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Approved by the USARS Board of Directors – 11/6/09

The USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order in Executive Session at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 30, 2009, in the University Room of the Holiday Inn Downtown in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The following Board Members were present: George Kolibaba-President/Chairman, David Adamy-Vice President, Bill Sisson, John Gustafson, Mark Vittese, Gloria Manning, Danny Brown, Josh Wood, Annelle Anderson, Jim Pollard, and Trace Hanson. Also present were Richard Hawkins-USARS Executive Director, and Peggy Young-Recording Secretary. Toby Mathews was absent and Toby Tagliapietra was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Discussions included reorganization of the USARS staff and committees. No official actions were taken during this meeting and it was recessed at 8:50 PM.

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The Board Meeting was called to order in open session at 8:05 AM on Saturday, October 31, again in the University Room. All Board Members noted above were present. Linda Miner, representing the RSA, was invited to sit at the Board table. Chairman Kolibaba welcomed all other guests: Debra Adamy, Tony Berger, Diane Brown, Cathy Carmack, Joe Cotter, Randall Harbuck, Ed Harney, Pat Jacques, Bob Labriola, Ken Shelton, Jeanne Sincavage, and Jane Wojnarowsky-USARS staff member. Arriving later in the day were George Pickard, Pene Harbuck, Ricci Porter, Danielle Krienert and James Vanurden. *Note:* Because Toby Mathews, the current Roller Figure Skating Athlete Representative, could not be present, April Dayney-Jacobson was invited to take his place at the Board table before her own three-year term in this position would officially begin at the close of this meeting.

MOTION 1: B/D 10/31/09 8:06 AM

Ratify the vote on the Mail Ballot of April 15, 2009, which approved the Minutes of the 2009 USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, April 3-4-5, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There was discussion on the joint efforts of RSA and USA Roller Sports. Ken Shelton, Chairman of the Speed Committee, had previously been directed to work with Linda Miner, Danny Brown, and Bobby Braun to see if *Achievement Tests for speed* can be implemented as an introductory first step into competition. USARS would get a portion of any income resulting from this proposal. To date, nothing has been done, however, John Gustafson and Linda Miner have agreed to work on establishing speed tests that could be used.

DIRECTIVE 1: Delete the item relative to consideration of offering a program for jam skaters from the 2010 Semiannual Board Meeting agenda.

Judy Graves prepared a report on the funds collected to date for the World Class Athlete Travel Endowment Fund. The total principal of the fund has increased to \$27,072. Donors can designate the donation of their funds to specific teams. Currently the totals are: All Teams (not specifically designated) - \$1,832; Art Teams - \$23,749; and Speed Teams - \$1,491. Once the combined total reaches \$100,000, the Roller Skating Foundation for Amateur Skaters will invest and manage the funds.

The USARS Board of Directors recently approved implementation of a USARS Roller Figure Skating World Championship Operation Gold fund for athletes who won a medal in 2008, to supplement funding provided by the USOC. A motion of the Board was needed to provide it for the current season (and to continue it through the balance of the Olympic quadrennial).

MOTION 2: B/D 10/31/09 8:15 AM

Approve a USA Roller Sports Operation Gold Refund for Senior World Team Athletes for 2009, 2010 and 2011 as follows for *Senior Figure Skaters, Pairs, Team Dance and Solo Dance athletes*.

- Placements at the 2009, Senior World Figure Championships will result in the following refunds: Gold Medal - \$2,500, Silver Medal - \$2,000, Bronze Medal - \$1,500, 4th place - \$1,000.
- Funding given for placements at the 2010 and 2011 Senior World Championships will match the amounts provided by the USOC Operation Gold Fund for Senior Freestyle athletes.

This will be a one-time payment each year, regardless of the number of medals won, for the highest medal achieved by the athlete(s), with full equal amounts being given to each member in team events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Note - U. S. Olympic Committee Operation Gold Funds for Senior World Team Athletes: Senior Freestyle athletes will receive the following in 2009 from the USOC for placements at the 2009 World Championships: 1st - \$2,500, 2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,500, 4th - \$1,000 (subject to change annually).

Freestyle athletes will receive their funding directly from the Olympic Committee, and Figure, Pairs Team and Solo Dance athletes will get their funding from USA Roller Sports. Olympic Committee funding is only provided for sports that are included on the program of the Pan Am Games. For individual events, they are given based on the highest placement (not one allocation per medal).

At the 2008 Annual Board of Directors Meeting, the USARS Board approved funding 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*. After reviewing the preliminary financial

information for the 2009 National Figure Skating Championships, the following motion was deemed to be in order:

MOTION 3: B/D 10/31/09 8:16 AM

Approve funding from USARS in the amount of \$1,000 per athlete for members of the 2009 Senior Roller Figure Skating World Team to help with their expense to participate in the World Championships (funds are not provided to Inline, Show or Precision Team athletes).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

USA Roller Sports Senior Inline Speed Skating World Team members received Olympic funds for their World Championships expenses, because of the Inline to Ice Program. Expenses of the Men and Women's Senior World Inline Hockey Teams are also funded. It is for this reason that the USARS Board has approved funding from the Roller Figure Skating National Championships for roller figure skating athletes.

Jane Wojnarowsky reported that the 2010 Judges, Coaches and Skaters Conference, will take place in Biloxi, Mississippi, January 28 - 31. The hotel is the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. One day of the program includes a trip to a nearby rink where instruction with demonstrators is scheduled. It is hopeful that a change to this location in the eastern part of the USA may attract some participants who are not willing to travel to Las Vegas. We will be offering an optional Meet Director Certification Course as well as a Tabulator Course on January 28. All regions have been encouraged to financially support the participation of their Regional Championships tabulators to help assure the athlete entry data for Nationals is successfully and accurately transmitted to USARS.

Sites of confirmed and future National Championships were provided:

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

2011 – Indoor Speed & Roller Figure Skating National Championships – Interested cities include Peoria, Des Moines, Iowa; Springfield, Missouri; Lubbock, Texas. Other cities interested in bidding for a future event are Buffalo, New York, and Grand Rapids, Michigan

Richard Hawkins and George Kolibaba visited Des Moines on this past Thursday. Their Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) will be submitting a written proposal to host the Indoor Speed and Roller Figure Skating National Championships for 2011. Hawkins reported that Brent Lonteen was no longer with the Peoria CVB. Peoria would like to have our Championships back and they will be submitting an agreement to us for a return to their city in multiple years. We would be using a multi-purpose arena (as in Fresno). It is the same type of a facility being proposed for use in Des Moines. The floor, bleachers, stage, vendors, and snack bar would all be in the same room in both of these locations. There are pros and cons to each site.

There are discussions about constructing a new facility in Lincoln, near the ballpark. Subject to what happens with this, Pershing might turn into a parking lot. Other cities have agreed to bids for our event, which are more financially attractive than what we get from Lincoln. We really would like to have Championship sites confirmed at least three years in advance. Ed Harney noted that moving the

USARS floor causes much more damage to it than using it does. If some other city would offer to purchase a floor, as Lincoln did many years ago for a multi-year commitment, this could be an important consideration.

