIVE 11:** The Special Committee to Develop a Novice Coaches Classification of Membership was asked to have a turn-key package put together by the next Board Meeting.

The National Office Membership Reports (Kevin Kmetz) was covered by Richard Hawkins, the USARS Executive Director. Last year, Roller Derby membership was higher than the previous year, but this year because of WFTDA's new insurance program, we expect a substantial decrease in membership for that category. Other staff reports were included from Daniel Krienert - Director of Competitive Sanctions and the Roller Derby Coordinator, Michael Stieb - Webmaster, Ken Hobza - Financial Services Director, Stacey Carey - Assistant Financial Services Director, Adam Dambrosia - Marketing and Sales, Peggy Young - Events, and Ricci Porter - Sports Director. Hawkins gave a Headquarters report that listed eight full time employees and 3 part time staff members. He touched on the upgrades to the property that were made this year as well as noting that a new phone system is needed since ours is outdated and there is no replacement equipment available as these become unusable.

Annelle Anderson reported on behalf of the Museum, and a copy of their last Meeting Minutes was provided. The raffle tickets need to be available for sale earlier than they were this year. James Vannurden, the new Director/Curator of the Museum, provided a report on his background and his activities since being employed at the Museum. He provided his count of the number of visitors to the Museum during the National Championships, and he has started to work on a book about the Museum from its beginning.

A copy of the last Minutes of the Roller Skating Foundation Meeting was attached, as prepared by its Treasurer George Pickard. There was valuable information included that helped to confirm the care taken by the Foundation to protect the assets of the organization, the Foundation's conservative

investment strategy, the process to be used to obtain approval for funding for Pan Am related travel, etc. The Minutes showed that the Trustees wished to return Betty Ann Danna as the Foundation President, Gordon B. Van Roekel as Foundation Vice President and George Pickard as the Foundation Secretary/Treasurer.

**MOTION 25: B/D 10/18/08 3:35 PM**

4.01.01 through 4.02.04, use "Certified Meet Director" where it says "Meet Director" in reference to Regional and National Championships.

Add new subsection 4.01.01 (a). For figure skating there are two classes of USARS Meet Directors Certification. They are (A) Invitational, State Championships, Regional Championships, National Championships and Protected Championships and (B) League and Interclub Contests.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The following was brought back by Artistic Committee after meeting the previous evening.

**MOTION 26: B/D 10/18/08 4:00 PM**

Effective immediately approve the following for the 2008-09 skating season:

World Class Events

Skaters twelve (12) and older have the option to skate Junior/Junior World Class and Senior World Class in the same qualifying championships. Placement in the Senior World Class event at the National Championships eliminates future participation in the Junior/ Junior World Class in that discipline. (See G.R.: AR7.05, AR7.06.02 (b)). Skaters who qualify for the World Championships cannot skate both Junior and Senior in the same event at a World Championship; (e.g. National placement of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Senior World Championships would eliminate a skater from competing in the Junior World Championships in the same discipline in the same qualifying championship). The next highest placement in the Junior World Class event would be selected to skate at the World Championships providing they met the average minimum score of 8.0

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

It was asked why the Show Small Group and Large Group competitions were at the Gold Skate Classic and not at Nationals. It can be a hardship for these teams to travel to California each year and then also to Nationals if they are competing there. It takes about 25 people to participate in the Large Show Group, making it a very profitable event for the National Championships. The 2009 Nationals will be the qualifier for the 2010 World Championships. This is the same as it is for the Senior Precision Teams.

**MOTION 27: B/D 10/18/08 4:16 PM**

Small Show Group and Large Show Group competitions will be conducted during the Indoor National Roller Figure Skating Championships.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Those who were interested in a tour of the Peoria Civic Center, the site of the 2009 Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating Championships, were told to meet across the street at 5:45 PM. The Board would meet in closed session the following morning at 8:00 AM and guests could attend from at 8:45 PM through the conclusion. The meeting was recessed at 4:16 PM.

The meeting was called back into order in closed session at 8:08 AM on Sunday, October 19. Roll call was called and all of the Board members present the previous day were accounted for. It was determined that a mission statement would be drawn up relative to restructuring that would be reviewed by the Board prior to approval at the Spring Board Meeting.

The Board went into open session at 8:50 AM. The first order of business as a presentation from Callam Sports Photographers to attend the 2009 National Championships in Peoria and provide the action photo shots. Josh Wolfe had been with Champshots, our action photographers in 2008, but had formed a partnership with Michael Callam, who was also present. Josh indicated that he knew the kind of shots our members wanted to purchase. They want more backroom shots and photos with their coaches and friends. He feels he know the best angle for good action photos. They can do collage photos using the action photos they take and would even be willing to work with our still photographer to use the still photos in these collages if that is agreeable with them. More photo sales means more income to USA Roller Sports. They have found a photo shop in Peoria that will be able to get prints back to them in 1/2 a day, with photo deliveries being made continuously to the Civic Center. They are willing to cover as many other Championships as we want them to. They touched upon their recognition of the official still photographer's exclusive use of the "National Championships" on his photos.

The Finance Committee met while in Peoria and determined the following:

### **MOTION 28: B/D 10/19/08 9:26 AM**

Approve \$19,000 maximum as requested by the Speed Committee for the purchase of the finish line camera, electronic starting equipment and lap counting equipment.

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **MOTION 29: B/D 10/19/08 9:30 AM**

Approve 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. (This does not include Inline, Show or Precision Team athletes)

## **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Finance Committee has determined that funding should be given for 14 expense-compensated judges for the 2009 National Roller Figure Skating Championships. This represents 10 outside judges and 4 members of the Judges Committee, who also judge. Scott Clifford, invited to assist Bob Lim with the referee/computer systems management, can also judge.

**DIRECTIVE 12:** Staff requirements for the National Roller Figure Skating Championships will go back to the Finance and Executive Committees for approval. Staff requests for the Speed Nationals are needed as soon as possible. Invitations should go out so that staff can get the time off. Requests for Championships officials should also be sent in earlier for use in setting budgets.

Although originally Champshots indicated that they would not travel to our out-of-state National Championships to take action photos, it is now understood that they are interested in covering the Peoria Nationals. There were some problems noted from last year's photos, accuracy of orders, etc. At this time it was also noted that one of the sample photos provided during the presentation made by Callam Photography had a medal shown on it, and that anything that says "National Championships" cuts into the sales for the still photographer, who has exclusive use of these words.

**DIRECTIVE 13:** The information from Callam Sports Photography and their bid proposal will be passed along to the Executive Committee to use in selecting an official action photographer for the Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating National Championships.

The official results of the club representative and speed athlete mail ballots, as tabulated by the USARS CPA firm, showed that Annelle Anderson was re-elected to the Club Representative position and Josh Woods is the Speed Athlete Representative on the Board, who ran uncontested. Both are three-year terms of office.

The USARS Nominating Committee had previously certified the eligibility of Ed Harney and Billy Sisson to stand for election as the Grassroots Representatives to the USARS Board of Directors. At this time, the floor was open for nomination of additional candidates. None were forthcoming.

**MOTION 30: B/D 10/19/08 9:45 AM**

To close nominations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Ballots were handed out and each Board Member was asked to vote for one candidate. Billy Sisson won the Secret Ballot election, returning him to the Board of Directors as a Grassroots Representative for a three-year term of office.

**MOTION 31: B/D 10/19/08 10:01 AM**

Accept the Nominating Committee Report from its Chairman, Gary Castro, recommending that the current officers be retained for an additional year:

President/Chairman of the Board	George Kolibaba
Vice President	David Adamy
Secretary	Richard Hawkins
Treasurer	Bill Sisson

With no further nominations forthcoming, the nominations were closed and the USARS Officers were re-elected by acclamation.

Aubrey Orcutt and Trace Hanson both are willing to run for the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athlete Advisory Council position for roller sports. The winner will become a regular member of the USARS Board of Directors, with the other being an alternate to the AAC and to the USA Roller Sports Board. Ballots will be sent out with the election being concluded prior to the expiration of the current term on December 31, as now being filled by Steven Findlay. This is a four-year term of office, Starting January 1, 2009 and concluding on December 31, 2012.

The Committee on Committee is elected at the Fall Annual Board Meeting. This Committee must include the USARS President/Chairman, in addition to four members who are elected at the Annual Board Meeting. The Committee shall prepare committee membership recommendations and submit them to the Board of Directors at least 30 days prior to the start of the 2009 Semiannual Board Meeting, where they are subject to change and approval.

George Kolibaba as Chairman of the Board, automatically is the Chairman of the Committee on Committees. Nominations were made from the floor for the following Committee Members: David Adamy, Jane Wojnarowsky, Toby Tagliapietra, Annelle Anderson

**MOTION 32: B/D 10/19/08 10:01 AM**

To close the nominations for the Committee on Committees and the above were all approved by acclimation.

Letters of commitment for Members of the Board were turned in at this time.

**MOTION 33: B/D 10/19/08 10:01 AM**

Accept the recommendation from the Foundation to re-elected the following as Trustees for three year-terms: George Pickard, Scott Kleiman, David Ramsey

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Brent Lonteen, Chairman of the Peoria Convention and Visitors Bureau, was introduced. Lonteen stated that Peoria is excited to have our National Championships in Peoria. They are looking into the purchase of a skating floor, a big expenditure, but would need a commitment to return, at least on a rotational basis, resulting in the development of a long-term relationships with the city of Peoria. There are two practice rinks in the area, one in Northern Peoria and another in Peking, Illinois. It would also be possible to set up a practice floor in the Civic Center Exhibit Hall with a variety of options to finance the rental of the space. The Civic Center now owns portable bleachers that will seat 1,976, and there are plans for purchasing more as financing becomes available.

Lonteen stated that the host hotel, the Pere Marquette, will be opening Carnegies 501 at 5:00 AM to provide breakfast for its guests (a breakfast buffet is included with the cost of the room for all guests). Parking is complimentary for all hotel guests. The Civic Center will be providing healthy food. Parking is \$6 a day and they will work on some sort of in and out parking pass. Hotels within walking distance are the Holiday Inn City Center, Mark Twain, and the Pere Marquette. The Embassy Suites are across the river. There are a lot of food choices within walking distance of the Civic Center. They are just breaking ground on a brand new international airport. He feels Peoria is positioning itself to be a good

fit for events. Lonteen answered a few questions from those present and then gave everyone his personal cell phone number so they could contact him directly with any problems that come up.

A short break was taken, and the meeting resumed with the suggestion that the Judges and Coaches Conference could also be held in Peoria instead of Vegas for a change.