The next World Games will take place in Bogota, Colombia, in 2013. Before that, however, we must qualify the USA for inclusion via participation in the Pan Am Championships. Jim Pollard reported that the Pan Am Championships, tentatively scheduled for January 2010, in Aguascalientes (80 km from Mexico City) or St. Luis Potosi, Mexico, has been postponed until March of 2010. Men and Women's Free Skating and Speed Skating should be included, same as in Rio at the last Games. There is still uncertainty about hockey, although it appears that there is more interest in inclusion of inline hockey. Equipment and coaching are the two main problems they are running in to in Cuba. The Pan Am Games will be in Guadalajara, Mexico. There is a PASO Meeting scheduled for November 4-5-6, 2009, but because of the World Roller Figure Skating Championships in Germany, USARS representatives will not be present. Pollard indicated that they would be meeting with other Pan Am Federations during the World Championships.

USA roller figure skating athletes will qualify for the 2010 Pan Am Championships from their placement at Nationals. No expenses are covered for these athletes. The Figure Committee proposed the following criteria for selection: (1) USARS Junior World Team Athletes who competed during the 2009 World Championships; (2) Determination of Pan Am Figure Team position by virtue of the athletes' placements in each branch of figure skating from the 2009 World Championships; (3) Athlete selection by virtue of offered figure disciplines during the 2010 Pan Am Championships schedule, i.e. Figures, Free Skating, Solo Dance, etc. If further postponement of the Pan Am Championships occurs, the Committee asks the Executive Committee to review the list of figure athletes and approve any changes to the figure athlete list prior to distribution to the membership.

Hawkins told the Board about a USA Roller Sports Program Media Kit, as proposed by Jim Ball, which can be distributed to skating centers to raise interest in our competitive programs. The kit would include a poster, flyers, a banner, and "how to" booklets on information from each of our sports disciplines – rink hockey, inline hockey, speed skating, roller figure skating and derby. Funding of this project will be supported by Jim Ball, who offered to coordinate involvement by manufacturers. Hawkins indicated that a poster design using Apollo Ohno was in place and that Derek Parra and Chad Hedrick had also agreed to be featured in posters for this purpose. It will be sent out with club renewals and to every rink in the United States. Rink addresses will come from the RSA.

DIRECTIVE 2: Richard will send a letter of appreciation to Jim Ball and Sure-Grip for the equipment he is donating for Pan Am sports development and for his support in the creation of a roller skating publicity kit.

At the last Board Meeting, the Executive Committee indicated that they would identify a representative from USA Roller Sports to serve on the RSM-RSA Marketing Committee. This Committee consists of manufacturers and distributors being formed under the umbrella of the RSA, charged with putting together a National Marketing Campaign. Danny Brown is participating on our behalf and reported that they have had a conference call about it. The plan is for manufactures and distributors of skating equipment to donate a portion of the income from items they sell to the marketing campaign, tentatively between 2% and 5% of the sales price. It was going pretty well until the end of September, but due to a conflict there has been a delay. An issue the group faces is

assuring that all participate, raising the question of whether or not the marketing fund surcharge on their products makes the participants less competitive with their sales.

Carried forward from the previous Board agenda was a directive relating to problems that Team USA staff sometimes has with interfering parents at the World Championships. Hawkins indicated that he would be sending out requests to other NBGs, asking for input from them on how they handled this situation in their sports.

DIRECTIVE 3: USARS staff members Ricci Porter and Jane Wojnarowsky will work on a letter for the parents of World Team athletes to sign. It will acknowledge that they accept the terms of their involvement with their children while they are entrusted to the care of the Team USA staff. Approval of this letter (or letters if different by sports discipline) will be included on the agenda for the 2010 Semiannual Board Meeting, with the final document to be included with the team member forms for signature when the team is qualified.

At the last Board Meeting, the Speed Committee was asked to return to the Fall Annual Board Meeting with recommendations for a wheel registration program for 2010. The committee felt that there was really no longer a need for a registration program, since there had not been problems with wheel availability in recent years. With only two active wheel companies, unless a problem does arise, they would like to eliminate it from our program.

DIRECTIVE 4: Continue to pursue the following as directed at the last Board Meeting: "Development of traveling roller figure seminars was sent to the Figure Skating Committee for action. The Speed Committee may also want to consider developing a traveling seminar. Once a plan has been developed, it should be returned to the Executive Committee. Chairman Kolibaba stated that they need to be looking at programs directed towards the grassroots level."

Ken Shelton told the Board that the Coaches Seminar in Colorado Springs, in conjunction with Outdoor Nationals, was getting more successful with each year. The information is delivered by USOC speakers and is more easily accepted from an outside resource. George Kolibaba noted that his directive related to taking information to the people, and not requiring them to spend a lot of money for travel to a central location for a single meeting.

Bill Sission reported that there had been no action on the Rink Hockey Committee's request at the last meeting for \$5,000 from USARS for use in the promotion of rink hockey, which was sent back to the Committee for a more complete proposal of how the money would be spent.

In the last Inline Hockey Committee Report, it was directed that the recommendation for USA Roller Sports to join the AAU as an allied member or club should be forwarded to the USARS Executive Committee and reviewed by our attorney, Tom James. Since no action had yet taken place on this, and it is still of interest, the following motion was advanced.

MOTION 4: B/D 10/31/09/09 9:07 AM

Pending approval of our attorney, Tom James, or his law firm, the USARS Executive Director will submit an AAU membership application on behalf of USA Roller Sports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board next turned to new business.

From the Executive/Finance Committee Meeting of August 23, came a request from Richard Hawkins to approve issuing multiple club charters per discipline for *public facilities* (school tracks, parks, etc.). Richard was directed to research the rules and present to the Fall Board meeting the ability to issue multiple charters per facility to *rinks* (G.R. 5.01.01). This situation could happen when two groups wish to rent time at a rink or facility, but otherwise are not connected. It was felt that USARS could not tell a rink operator they could not have these clubs in their rinks. Since a club charter must be signed by the host facility, they would still be in control of the situation in their facility.

DIRECTIVE 5: The question of issuing multiple charters per discipline per facility, was sent to a Special Committee, consisting of Danny Brown, Annelle Anderson and Linda Miner, to evaluate the pros and cons. They are to consider the concerns addressed at this Board Meeting, financial issues, and whether it is in the best interest to USARS or the sport to permit this. In addition there may be emotional ramifications and potential conflicts.

Because of the change in dates of the USARS membership years Hawkins asked that an amendment be made in the USARS rules to state that USARS figure and speed skating membership cards must be purchased by the Regional Championships deadline or the amount is will be doubled.

MOTION 5: B/D 10/31/09 9:53 AM

Effective January 1, 2010, for skaters who are entering the Regional Championships, membership cards must be purchased by the Regional Championship deadline or the amount will be doubled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mark Vittese spoke in support of having on-line membership registrations, where the athlete or parent could submit their registration information and print out a confirmation of the registration and payment. He felt this would solve a lot of problems that we experience with processing last-minute membership applications and issues of who is current and who is not. Richard Hawkins indicated that the USOC is developing an on-line membership program that will be available for use by all NGBs.

Since a partial year membership card can now be purchased for \$20 for the period September 1-December 31, there was discussion of eliminating the single event membership card, sold at \$15, for figure and indoor speed skating. The structure and purpose of single event cards was discussed. There are problems that have come out of these cards. Money collected for them does not always reach USARS. If there is an injury and someone calls to report it, we may not have anything to confirm their memberships (and thus no insurance coverage). It was suggested that there could be scrutiny of the random events, with the meet director being penalized when cards have been sold but the money not turned it. It as noted that often there is so much going on with an event, that it is very difficult for the Meet Director to know whether or not this has been handled properly.

Initially the single event cards were instituted to permit new skaters a chance to compete without having to purchase a full year of membership and Pat Jacques stated that she uses these cards to bring new skaters into our regular programs.

DIRECTIVE 6: The request from the USARS Executive Director to delete Single Event Cards for use at figure and indoor speed events, was sent back to him for recommendation, perhaps with the solution being the ability to use electronic membership registration.

Jane Wojnarowsky gave the Roller Figures Skating Committee Report. She reviewed statistics generated from 2009 Regional Championship entries and withdrawals and the same information relative to participants at the National Championships, including placements from each region and points earned by participating clubs. Richard Hawkins reported on the results from a survey of those who registered to participate but did not. It showed that the top two reasons were the cost of the hotel and travel. Taking time off of work was also frequently cited.

MOTION 6: B/D 10/31/09 11:05 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation to change the name of Open (A) Solo Free Dance to be “International Solo Free Dance” with the following provisions:

~~Open~~ **International Solo Free Dance Division event**-During the 2009 April meeting, the Board approved: Youth International Solo Dance skaters who also participate in the ~~Open~~ **International** Solo Free Dance event will be tabulated into the contestant “pool” for the “Combined Youth International Solo Dance Champion.” Skaters may participate in the Creative Solo Free Dance events as well as the ~~Open~~ **International** Solo Free Dance event in the same qualifying championships.

The ~~Open~~ **International Solo Free Dance division event is:** *open to those who are not skating JUNIOR WORLD CLASS SOLO OR JUNIOR WORLD CLASS TEAM DANCE, or SENIOR WORLD CLASS SOLO OR SENIOR WORLD CLASS TEAM DANCE in the same qualifying championship.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 7: B/D 10/31/09 11:05 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

National Figure Draw (All World Class Figure events)- Inclusion of the “opposite foot” of the group drawn for the regional championships in the national figure draw

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 8: B/D 10/31/09 11:09 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Golden “A” Division Events (65+)

- a) The inclusion of the letter “A” for identifying the Golden events (figures and solo dance).

- b) Skaters eligible for “A” Adult divisional events may not compete in their age eligible event and the Golden “A” division event during the same qualifying championship, however they may be able to compete in a “B” event of the same branch of the sport if so eligible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 9: B/D 10/31/09 11:11 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Challenge-up Limitations

- a) Youth event skaters who compete in more than one division of the same event; e.g. figures, solo dance, loops, team dance, free skating are limited to participate in no more than two divisions in the same branch of the sport, exclusive of World Class events.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 10: B/D 10/31/09 11:12 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Challenge-Up Limitations

- b) Adult event skaters who compete in more than one division of the same event; e.g. figures, solo dance, loops, team dance are limited to participate in no more than two divisions in the same branch of the sport, exclusive of World Class events. Refer to “Challenge-up” rules in the Figure Rule Book.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 11: B/D 10/31/09 11:14 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Challenge-up of Elementary and Open Loop division skaters to the Advanced Loop division event - Skaters participating in the Elementary Loop events and the Open Loop events, may challenge into the Advanced Loop event during the same qualifying championship. National placement of 1-2-3 in the Advanced Loop division event mandates the skater to remain in the Advanced Loop event or age eligible figure division events in subsequent skating seasons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 12: B/D 10/31/09 11:17 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Classic Solo Dance - Skaters under the age of thirty (30), who place 1st at the National Championships, or 2nd and/or 3rd two cumulative times, must advance to the Junior or Senior Solo Dance division, if so qualified. Upon reaching the age of thirty (30), the skater may return to the Classic division. This would become Figure Rule AR8.02.84 (a).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 13: B/D 10/31/09 11:19 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee clarification:

1. Qualification into Classic Division events

CLASSIC (A) DIVISION TEAM DANCE (age 15) events shall consist of teams where one member is FIFTEEN (15) years of age or older. *Any skater who has placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships in any adult team event (Novice, Esquire, Master, Veterans, Premier) has the option to advance into the Classic Team Dance division.*

*Note: *Classic Team for the 2009-2010 skating season is for age 18 and up.*

CLASSIC (A) DIVISION SOLO DANCE (age 18 & up) events shall consist of registered amateur skaters who have reached the age of EIGHTEEN (18) or older. Any skater who has placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships in any adult solo event (Novice, Esquire, Master, Veterans, Premier) has the option to advance into the Classic Division.

CLASSIC (A) FIGURE DIVISION (age 18 & up) events shall consist of registered amateur skaters who have qualified through the following rules and have reached the age of EIGHTEEN (18) or older.

Clarification: All Classic division events shall require prior Regional placement of 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Freshman, Sophomore *or any Adult divisional events.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 14: B/D 10/31/09 11:20 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Novice Eligibility - 7 a (placed instead of participated)

Novice Eligibility- Due to requirement changes within the Novice Figure and Solo events, the committee revisited AR8.02.85 (b) and AR8.02.110 (a).

AR8.02.85 NOVICE (A) DIVISION SOLO DANCE (age 18 & up) 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), MASTERS (A), VETERANS (A), PREMIER (A) SILVER AND PREMIER (A) GOLD* DIVISIONS (SEE AR8.02.05 (F)).

(b) Skaters (18 & up) who have placed 1st at the National Championship, or 2nd and/or 3rd, two cumulative times in NOVICE, ESQUIRE, MASTERS and VETERANS SOLO DANCE

DIVISION, should they choose to skate SOLO DANCE in the Adult Divisions, must skate PREMIER SOLO DANCE DIVISION events.

(This rule is not applicable if the winning or placing at the National Championships in Solo Dance occurred more than TEN (10) skating seasons (September 1 - August 31) prior to the skating season in question, beginning with the 2007-2008 season, although that skater would have the option to do so.) Skaters who have participated in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC SOLO DANCE event within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may NEVER participate in the NOVICE SOLO DANCE DIVISION. Any skater who has competed in a qualifying Championship in the CLASSIC DANCE DIVISION prior to September 1, 1998, and has not placed 1, 2 or 3 at a National Championship in any Level (A) dance event, may return to the NOVICE DANCE DIVISION in subsequent Seasons. However, CLASSIC DANCE DIVISION skaters who compete in a qualifying Championship after 1998, (since the Classic Dance Division has been restructured), may not go back to compete in the NOVICE DIVISION.