A list of International events in 2009 that will require qualification of teams was reviewed:

- Junior and Senior World Figure Teams – Freiburg, Germany, November 9-21
- Junior and Senior World Speed Teams - TBD
- Rink Hockey Junior-Sub 20 World Team – Florence, Italy, September
- Men’s “A” Rink World Team (if they qualify through the upcoming “B” World Championships) -  
First or second week of July in Spain
- Men, Women’s and Men’s Junior World Inline Hockey Teams - TBD
- World Games (Figure, Speed and Inline Hockey) – Kaohsiung, Taiwan – ROC  
Speed – July 14-19; Art – July 18-22; Inline Hockey – July 20-26
- Pan Am Championships (disciplines TBD) - Mexico

Sites of future National Championships were reviewed:

2009 - Indoor Speed & Roller Figure Skating National Championships, Peoria Civic Center - Speed Skating July 19-25, Figure Skating July 26 – August 9.

2010 - Potentially could be in Lincoln, Peoria or Pensacola. If in Lincoln the dates with a split schedule could be – Speed Skating July 7 – 14, (must be completed by Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>) -- Figure July 25- August 8. It was felt that finishing on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July is too late because of school issues. If in Peoria, the dates could be July 25 – August 15, 2010. A bid is coming from Pensacola but has not yet been received. The organization needs to work on having Championships sites and dates confirmed at least three years in advance.

The 2009 Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Lincoln – April 3-4-5, 2009 (April 3 arrival and evening Executive Session, with meetings all day Saturday and half a day on Sunday).

**MOTION 34: B/D 10/19/08 10:12 AM**

To adjourn the 2008 Annual Meeting of the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ADDENDA TO MINUTES OF  
OCTOBER 17-18-19, 2009  
USA ROLLER SPORTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS**

ADDENDUM A.....Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating National Championships Bid Criteria

ADDENDUM B.....Speed Committee Report

ADDENDUM C.....Finance Committee Conference Call – June 3, 2008

ADDENDUM D.....Executive Committee Conference Calls – April 21 and September 14, 2008

## **Bid Criteria for the USA Roller Sports Speed and Figure Skating National Championships**

Dear Potential Host:

This letter provides information on bidding for the next open Indoor National Speed and Figure Skating Championships conducted by USA ROLLER SPORTS (USARS). Our next available dates are 2010 and beyond. Normally, our Championships begin during the second week of July and run through the first week of August, being completed no later than August 10. As an example, in 2007 the Championships were arranged as follows: Move in - July 12, 13 and 14; Speed Skating competition - July 15 through July 21; Figure Skating competition - July 22 through August 5; with tear-down on August 6. Later Championships will likely require the same time period for subsequent years, however, the program may vary somewhat in the future.

Please consider the following bid criteria by which the USARS Board of Directors has traditionally determined such placements, pending an on-site inspection of the suitability of both the facility and local accommodations for our Championship activities:

1. **LIABILITY INSURANCE PROVIDED:** USA ROLLER SPORTS will furnish a \$1-million liability insurance policy, written by an A+ carrier, acceptable to the United States Olympic Committee Insurance Department, naming the facility and its ownership as co-insured, covering its usage of the facility during the event, including ingress and egress, subject to the following stipulation:

*"It is agreed and understood that USA ROLLER SPORTS shall not be liable for any loss, injury or damage to persons or property arising from circumstances or conditions connected with the facility which are not under USA ROLLER SPORTS' control or which are not due to the negligence of USA ROLLER SPORTS, or not directly related to USA ROLLER SPORTS' use of the premises."*

2. **PROJECTED ATHLETE AND SUPPORTER PARTICIPATION** - Approximately 3,500 skaters will participate at the National Championships in individual age group and experience segmented events. Usually they will be accompanied by an equal number of family members, as well as the addition of coaches, rink operators, officials, and competition supporters who travel to the Nationals to witness the competitions. It is estimated that the total out-of-town participation for a National Championships is approximately 7000 persons, not all of whom will be present at any one time.



3. AUDITORIUM: An arena with twenty six consecutive days of availability with twenty two of those days billable at a comparable rate to currently used facilities. The arena must have a clear, flat surface of at least 184' x 84', in which a portable maple roller skating floor, owned by USARS, would be installed for the competitions. This floor is of the same type and style used for professional basketball, however, nearly twice as large in area. In addition, there needs to be a raised stage upon which meet officials may conduct the business of the Championships, approximately 3' to 4' high and 12' by 30' in area. Arena rental is to include any labor associated with installation and removal of the skating floor, door security, ushers and/or ticket takers, maintenance, clean-up and other building related labor. The total cost of the auditorium rental is currently set by USARS at \$75,000. Any cost above that figure will require an addition to the bid fee.
  - (A) USARS would require approximately three days installing the portable floor and preparing it for competition. USARS will require one additional day for removal of the portable floor. Dependent upon the next place of usage for the portable floor, there may be the need to store the floor inside, out of the weather, for a week or two following the competition.
  - (B) We would require temporary or permanent seating for athletes and spectators at a minimum of 2,000 and for a maximum of approximately 8,000.
  - (C) USARS would require approximately seven additional office spaces located inside the auditorium/arena for various championship officials for the duration of the Championships with close and easy access to the floor.
  - (D) We would require sufficient secure storage located inside the auditorium/arena for use by the championship vendors.
4. SUFFICIENT RENTAL CAR AGENCIES: Rental car availability must be suitable to accommodate a usage in excess of 8300 total rental days.
5. AIRPORT ACCESS: Bid cities must have airport access in close proximity to accommodate over 3400 travelers for the duration of the event.
6. SUFFICIENT HOTEL AND MOTEL SPACE: Hotel provisions must range from medium to low-cost facilities, since in most cases our Championships is dealing with young families. In surveys of past hotel usage, the National Championships generated 16,500 to 21,000 room nights over the championship period, as derived from contestant and officials' event registration cards. A breakdown of this survey can be furnished. There are more attending the National Championships, as spectators do not register for credentials at the event desk.