Clarification: Skaters who have participated *placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships* in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC SOLO DANCE event within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may not participate in the NOVICE SOLO DANCE DIVISION.

MOTION 15: B/D 10/31/09 11:27 AM

AR8.02.110 (a) NOVICE (A) FIGURE DIVISION (age 18 & up) events shall consist of registered amateur skaters *and teacher/coach skaters* who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or older and who have NEVER placed in 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.*

(a) Skaters (age 18 & up) who have placed 1st at the National Championship, or 2nd and/or 3rd two cumulative times in NOVICE (A) FIGURE DIVISION must skate PREMIER (A) FIGURE DIVISION events. Skaters who have placed at the National Championship in the NOVICE (A) FIGURE DIVISION have the option (at 18 or older) to move to the CLASSIC (A) or SOPHOMORE (A) FIGURE DIVISION, or FRESH/SOPH (B) figure divisions.

(This rule is not applicable if the winning or placing at the National Championships in Figure occurred more than TEN (10) skating seasons (September 1 - August 31) prior to the skating season in question, beginning with the 2007-2008 season, although that skater would have the option to do so.) Skaters who have participated in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC figure divisions within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may NEVER participate in the NOVICE FIGURE DIVISION. Any skater who has competed in a qualifying Championship in the CLASSIC FIGURE DIVISION prior to September 1, 1998, and has not placed 1, 2 or 3 at a National Championship in any Level (A) figure event, may return to the NOVICE FIGURE DIVISION in subsequent Seasons. However, CLASSIC FIGURE DIVISION skaters who compete in a qualifying Championship after 1998, (since the Classic FIGURE Division has been restructured), may not go back to compete in the NOVICE DIVISION.

Clarification: Skaters who have participated *placed 1-2-3 at the National Championships* in any JUNIOR, JUNIOR WORLD CLASS, SENIOR WORLD CLASS or CLASSIC figure

divisions within the past ten (10) years in any qualifying Championship may not participate in the NOVICE FIGURE DIVISION.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 16: B/D 10/31/09 11:35 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee proposal for inclusion of Circle Loop Division Event as written:

MOTION TO APPROVE DEFEATED

MOTION 17: B/D 10/31/09 11:46 AM

Effective 2010, approved the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation as amended regarding Circle Loop Division events:

Circle Loop Division events are an introduction to the Loop events in a manner in which both the skater and coach may learn from the grassroots up.

The Circle Loop Division event will not add time on to the scheduling process for any championships, as there are many “fourth figure panel” availabilities to utilize for this education of the skaters and coaches. This event will be limited to the Regional Championships.

Criteria:

- a) Juvenile/Elementary “B” Circle Loop Division (12-)
- b) Freshman/Sophomore “B” Circle Loop Division (13+)
- c) Eligible skaters: Primary, “B” and “C” level figure skaters.
- d) To be skated Co-ed
- e) Judged and scored as a Final Only event
- f) Skaters may not compete in the Circle Loop division event and another event including a loop figure in the same qualifying championship.
- g) Skaters may compete in the Circle Loop division event for only two (2) years

Requirements for 2010:

<u>GROUP I</u>	<u>GROUP II</u>
114 B	115 A
130 A	130 B

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 18: B/D 10/31/09 11:55 AM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

International Skater's Eligibility Rule - Skaters who participate, or who have participated in the World Championships representing a foreign country must, if they wish to participate in the USARS championships, skate in an equivalent division *within the branch of skating (Singles, Figures, Team Dance, Solo Dance, Pairs) in which they participated at the World Championships*. If the skater does not, or did not, participate in a particular branch of skating at the World Championships, he or she is eligible to participate in those branches of skating in the USARS Championships according to the USARS eligibility rules.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 19: B/D 10/31/09 12:20 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

World Class Awards and Presentation Procedures

At the USARS National Championships the presentation of awards for the Junior World Class events and Senior World Class events will be made following the completion of skating of both divisions. Awards will be given to those skaters who placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each contest.

Following this ceremony, the announcing and presentation of awards will be made for both the Junior and Senior World Teams. The two highest placing American skaters in each Junior World Class division, who satisfy all the necessary requirements, will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals and a place on the Junior World Team. The 3rd and 4th place winners will be awarded a medal.

The three highest placing American skaters in each Senior World Class division of Figures, Team Dance, Pairs and Free Skating, who satisfy all the necessary requirements, will be awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals and a place on the Senior World Team. The 4th place winner will be awarded a medal.

The two highest placing American skaters in each Senior World Class division of Solo Dance, who satisfy all the necessary requirements, will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals and a place on the Senior World Team. The 3rd and 4th place winners will be awarded a medal.

This rule would become AR7.03.02

CARRIED – 6 in favor, 4 opposed and 1 abstention

DIRECTIVE 7: The Committee is to review this process and return to the Spring Board Meeting with any amendments or clarifications they wish to propose.

A lunch break was taken from 12:25 to 1:32 PM, followed by a continuation of the Roller Figure Skating Report.

When the combining of events was requested, Freshman/Sophomore B Women's Free Skating (13 & up) was inadvertently left off the list. Due to the nation-wide numbers from the 2009 National Championships, the Figure Committee unanimously recommends the combining of the Freshman B

and Sophomore B Women's Free Skating division events. This is administrative and does not change the requirements of the two events.

MOTION 20: B/D 10/31/09 1:35 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation to combine Freshman B and Sophomore B Women Free Skating (13+) events....

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bob Labriola proposed the following concept to the Committee. Although there is no rule against it, he felt this might generate more teams and would not have a negative impact on anyone.

MOTION 21: B/D 10/31/09 1:59 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Adult Division Team Events – Skaters who participate in an Adult Team Dance division (Esquire, Masters, Veterans, Premier Silver, Premier Gold) may within the same qualifying championship participate in the Classic Team Dance division with a different partner. Placing at the National Championships in the Classic Team dance division will have no effect on the skater's eligibility to participate in the Adult divisions in subsequent skating seasons.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 22: B/D 10/31/09 2:00 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

Orchestrated CIPA Music for Youth International Solo Dance Events - The Youth International Solo Dance division events shall utilize the CIPA orchestrated music for Fiesta Tango (100) and Kleiner Waltz (138) during the 2009-2010 skating season.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A CD of nine songs each dance has been prepared by USARS.

MOTION 23: B/D 10/31/09 2:07 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation as submitted:

USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representative

Job Description: Each of the USARS nine (9) regions, at their regional championships contest, is required to elect a USARS Certified Figure Coach to represent their region. This individual is to act as a conduit for sport and specific information, i.e. rule changes, proposals for new events, sports science innovations that can enhance the sport of figure skating, going

to and coming from the USARS Figure Committee and the other eight (8) USARS Regional Coach Representatives.

Requirements: The USARS figure coaches in each USARS region, at every USARS regional championship contest, shall elect a USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representative by a “record vote”.

The “record vote” must include the following information:

1. The date, time and place of the meeting conducting the election.
2. The name, signature and USARS club ID number of each current certified USARS voting coach and their “yes”, “no” or “abstain” vote.

Each USARS Chartered Figure Club (club ID#) in the region shall have one vote when electing a USARS Regional Coaches Representative. If a USARS figure club has more than one coach, these coaches must decide by whatever method they choose to apply their single vote. *If clubs have multiple USARS club IDs (additional practice rinks or satellite clubs), the voting club ID shall be awarded to the club ID with the majority of USARS membership.*

Upon election, the USARS Regional Coach Representative must submit the record vote by which they were elected, along with their personal acceptance and contact information to USARS headquarters for inclusion on the USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representatives contact list. *USARS Regional Coach Representatives may also submit their record vote and contact information at the National Championships meeting.* Contact information shall include name, address, phone numbers and e-mail.

Duties and Responsibilities: Must *conduct* USARS Regional Coaches meetings to facilitate discussion of the current season’s posted figure proposals up for nation-wide review *by the December 31 deadline*, and encourage the formulation of new proposals to be brought forward from the region the following years.

1. Conducts “record votes” on the current season’s nation-wide *proposals by the December 31 deadline for submittal to the USARS National Office. The USARS Figure Committee will review and forward proposals per the rule change process to the Spring Board of Directors Meeting for action by the board.*
2. Conducts “record votes” *at each USARS regional championship contest* on new proposals the region wishes to submit for discussion at the annual USARS National Championships meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Wojnarowsky indicated that the process for changing rules that the Figure Committee is proposing was adapted from the process used for speed skating rule changes. Ken Shelton stated that it has worked for speed skating. This process has been in use now for two seasons. Joe Cotter agreed that the system is greatly improved. In the future it may be possible to have our member coaches vote on-line for the proposals they support.

MOTION 24: B/D 10/31/09 2:14 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Roller Figure Skating Committee recommendation:

USARS Figure Skating Program Change Process

Objective: To describe in detail the process by which the sport of figure skating can be changed by proposals from the grass-roots level. All figure program changes must be approved by a majority of the current USARS certified figure coaches in the nine (9) regions, approved by the USARS Figure Committee and approved by the USARS Board of Directors. A program change is defined as:

Any change in events, divisions, requirements (except CIPA events) or age groups to be skated in USARS Regional and National Championship competition.

Administrative changes are the responsibility of the USARS Figure Committee and must be approved by the USRS Board of Directors. Administrative changes are defined as:

Rulebook corrections/clarification, officiating standards/requirements and changes pertaining to the conduct of championships.

Procedure – USARS Regional Coaches Representative: one current certified USARS figure coach elected by record vote from each region, designated as their USARS regional coach representative who is capable of acting as a conduit for information between their regions and the USARS Figure Committee. The USARS regional coaching representative must attend regional meetings to facilitate discussions of current proposals, solicit new proposals and act as a proctor for the required record votes (refer to USARS Figure Skating Regional Coaches Representative Requirements).

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

At the USARS National Regional Coaches Representatives' meeting all proposals from all regions will be presented and discussed. Similar proposals from multiple regions will be consolidated in consensus proposals by the group. The USARS Regional Coaches Representatives will then vote on which proposals to present to the USARS Figure Committee.

The USARS Figure Committee will convene at the National Championship meet following the USARS Regional Coaching Representative meeting, or have a conference call shortly after the National Championships to review proposals from the regions. The Figure Committee shall provide the USARS Regional Coaches Representatives with a copy of their meeting minutes indicating the disposition of all proposals submitted. This information will be e-mailed to all USARS Regional Coaching Representatives by August 31.

Proposals approved by the USARS Figure Committee will be posted on the USARS website no later than September 15 for review by all coaches and general membership.

Each USARS Regional Coaches Representative shall arrange a second USARS regional coaches meeting to discuss and conduct a record vote on the nation-wide proposals posted on the USARS website. The meeting will require a 30 day advance notice to all of the eligible USARS club ID's, with a copy of the meeting notice forwarded to the USARS National office. This meeting must have a majority of the club ID's eligible to vote in order for their present USARS regional coaching representative to be able to vote. Using the eligible club ID list provided to elect a USARS Regional Coaches Representative, each eligible club ID shall select a maximum of three (3) current USARS certified coaches to participate in the record vote on the nation-wide proposals. This meeting must be completed and the record vote on the nation-wide proposals faxed to the National Office by December 31.

The USARS Figure Committee will audit the nation-wide proposal record votes from the nine (9) USARS regions, and forward with committee recommendations all proposals receiving majority approval for action to the USARS National Board of Directors at the spring board meeting.

Proposals approved by the USARS Board of Directors at the spring meeting will be effective in subsequent skating seasons.

Majority approval is defined as the approval of a majority of six (6) current certified USARS coaches or more of the nine (9) USARS regions documented by record vote.

In the event that nation-wide proposals posted on the USARS website do not get a majority of regions submitting record votes by the December 31 deadline, the USARS Figure Committee will then be responsible for the disposition of all proposals.

The USARS Figure Committee shall for each proposal:

- a. Approve the proposal and forward it to the USARS National board for action, or
- b. Reject the proposal, or
- c. Table the proposal and send it back to the USARS Regional Coaching Representatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The drivers of participation in our sport are different for youth than they are for adults. Adults may compete two or three times longer than youth, who may only compete three to five years. Our figure skating program is designed as a "one size fits all", and it may be beneficial to break the program down for each.

DIRECTIVE 8: George Kolibaba indicated that he would pursue study of an adult program and a separate youth program. Our elite group needs a plan for our sport to retain and grow. Evaluation needs to include the influences that affect each group.

George Pickard, Chairman of the Inline Hockey Committee, presented his committee report. He explained how the report was generated and how input from the members was used in the final version.

Pickard gave a run down of domestic events. He spoke about the identification of USARS as the National Governing Body and it was noted that our identity is much greater in the Midwest and

Eastern part of the USA. In California, it has been weak. As the AIHL program comes into play, this will improve. The 2009 USARS National Championships, scheduled for Corona, California, was cancelled, since there were not enough teams registered to produce a good competition. Vittese reported that NARCH is strong in California, along with a couple of other organizations. The AAU, through Keith Noll, has made great inroads for our programs.

Pickard provided the following World Championships information:

2010 FIRS INLINE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

IV - Junior Men Inline Hockey World Championships

Dusseldorf Germany - June 27 to July 2, 2010.

I - Junior Women Inline Hockey World Championships (new)

Huntington Beach, California - June 27 to July 2

IX - Senior Women Inline Hockey World Championships

Beroun, Czech Republic - July 2 to July 8, 2010.

XVI - Senior Men Inline Hockey World Championships

Beroun, Czech Republic - July 11 to July 17, 2010.