7. LICENSE FOR SUBSIDIARY SALES: The United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating, d.b.a. USA ROLLER SPORTS, is a non-profit incorporated sport foundation with tax status of a 501 C (3). We are a full member of the United States Olympic Committee, and recognized under the Federal Sports Act as the National Governing Body in the United States for all forms of roller skating competitions. Funding of these Championships requires support for a large number of officials to handle the administration of the competitions and the registration processes. To support these expenses, USARS has historically used the following resources:
- (A) Contestant registration fees
  - (B) Spectator (parent, coaches and friends) daily and season admission tickets.
  - (C) Industry equipment trade show - approximately 12 to 20 booths. Booth sales to include souvenir badges, pins, apparel, victory flowers, skating equipment, action and posed photographs and video tapes of participants.
  - (E) Licensing camcorders during private taping of events.
  - (F) Event program sales.

Some auditoriums as a general policy take all or a percentage of this type of activity, however, we have traditionally retained this as a vehicle for funding the considerable expenses associated with 60 or more officials at the Championships, which are not fully covered by contestant registration fees. Realizing that concessionaire contracts may be involved, we look for exemption to permit full retention by USARS of the above sales items directly related to the competition. Food services of all types remain exclusively with the auditorium. USARS provides a captive audience for food and beverage services, which if reasonably priced will produce extraordinary income for the auditorium concessionaire, since roller skating people on a typical day will be there from 6:00 AM to midnight. Our young participants frequently eat in the auditorium. USARS is not involved with concessions, other than to insure their availability and to restrict the dispensation of hard liquor. We assume that if beer is dispensed, controls will be in place to legally restrict such sales to adults only.

8. SUFFICIENT RESTAURANT FACILITIES: Restaurant facilities of a varied nature and price range must be available in close proximity to both the auditorium/arena and the recommended hotels and motels.
9. PORTABLE FLOOR STORAGE: Host cities must agree to house the USARS owned portable skating floor from the close of the previous Championships until set up at the arena hosting the event. The physical dimensions of USARS 184' x 84' basketball style floor are as follows:

15,456 square feet of flooring  
4' x 8' sections x 2-3/4" deep

170 lbs per section  
473 full pieces, 20 half pieces  
Total weight 42 tons approximately  
Can be stacked 8' high and as such would occupy 520 square feet, or an area 24' x 22'.

In addition, we have a light-weight plywood barrier that surrounds the floor, approximately 34" high with steel braces that attach directly to the floor.

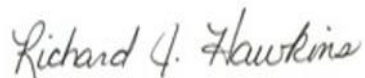
10. ADDITIONAL CITY SUPPORT: In most cities that host the National Championships, we have received the following additional support from the Convention and Visitors Bureau and/or Chamber of Commerce.
  - (A) Eight official rental cars
  - (B) Complimentary upgraded rooms for eight key Championship Officials, as well as a two-tier convention rate at the Headquarters Hotel for 55 to 60 rooms purchased daily directly by USARS for Championships Officials, priced under what the general convention rate is for participants and supporters.
  - (B) Site inspection for four members of USARS Championships Committee.
  - (C) Local marketing and media budget to support promotion of the event, i.e., newspaper, TV, radio and Internet advertising. Examples of previous years marketing and promotional material is available upon request.
  - (D) VIP parking spaces for 20 vehicles at the event venue.
  - (E) Two VIP receptions (one for approximately 50 people and another for approximately 100 people).
  - (F) Hosting of the USARS Board of Directors Board Meeting in the fall prior to the Championships. This would consist of approximately 15 hotel rooms for two nights as well as a reception preferably at the host hotel for the Championships.
  - (G) A certified athletic trainer on site during all Championship events and practices.
11. BID FEE: A bid fee payable to USA Roller Sports. Bid fee is to be paid in two installments, one at least 60 days prior to the start of the Championships and the balance due no later than 30 days after the conclusion of the Championships.

The composition of the roller skating Championships population is family oriented, school aged and consumer oriented, just before the start of the school year. Many cities have estimated the dollar value of a completely non-resident group as being worth multiple millions of dollars, depending on the formula used. Lincoln, Nebraska has computed the economic impact of this event in excess of \$7 million. We feel that this financial contribution to the community is substantial.

USA Roller Sports is also willing to extend to the host city the opportunity to solicit local sponsorships with the host city retaining all income from those sponsorships.

Please let us know how we might further facilitate your city's bid for a future USA Roller Sports National Championship. The year 2010 and beyond is currently open for consideration. Our National Championship site for 2009 has been awarded to Peoria, IL and we are discussing the possibilities of returning to Lincoln, NE in 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Hawkins".

Richard J. Hawkins  
Executive Director  
USA Roller Sports  
rhawkins@usarollersports.org

## ADDENDUM B

### Speed Committee Meeting Minutes Nationals 07/17/08

Attendees: Josh Wood, Deborah Alpers, Richard Hawkins, Mike Bell, Ed Muller, John Gustafson and Ken Shelton.