MOTION 25: B/D 10/31/09 2:37 PM

Approve the Inline Hockey Committee recommendation:

Final World Inline Hockey Team USA Selection Committee: Ken Murchison, Don Molnar, Jeff Bond, Mark Vittese, Barry Jackson, Charlie Sgrillo and athlete representative Terry Shook. Selection Committee Chairman is Jon Roux. Keith Noll will represent USARS and secure all the world team paperwork.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 26: B/D 10/31/09 2:40 PM

Approve the Inline Hockey Committee recommendation:

The Senior Men Team USA, Junior Men Team USA and Women Team USA trials selection camps for the 2010 FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships will take place on May 14th-16th, 2010 at the Bladerunner Complex in Harmarville, Pennsylvania.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Jon Roux manages this facility. The Selection Committee will be divided into appropriate segments to appraise each of the Team USA selections, with the objective to utilize the rink continuously throughout the day on Friday May 14 and Saturday May 15, as the three separate groups in sequence take to the rink and then alternately rest until their next sessions begin. Sunday May 16 practice will be limited to a one hour period for each in the morning and then, after completing the required World Team paper work, all may return home. The cost of transportation for officials will be reduced by this trial location as only Senior Men's Coach Ken Murchison will have to fly in. All others are

within driving distance. All surplus receipts will be turned over to USARS to augment world championship team costs.

MOTION 27: B/D 10/31/09 2:46 PM

Approve the Inline Hockey Committee recommendations:

2010 USA TEAM OFFICIALS FOR INLINE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS:

WCIV - Junior Men Inline Hockey World Championships

Jeff Bond - Coach

Shane Peters - Referee

WCI - Junior Women Inline Hockey World Championships (new)

Mark Vittese - Coach

Gary Miller - Referee

WCIX - Senior Women Inline Hockey World Championships

Chalie Sgrillo - Coach

Danielle Pelletier or Stephanie Voigt - Referee

WCXVI - Senior Men Inline Hockey World Championships

Ken Murchison - Coach

Paul Pelletier or Gary Miller - Referee (as available)

Team Manager and USARS Representative - Jon Roux

CIRIHL Committee Member from USA - Keith Noll

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 28: B/D 10/31/09 2:48 PM

Approve the Inline Hockey Committee recommendation:

PAN AMERICAN GAMES INLINE HOCKEY TRIALS FOR 2010

The 21 and Under age group winners from the 2009 Junior Olympic International Championship divisions this past July will comprise Team USA for any Pan American Trial where a USA national team's participation will be mandated to gain inline hockey eligibility for the 2011 Pan American Games in Mexico.

The team will consist of the following players: 1. Spencer Becker (G), 2. Jake Gaddis (G), 3. Kevin Keene, 4. Steve Leibhart, 5. Nick Allison, 6. Ryan Marra, 7. Sam Nixdorf, 8. Taylor Witt, 9. T. C. Javor, 10. Charlie Sgrillo, 11. Charlie Donahue, 12. Ryan Bernot, 13. Justin Marr. - COACHES: Anthony Flynn & Raul Castaneda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A short break was taken at 3:15 PM.

Danielle Krienert, USARS Director of Competitive Sanctions and the Roller Derby Coordinator, was present to speak to the Board. She gave them an overview of her regular job responsibilities, which include sanctions, and services for coaches and officials. Her enthusiasm for roller derby was unmistakable as she talked about the athletes, the services and her desire to see our program grow. In

particular they are working on certification programs for officials and coaches. She stated that if USARS wants to maintain their derby memberships, it is inevitable that we host training/boot camps and regional and national tournaments, as that is the ultimate goal of most leagues.

She said she had been asked to help with the development of the Junior Roller Derby Association. She felt we could help these leagues by offering insurance coverage as well as connect them with our local speed leagues and coaches who may be able to assist them with training young derby skaters. Joe Cotter suggested that we should conduct Junior Roller Derby Nationals, as there is an immediate need for this, since no other group is currently offering one.

James Vannurden, the Director and Curator of the National Museum of Roller Skating, presented his report. The Lincoln CVB's "Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown", brought many visitors into the Museum this summer. In addition, there were tours by child development centers, a Red Hat group, etc. Vannurden is working on a book for the museum. The rough draft is finished and George Pickard is reviewing it to be certain the information is correct and tells a complete story. The goal is to publish it in time for the 30th anniversary of the Museum.

George Pickard stated that as he witnesses the passing of people who have been the "gods" of roller sports and the development of roller skating business, and those who have also made monumental contributions, which he referred to as "heroes", he sees there is a need to document their contributions into one book. He has now started this project. The proceeds from this book will go to the Museum. The purpose is to identify individuals and companies that have a family tradition of giving back to the sport and industry.

Ricci Porter, Speed Skating Sports Director, reported on her activities this year, which included Banked Track Clinics, Outdoor Nationals, Indoor Nationals, coordinating background checks, US Anti-Doping/World Anti-Doping coordination, etc. Porter reported that she has had a lot of positive feed back on the magazine, of which she is now the editor. She had several other areas that she is working on, which includes an effort to increase media coverage, development of coaching webinars, creation of a magazine style guide and a program for fitness skaters to get involved with speed skating. Porter recently returned from the World Speed Skating Championships in China, where she served as a World Team Manager. She talked about the mental aspect of winning and how this year's World Speed Team brought home 26 medals from the World Championships. Her passion for the sport was apparent.

Ken Shelton, Chairman of the Speed Committee, gave their report. In an effort to maximize the slots left vacant at the indoor national championships due to low regional entries, the Committee is proposing a fair and equitable solution that can improve competition while increasing revenue.

MOTION 29: B/D 10/31/09 4:50 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

Indoor National Championship Vacant Slots

Time will be scheduled before the official practice to run qualifying races for the empty slots in the standard divisions. World class events are excluded from this proposal. The slots will be posted after each regional championship turns in their official results. The information will be available for viewing on the USARS official website.

Qualifications:

In order to enter the “skate-in qualifier” the contestant must be a member in good standing with USA/RS and have entered their respective regional championship contest. The contestant must not have been the subject of a “meet disqualification” during their respective regional championship contest. The contestant will pay the standard entry fee for an individual event at the National Championship. The interested skaters will be required to have their entry postmarked no later than 7 days prior to the start of the championships.

Example of this proposal –

Senior Men National Championship Entries

NE Region A – 1 entry

Eastern Region B – 3 entries

Southeast Region C – 4 entries

Southern Region D – 3 entries

Great Lakes Region E – 3 entries

North Central Region F – 1 entry

South Central Region G – 2 entries

Northwest Region H – 4 entries

Southwest Region I – 2 entries

Total available slots – 13 – A2,A3,A4,B4,D4,E4,F2,F3,F4,G3,G4,I3,&I4.

- A. If less skaters enter than there are slots available, no race will be run, the skaters will draw, in the order their entry was received, from the pool of available slots. The skaters will be seeded into heats at the National Championships based on this draw.

If more skaters enter than there are slots available they will race the middle distance of their division.

- B. If the group is less than the maximum number allowed on the starting line by USA/RS speed rules, they will draw for starting position and race their middle distance. They will be electronically placed as they cross the finish line. Skaters placing first to (X) will qualify for the open slots. (X plus first place shall always equal the number of available slots)Qualifiers shall draw from the pool of available slots based on placement from first to (X) in their order of finish. The skaters will be seeded into heats at the National Championships based on this draw.

- C. If the group is more than the maximum allowed on the starting line by USA/RS speed rules, they will be divided as evenly as possible into race groups according to the USA/RS rules governing the number of skaters on the line by floor size. Once the number of groups is determined the skaters will draw their group assignments. Each group will race their middle distance . . . First place in each group and the next (X) fastest times will qualify for the open slots. (X plus the first places in each race shall always equal the number of available slots) The qualifiers will draw from the pool of available slots based on their race times. All qualifiers will be placed in order fastest to slowest and they will draw for available slots in that order. If there is a tie in times

between qualifying skaters, the tied individuals will toss a coin to determine who gets first pick between the tied skaters. The skaters will be seeded into heats at the National Championships based on this draw.

If there is a tie for a qualifying position, the tied skaters will be required to re-skate their middle distance, the first place skater in this event will become the qualifier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 30: B/D 10/31/09 4:53 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

Distance Rule Definition ODN Elimination or Points Elimination Race

In this event skaters will be eliminated or distanced down to the 5 skaters remaining with 2 laps to go in the race. Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination for overall race placement. Skaters in a position to be distanced by the race leader, but with a group that is all on the same lap and includes skaters who are not in a position to be distanced, will not be distanced at that time. However if this group later in the race breaks up and individuals or groups of individuals are again in a position to be distanced by the race leader they will be eliminated.

Distance Rule Definition ODN Points Race

In this event skaters will be eliminated or distanced down to 10 skaters remaining in the race. Distanced skaters will be placed in reverse order of their elimination for overall race placement. Skaters in a position to be distanced by the race leader, but with a group that is all on the same lap and includes skaters who are not in a position to be distanced, will not be distanced at that time. However if this group later in the race breaks up and individuals or groups of individuals are again in a position to be distanced by the race leader they will be eliminated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 31: B/D 10/31/09 4:56 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

SR164 RELAY TEAM MEMBERSHIP

SR164.1 Club Affiliation-Members of a relay team may represent only one club in relay speed skating competition. If the members are affiliated with various clubs, the team must skate unattached and members must skate unattached in all speed races in which they compete. (See USARS General Rules 5.02.03, 7.04.06, 7.04.07.)

SR164.2 ~~At a Regional Qualifying Championship, a~~ **A** relay team must skate and qualify for the National Championships *at a Regional qualifying Championship. At the National Championships, additional* team members may be added for substitutions provided

these team members entered the Regional Qualifying Championships and are listed on the master entry submitted for the National Championships. Substitutions may be made in accordance with the rules of substitution. A defending team must ~~skate the initial heat race~~ *be intact at the time their qualifying relay event is skated at their respective Regional Championships. Substitutions on defending relay teams will only be allowed for illness or injury occurring after the regional championship qualifying event is completed (date of illness or injury must be verified by a physician or trainer) per SR164.3*

SR164.3 Once the initial heat race has been run, no substitutions will be allowed, except as follows: If an injury occurs to any team member after heats have started, and that skater or skaters cannot compete for the remainder of the competition, a substitution may be made from the original list of skaters. The injury must be verified by a medical officer appointed by USARS. No team member can be removed and substituted from another relay team once the heat races have started. The number of additional skaters allowed for substitutions is as follows:

- a. Four Person Relays: Two additional team members.
- b. Four Mixed Relays: Two additional team members, one man and one woman.
- c. Two Person Relays: One additional team member. At least one member that skated on the qualifying team at the regional qualifying level must compete at the National Championships in that race.
- d. Two Mixed Relays: ~~Two~~ *One* additional team members, one man ~~and~~ *or* one woman. At least one member that skated on the qualifying team at the regional qualifying level must compete at the National Championships in that race.

SR164.4 Substitution for reasons other than injury or illness *for non-defending teams* may be filed with the meet director up to ~~seven (7) days prior to~~ the start of the first race of the championships, provided that:

- a. verification that the team member who is being replaced is in agreement with the substitution;
- b. evidence is presented that the replaced member or members are unable to be present or skate;
- c. the substitution will not alter another team already entered in the race.

SR164.5 Any substitute on a team must not change the representative status of the original entry; i.e., club affiliation or unattached.

SR164.6 Any substitute must fulfill all eligibility and entry requirements for the qualifying meet including payment of the appropriate entry fees.

SR164.7 All relay team members registered for the National Championships must pay the appropriate entry fee for that event. The relay substitution changes are to be submitted to the Meet Director prior to the end of the appropriate relay practice. All changes shall be made by a registered coach.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 32: B/D 10/31/09 4:58 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

Starting Gun:

SR330.2 *add* or electronic starting device with a strobe light producing a tone or simulated gun shot. At all National Championship contests the tone is preferred.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 33: B/D 10/31/09 5:01 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

Warm-up Practice Rule

SR 155 Any skater on the track or in the center of the track during a warm-up or practice, who is not part of the group called by the announcer for warm-up or practice is subject to disqualification from their next event, at the discretion of the Meet Director.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 34: B/D 10/31/09 5:05 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

Eliminate 15 foot pylon for all relays as a safety measure

SR220.6 The relay return to the gate area is defined as the area between pylon 1 and pylon 2.

SR590.4 Eliminate all references to the 15 foot pylon.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 35: B/D 10/31/09 5:11 PM

Effective immediately, approve the Speed Committee recommendation:

ADD SR395.6 Contestants will not be allowed to carry, in their hand or inside their uniform, any electronic device onto the skating track or center of the track at any time during the conduct of the meet.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 36: B/D 10/31/09 5:12 PM

Approve the Rink Hockey Committee recommendation:

The 2010 National Rink Hockey Championships will be held in Bremerton, Washington, July 11-16, 2010, at 1740 NE Fusen Road, Bremerton, WA 98311. There will be a sign up sheet for the World Teams at Nationals. Ladies and Men's World Teams shall be selected on

Friday, July 16, and training will begin on Saturday, July 17. Other training will be conducted at a later date.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2010 Ladies World Championships are scheduled to take place in the city of Alcabendas (Madrid), Spain, September 5-11 or 12 - 18. The Men's "B" World Championships will be October 24-30, 2010, in Dornbirn, Austria.

MOTION 37: B/D 10/31/09 5:15 PM

Approve the Rink Hockey Committee recommendations for 2010 World Team Staff:

Coach for the Ladies World Team - Frankie Lee.

Coach for the Men's World Team - Jimmy Trussell

Managers and Assistant Coaches - to be named at a later date and submitted for approval to the USARS Executive Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Special Committee, consisting of Danny Brown, Annelle Anderson and Linda Miner was directed to prepare a motion to permit multiple club charters for the same skating discipline per rink. Danny Brown read the following Motion:

MOTION 38: B/D 10/31/09 5:17 PM

Whereas USARS is charged with growing the disciplines of all roller sports,

Whereas club charters are a foundation to athlete participation,

Whereas the USARS Board of Directors recognizes that there are limited facilities to train in.

I hereby make a motion that:

The USARS Board of Directors adopt a temporary rule GR 5.01.01.A for the 2010 competitive year only, to allow multiple clubs of one discipline, to charter at one facility. It is understood that this motion is in conflict with USARS rule GR 5.01.01 and it shall supercede GR 5.01.01 for the time period stated of the 2010 competitive year. The Board of Directors shall review the effects and results of the motion at the 2010 Annual Meeting and then make a decision for possible permanent rule change for the years moving forward.