Call to order: 12:30

#### Agenda:

- 1. Approved** correction on ODN 500M sprint race heating table.
- 2. Approved** World Team residency training program submitted by Chris Tidwell and Buggy Almond.
- 3. Approved** proposal to ask board for back-up finish line camera, electronic starting equipment, and lap counting equipment. Ken and Leonard. (*Budget later approved by Board Motion 26*)
- 4. Approved**, modification to masters age group points race, add finish points for each age group, 3 points first, 2 points second, and 1 point third.
- 5. Approved**, Proposal to use sponsored numbered helmet covers for athlete identification at Indoor Nationals . . . Richard and staff
- 6. Approved**, New wheel registration process – to replace current certification – at ODN & IDN, Richard to complete details and legal and return to committee for approval.
- 7. Approved**, change to Speed Program Change Process . . . meeting notice & voting requirements. Add: Regional Reps Meeting for conducting record voting on posted proposals must have a majority of the Club ID's eligible to vote for their regional rep (same club ID list used to vote for regional rep) with a maximum of three votes per eligible club ID. Vote meetings require a 30 day advance notice to all eligible club ID's, with a copy of the notice forwarded to the National Office.
- 8. Approved** request from coaches to modify schedule as follows:  
Elite events, 2 person relays, 4 person relays, Novice events, Quads  
With awards by blocks after finals and include times approx 4 hour segments and add warm-up markers.
- 9. Approved**, request for conference call account for regional reps meetings, also investigate using Go To Meeting for on line meetings, Richard
- 10. Approved**, investigation of pads for corners 2 and 4. Richard, Ken

**11. Approved** All proposals submitted at Regional Representative Meeting for posting on Website. Proposals listed below:

NEW:

Individual Distance Champions

Dual Club Representation. . . Individual and Relays

Make Lincoln NE permanent site for Speed Nationals.

Limit World Class sponsorship to 2 persons per sponsor.

Limit entry fee for the National Championships sliding scale with a max of \$150.

Resurface the banked track at Colorado Springs with Durflex.

OLD:

Novice to have three distances – match Elite . . .

Add 2person relays to Novice to match Elite . . .

Establish “Alternate Skater” process to fill empty regional slots . . .

Make up Speed Committee with 9 regions speed chairpersons . . .

World Class to use the “oval 100M” track for the Elimination races . . .

Meeting Adjourned 3:30pm

**SR931 SPRINT RACES (500 meters)**

SR931.1 Heats are set-up based on the placement of skaters in the 300m Time Trials **for Track or the 200m Time Trials on Road**. The number of skaters qualifying from each 500m heat to a quarter-final or semi-final is determined by the number of skaters entered in that event and is displayed in the schedule listed below.

In the Men’s and Ladies 500m event, at least two skaters will advance each round. There will be two semi-finals with 4 skaters in each. First and Second in each semi will skate the Final determining 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> placements. Third and Fourth in each semi will skate a placement race to determine 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> placements.

If a skater doesn’t take part in the 300m Time Trials **for Track or the 200m Time Trials on Road** and wishes to skate the 500m, he will then occupy the place that corresponds at the end of the serpentine.

Skaters may choose their positions on the starting line for all 500 meter races based on their placement in the 300m or 200m events.

**500 METER RACE  
4 Into Final**

Number of Skaters	Number of Heats	Number to Qualify	Number Of Qtr. Finals	Number to Qualify	Number of Semi-Finals	Number to Qualify	Number in Finals
67-72	12	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
61-66	11	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
55-60	10	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
49-54	9	1, 2	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
43-48	8	1, 2, 3	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
37-42	7	1, 2, 3	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
31-36	6	1, 2, 3, 4	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
25-30	5	1, 2, 3, 4	4	1, 2	2	1, 2	4
19-24	4	1, 2, 3	2	1,2,3,4	2	1, 2	4
13-18	3	1, 2, 3, 4	2	1,2,3,4	2	1, 2	4
9-12	2	1, 2, 3, 4			2	1, 2	4

**Request for funds to Purchase second finish line camera, electronic start system and time display.**

At Lincoln we experienced several camera re-boots caused by erratic power, one of which was severe enough to force us to manually place and time several events while attempting repairs on the camera. The human eye is no match for the camera with so many placements being decided by fractions of an inch. Our current single camera system does an excellent job, however there are typically one or two placements each championship that cannot be verified by the camera because of one skater blocking the camera view of another. The second camera would provide an opposite view and eliminate the possibility of skaters blocking camera views completely.

The plan would be to use both cameras for every race, and in the event of a camera failure we could continue with a single camera until the failure could be repaired.

We recommend the new Lynx camera system quoted below; Quotation #2028605

SI400 – EtherLynx Fusion Camera	\$8,495.00
5LTE – Timer Enabling Option for EtherLynx Camera	\$3,495.00
MC-RV- Color F-mount adapter with TTL viewer & remote cntl Iris	\$995.00
1A205U – Capture Button with USB to Serial converter	\$60.00
BG2909 – Super Head clamp	\$30.00
BG3275 – Geared Mounting Head	\$215.00
	<b>\$13,290.00</b>

We would also like to eliminate the current starting guns and all of the associated issues with a Lynx electronic starting system.

3L500 – Electronic Starting System	\$1,495.00
Extra horn rechargeable battery pack	\$75.00
	<b>\$1,570.00</b>

Our current time display is borrowed and future use is not assured, we would like to purchase a two sided display with 9” digits.

12079XLC-RD – 9” 6-digit LED double sided display (90-264V)	\$3,510.00
TS02 – Display Tripod Stand	\$175.00
	<b>\$3,685.00</b>

**Total Funds Requested \$18,545.00**

These Camera systems require periodic maintenance, our use dictates an every 24 month service interval, we recommend USA/RS budget approximately \$500.00 every two years to provide this required service.



**Outdoor Nationals Masters Track & Road Points Races**

Ladies 2000M points race.

Mens 5000M points race.

Masters events, events will skate as a group and be awarded by age.

Age Groups, Men and Ladies

25 to 34

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 and over

Points are awarded as follows:

Points are awarded every lap with 2 points to first and 1 point to second. At the end of the race on the last lap, points are awarded 3 points to first, 2 points to second, and 1 point for third for finishers in each age group.

The Masters Points races will be placed by points earned during the race, contestants not earning points during the race will be placed by their order of finish. Skaters may be distanced at the discretion of the referee. Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination. Skaters quitting or unable to finish the event will not be placed.

Note: Any age group with 12 or more contestants will be run as separate event.

### **Numbered Helmet Covers Proposal**

The Speed committee approved a proposal to use numbered helmet covers for individual athlete identification at indoor national championships.

This would eliminate safety pins, paper numbers, and all the issues that accompany this antiquated method of identifying athletes before, during and after races.

The speed committee recognizes the cost implications of this proposal and would also propose that Richard Hawkins delegate the task of locating a sponsor for the helmet covers to the marketing group.

The sponsor's logo could be on the front with numbers on each side and the USA Roller Sports logo on the back.

The numbers should be of the same size and style as our existing relay helmet covers on a white side panel, beyond that the color and design could be up to the sponsor.

### **New In-Line Speed Wheel Registration Program**

The current speed wheel certification program is not enforceable and is being abused by all wheel manufacturers. Under the current system manufacturers send into the national office sets of wheels with labels for each wheel they wish to certify and these wheels are added to the list of certified wheels. The hubs are not part of the current certification, and the wheels submitted for certification are almost all not the formula that the labeled wheel will be produced with during the year or just prior to regional and national events.

The manufacturers are all changing their formulas for certified wheels during the skating season, most everyone knows this but we cannot prove it. Coaches do not seem to be as upset with the fact that they are changing the wheels formula as they are with the fact that they cannot get the new and improved wheels.

Proposed In-Line Speed Wheel Registration:

Wheel and Hub are registered as a unit.

Registration includes booth rental, banners and program advertising at championships.

Registration requires manufacturer or their distributor have a booth at regional and national championships with adequate supplies of registered wheels for sale at retail prices.

Richard Hawkins has agreed to fill in the details and legal requirements for speed committee and board of directors approval.

## **USA/RS Speed Skating Program Change Process**

07.28.08

### **Objective:**

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

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

### **Procedure:**

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

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

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

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

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

Proposals approved by the Speed Committee will be posted on the USARS website no later than September 15<sup>th</sup> for review by all coaches and the general membership.

Each Regional Representative shall arrange a second regional coaches meeting, to discuss and conduct a record vote on the nationwide proposals posted on the USARS website. **This meeting will require a 30 day advance notice to all eligible Club ID's, with a copy of the meeting notice forwarded to the National Office. This meeting must have a majority of the Club ID's eligible to vote for their regional representative present to vote. Using the eligible Club ID list provided to elect a regional representative, each eligible Club ID shall select a maximum of three (3) coaches to participate in the record vote on the nationwide proposals.** This meeting must be completed and the record vote on the nationwide proposals faxed to the National Office by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

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

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

The Speed Committee shall for each proposal:

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

**Speed Committee Proposals Approved and Submitted to the Board of Directors**

**Approved** - request from coaches to modify the 2009 Speed Schedule as follows;  
Elite events, 2 person relays, 4 person relays, Novice events, Quad events/relays.  
With awards by blocks after finals, include times at approx 4 hour segments, and add warm-up markers.

**Approved** – request for conference call account for regional representatives to conduct two meetings a season.

Richard Hawkins investigated and the cost will be less than \$50.00

**Approved** – request to investigate the use of pads on the walls for corners 2 and 4.

Richard Hawkins and Ken Shelton are investigating.

**Addendum B – Item #11**

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## **Addendum B – Item #12**

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

### **Referees:**

SR820.5 Speed “CR1” Commission – The applicant must be a minimum of 16 years old and there is no experience required. The applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book test. If the test is failed the applicant must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take the test. Once the test is passed the CR1 can officiate at league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee. The CR1 may also be a non-rolling supporting official at a regional meet.

SR820.6 Speed “CR2” Commission – The applicant must hold the CR1 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, or invitational meets as a supporting official and assistant track referee in the previous year. The CR2 applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book test for this upgrade. If the test is failed the applicant must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take the test. The CR2 can officiate as an assistant referee at a regional meet.

SR820.7 Speed “BR1” Commission – The applicant must hold the CR2 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub, invitational, or regional meets as a supporting official or an assistant referee in the previous year. The BR1 applicant will be required to take and pass a written open book test for this upgrade. If the test is failed the applicant must wait 30 days from the date the test was taken to re-take the test. The BR1 can officiate as a chief referee at league and interclub meets.

SR820.8 Speed “BR2” Commission – Minimum age for this commission is 23 years old. The BR2 applicant must hold the BR1 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league or interclub meets as chief referee and or invitational and regional meets as an assistant referee in the previous year. The BR2 applicant must apply as a volunteer at the indoor national championship, where he/she will be assigned to each supporting position and one rolling block by the officials committee. At the end of the indoor national championship the applicant will be verbally reviewed and evaluated by the officials committee and submitted to the speed committee for upgrade. Upon speed committee approval the applicant will be awarded a BR2 commission. The BR2 commission holder will be assigned a number. The BR2 can officiate as a chief referee at invitational meets.

SR820.9 Speed “AR1” Commission- The applicant must hold the BR2 commission for 1 year and is expected to work at least 3 league, interclub or invitational meets as chief referee and or regional meets as an assistant referee in the previous year. The AR1 applicant must apply as a volunteer rolling referee at the indoor national championship, where he/she will be assigned to a referee’s panel by the officials committee. At the end of the indoor national championship the applicant will be verbally reviewed and evaluated by the officials committee and submitted to the speed committee for upgrade. Upon speed committee approval the applicant will be awarded an AR1 commission. The AR1 commission holder can officiate as chief referee at regional championships. The AR1 is considered a indoor national championship referee and is expected to apply for appointment to the indoor national championship panel as an assistant referee each year. Any “AR” commissioned official who has not participated at an Indoor National Championship for a period of 3 consecutive years shall revert back to a “BR2” commission level.

SR820.10 Speed “AR2” Commission – The applicant must hold the AR1 commission for 3 years, have experience as chief referee at multiple region’s championships and is expected to have worked at least 3 consecutive national championship meets as referee or meet director. The AR2 applicant must apply as assistant chief referee at the national championship, where he/she will be assigned assistant chief referee’s duties by the officials committee. At the end of the national championship the applicant will be verbally reviewed and evaluated by the officials committee and submitted to the speed committee for upgrade. Upon speed committee approval the applicant will be awarded an AR2 commission. The AR2 commission holder can officiate as chief referee at national championships. The AR2 commission holder is expected to apply for appointment to the national championship panel as an assistant referee each year. The “AR2” commissioned official may also apply to be chief referee at the indoor national championship. Any “AR” commissioned official who has not participated at an Indoor National Championship for a period of 3 consecutive years shall revert back to a “BR2” commission.

SR820.9 This now becomes SR820.11

SR820.10 This now becomes SR820.12

### **Addendum B – Item #13**

#### **Proposed Time Line Changes**

1. Move the Speed National Championship Officials Application deadline from November 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

This will give the appropriate committees more time for evaluation and selection.

2. Have a “tentative” National Speed Events Schedule available for approval at the fall board meeting and posting on the website.

This will assist skaters, coaches, and officials that are required to make vacation requests in advance to guarantee time off.

### **Addendum B – Item #14**

#### **Rule Book Clarifications.**

##### **SR540.2 Seeding Standard Indoor Speed Events.**

Strike the word “Standard” from the heading.

Strike the words “Defending Champion” from the (a.) (b.) (c.) & (d.) seeding tables.

Strike the sentence at SR540.4, “At nationals, the following will be followed for seeding qualifiers from heats into semi-finals.” This sentence is redundant as semi and quarter final seeding is covered in section SR542.

Make SR540.4 the sentence below the table at SR540.3.c

The new SR540.4 will read:

SR540.4 In Divisions in which a defending champion is skating, he or she will be seeded into the heat with the fourth place skater from his or her region.

**SR111.7 Individual Novice Inline Speed Skating Divisions**

Novice Elementary ages are listed as 11 & under, they should be 10 & 11.

**SR670 RECORDS**

Add:

SR670.5 A record established in any distance or division, verified by the computer timing system and completing the correct number of laps, shall be recognized as an official USARS national record. The official rerun of any distance for any reason other than wrong number of laps will not impact the establishment of a national record.

**SR711** add “the meet director”

SR711 At USARS sanctioned league, interclub and invitational meets, the meet director, the chief referee . . . .

**SR712 For National Championships**, the following USARS officials are required:

Add new SR712.1 and renumber existing .1 thru .10 to .2 thru .11

**SR712.1** One Meet Director with assistants as needed.



## ADDENDUM C

### USA ROLLER SPORTS Finance Committee Minutes Monday, June 3, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm on Monday, June 3, 2008. Members present were George Kolibaba, Annelle Anderson, Ed Harney and Bill Sisson. Also present was Richard Hawkins. Ken Hobza joined the call at approximately 9:30 pm.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the Fundraising Committee set up earlier in the year and consisting of Gloria Manning, Ed Harney, and Krystal Siebrandt. George Kolibaba added Ken Hobza as chairman of that committee and directed Richard to send a copy of Steve Hinkle's email outlining fund raising efforts in his region.

The second item on the agenda was the 2008-2009 membership pricing to reflect a 16 month competitive year. After discussion, the following motions were made:

Motion 1: To approve the attached recommended pricing for memberships for the 2008-2009 competitive season as well as the maximum amounts for the 2010 calendar year.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion 2: To approve the attached recommended pricing for certificates of insurance for the 2008-2009 competitive season as well as the maximum amount for the 2010 calendar year.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The third agenda item consisted of the recommendations for National Championship pricing. After discussion, the following motion was made.

Motion 3: To approve the attached pricing for the 2008 National Championships.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard was directed to remind the USARS membership of the availability of the practice rink for both private and open practice during the 2008 National Figure Championships. The fees for private practice are \$150 per hour. Open practice is \$5 per session (two per day). Richard was also directed to remind participants that there is no charge for the practice days at Pershing Center.

The final agenda item was a review of the monthly financial statements. Ken has been able to catch up on these statements with the hiring of the roller derby coordinator in the office. Several members had questions which Ken and Richard answered during the call.

Additionally Richard brought up his request to complete the installation of a fence on the west side of the parking lot and the dead tree on the south side of the building. The following was a result of that request:

Motion 4: To approve the expenditure to replace the fence along the west side of the parking lot (approximately \$1500) as well as removing the dead tree from the south side of the building.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned approximately 11:00 pm.

ATTACHMENT I FOR MOTIONS I & 2

Proposed Prices for the  
2008-09 Membership Season  
(16 Month)

	Current	Increase 33.3%	Proposed 2008-09	Max 2010	
Amateur Cards (All disciplines except house hky and mens derby)	\$40	\$53.20	\$55	\$50	
Men's Roller Derby Cards	\$60	\$79.80	\$65	\$65	
House Hockey Cards	\$20	\$26.60	\$30	\$25	
Club Charters	\$60	\$79.80	\$80	\$80	
Coaches (Art & Speed)	\$60	\$79.80	\$80	\$80	
Second Discipline Coach	\$40	\$53.20	\$55	\$55	
Select Hockey Coach	\$25	\$33.25	\$35	\$35	
Non Select (House) Hockey Coach	\$15	\$19.95	\$20	\$20	
Officials (based already on calendar year)	\$15	\$19.95	\$15	\$20	
Certificates of Insurance	\$100	\$133.00	\$200	\$200	(Art & Speed)
(For Chartered Venues Only)	\$200	\$266.00	\$300	\$300	(Women's RD)

ATTACHMENT 2 FOR MOTION 3

**USARS Indoor National  
Pricing for 2008**

	2008 (Proposed)	2006
Individual Session Tickets (Children under 7 free)	\$10	\$8
Jr. World Class Night	\$12	\$10
Sr. World Class Night	\$12	\$10
Speed Ticket Package	\$75	\$65
Value (6 days)	\$110	\$88
Figure Ticket Package #1 (WC)	\$65	\$65
Value (5 days)	\$74	\$68
Figure Ticket Package #2 (Youth)	\$100	\$110
Value (7 days in 2008)	\$134	
Value (8 days in 2006)		\$116
(Includes Jr/Sr World Class Nights)		
Figure Ticket Package #3 (Adult)	\$70	\$55
Value (5 days)	\$90	\$64
Social Skate	\$10	\$0
(No social skate in 2006)		
Programs	\$10	\$10
Video Camera		
Speed - All Events	\$60	\$60
Figure - World Class Events	\$40	\$40
Figure - Youth & WC Events	\$60	\$60
Figure - Adult Events	\$40	\$40

## ADDENDUM D

USA Roller Sports  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 21, 2008

The Executive Committee telephone conference meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM Central Time. Committee members participating included: George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson and Jane Wojnarowsky. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The only item on the agenda was to allow direct entry to the National Championships for those contestants entered in the Northeast Speed Regional Championships. The region only has approximately 22 entries and allowing direct entry would save money for all involved.

**MOTION 1: To allow the entries in the Northeast Regional Speed Championships direct entry into the National Championships *for this season (2007-2008) ONLY. The region is to submit appropriate assessment fees and entry forms to the national office. No medals will be awarded.***

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The committee was also in agreement that it would suggest to the USARS Board of Directors that the Northeast region be combined with the Eastern region in the event that the Northeast region does not have sufficient members to host a regional competition in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 9:20 pm.

USA Roller Sports  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, September 14, 2008

The Executive Committee telephone conference meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM Central Time. Committee members participating included: George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, Jim Pollard and Jane Wojnarowsky. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The first agenda item was Richard's report on his trip to Spain. Richard was appointed to the CIC (filling Charles Wahlig's position) for the years 2009-2012. Richard gave a brief summary of the political "positioning" that took place during the championships as well as a summary of a newspaper article interviewing a potential candidate for FIRS presidency. Richard also presented a request from FIRS to support a candidate for CIRH chairman.

The next discussion related to roller derby and the potential loss of memberships by WFTDA obtaining insurance for its member leagues. Danielle will be coordinating a conference call with a soon to be established roller derby committee to look at ways of retaining memberships as well as offering more to the roller derby membership other than insurance. Richard was directed to send a letter to both the RSA president and executive director informing them of the insurance situation with WFTDA and that many of the leagues practicing or holding bouts at RSA facilities may have different insurance coverage than what they have had in the past through USARS.

Then final discussion item related to inline hockey and the lack of funding for our world teams. Richard was asked to contact Keith Noll and inquire as to his availability in attending the upcoming board meeting to make a presentation in person. George Kolibaba stressed that USARS could not fund the 2009 world hockey teams without more income from inline hockey.

George Kolibaba informed the committee that he would be traveling with Richard to Colorado Springs to meet with Kelly Skinner and Eric Parthon to further develop the restructuring of the USARS board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned approximately 9:20 pm.