Note: for the 2010 rulebook, a footnote is to be included into GR 5.01.01 referring the GR 5.01. A, *in bold print*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Hawkins briefly touched on staff reports and indicated that they were included in the Board material and could be read at leisure. USARS will look at attending the RSA Impact Seminars again next year in order to do a presentation on our sports. Tim Hunter did a good job in 2009 and will be asked to help with them again this year.

The meeting was recessed at 5:25 PM

The meeting was called back into order at 8:03 AM on Sunday, November 1. Roll was called and the same Board Members were present as in attendance the day before. Guests as noted before were also present, with the exception of Cathy Carmack, Joe Cotter, Bob Labriola and George Pickard.

MOTION 39 B/D 11/1/09 8:07 AM

Amend the USRS club charter rules as proposed by the USARS Executive Director

GR5.04 Transfer of Club/Unattached Affiliation - Fees are not refundable.

GR5.04.01 Any skater filing for a transfer of club/unattached representation, regardless of the reason, may represent the new club in competition when the reissued card is in his/her possession **or appears on the USARS website**. The date of notification is established at USARS National Headquarters of intention to transfer by either USPS postmark, fax or transmittal date on any other source of express or priority delivery service. USARS will be obligated to process transfers within two working days after receipt from applicant of all required fees and documents.

GR5.04.02 To transfer club/unattached representation to a new club, once club representation has been established during a ~~skating season~~ **membership year** within a particular ~~federation~~ **discipline**, a skater must:

- (a) return the plastic amateur identification card to the USARS National Headquarters ~~unless the skater has only received the temporary card~~;
- (b) submit a signed release from the skating club where club affiliation had been previously registered;
- (c) ~~indicate the new club to which transfer is to be made~~ **letter of acceptance from the new club to be joined**, and;
- (d) remit a transfer of club registration fee of \$15 **20**, ~~except after February 1st of each competitive season the transfer fee is \$25. (UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A NEW APPLICATION BE MADE FOR A SECOND COMPETITOR CARD REGISTRATION NUMBER IN ART OR SPEED~~ **THE SAME DISCIPLINE.**)

~~GR5.04.03 If a skater wishes to resign from a skating club prior to February 1st of a competitive skating season in order to represent another, and is unable to obtain a written release, he may notify the USARS National Headquarters and upon receipt by USA Roller Sports of:~~

- ~~(a) That resignation;~~
- ~~(b) the appropriate amateur identification card for the previous club;~~
- ~~(c) letter of acceptance from the new club to be joined, and;~~
- ~~(d) the \$15 transfer fee.~~
- ~~(e) The USARS National Headquarters is required to send notification to the former club of a skater's resignation when a transfer is made prior to February 1 and a club release is not required. Notification is not necessary if the skater has obtained a release from the former club.~~

GR5.04.04 The ~~Membership Eligibility Committee~~ **Executive Director** shall hear appeals of

skaters unable to obtain a club release, and who wish to transfer to another club for any of the following reasons:

- (a) loss of club coach without a Registered or Certified Coach replacement;
- (b) drastic changes in the club's practice hours or fees after the season has started;
- (c) medical considerations;
- (d) other circumstances of similar consequence.

NOTE: There are individuals who join a club ~~before February 1~~ in a region other than that of their established place of residence for the purpose of creating a competitive pairs, dance or relay partnership. ~~After February 1~~, should this partnership be dissolved and there exists no further reason to continue competing in a region where they are not a resident, the skater may apply in writing to the USARS Executive Director for permission to return to the region of their residence. Should the Executive Director deny such a transfer, an appeal may be made to the Membership Eligibility Committee. This appeal should be filed in writing with appropriate documentation to the USARS National Headquarters. The standard transfer materials and fees must accompany said appeals.

GR5.04.05 In the event a skater is released from a skating club against his wishes during the skating season and subject to verification of the circumstances of the dismissal by the USARS National Headquarters, he becomes eligible to re-affiliate with a new club by submitting:

- (a) previous amateur identification card to the USARS National Headquarters;
- (b) letter of acceptance from the new club to be joined;
- (c) A statement regarding the dismissal, and;
- (d) the appropriate transfer fee.

Club transfer will become effective immediately upon approval by USARS National Headquarters.

GR5.04.06 No skater will be permitted to make more than two changes in representation during a ~~skating season~~ **membership year** within a specific federation, without the written permission of USARS. Unattached status shall be considered as an affiliation.

GR5.04.07 Ordinary requests for transfer of amateur competitor representation will not be accepted by the USARS, which are ~~postmarked after February 1st of a competitive skating season~~ **received less than 30 days prior to the regional deadline**. Applicants who seek a waiver of the ~~February 1st transfer~~ deadline, except skaters affected by 5.04.05 above, must:

- (a) submit a valid release from the club of record;
- (b) detail in writing the reasons why such permission should be granted;
- (c) submit a letter of acceptance from the intended new club, and;
- (d) remit a transfer registration fee of ~~\$25~~**20.00**. In the absence of a release and/or letter of acceptance, a club transfer ~~after February 1st~~ will not be permitted, and the amateur will be required to skate unattached. ~~All transfers after February 1st are subject to USARS approval.~~

~~GR5.04.08 Skaters registered in unattached status as of February 1st must accept this competitive status for the balance of the skating season.~~

GR5.04.09 Amateur competitor cards issued to represent a particular skating club are void should the holder no longer represent that club in competition. Skaters, whose affiliation with a club is terminated for any reason, must apply for new club affiliation or, for unattached status through normal transfer procedures, in order to remain eligible for USARS competitions.

GR5.04.10 ~~After February 1st of any skating season~~ **After purchasing a USARS membership card**, a change that moves a competitor to another state or regional championship must involve a bona fide change of residence and not be made solely for the purposes of competitive advantage. This rule also applies to unattached skaters.

GR5.04.11 Nothing in these rules shall be construed to deprive any competitor the right to skate unattached at any time during the skating season, provided such skater is so registered within the USARS federation affected.

GR5.04.12 It is advised that all written notices mentioned in the foregoing shall be made in triplicate and the original be sent to USARS Headquarters, the date of the postmark being the determining date for the origination of the notice. A copy of the notice should be filed with the club affected and the skater should retain a copy.

GR5.04.13 Non-competitive Transfers: In the event a club officer holding a non-competitive USARS registration card desires a transfer to another club, he must obtain, for his and the club's protection, a release from the club. In addition, it is advised that a club treasurer who wishes a transfer should obtain from the club a statement relieving him or her from any future financial obligation. There will be no fee for non-competitive transfers as in the case with competitive transfers. USARS members may hold office simultaneously in more than one USARS club, but may not competitively represent more than one club in a given federation during the same competitive season, without executing a transfer of competitive representation.

GR5.04.14 Any competitor wishing to transfer club affiliation before a qualifying meet must have the transfer request with the appropriate signatures and fees postmarked **NO LATER THAN THE 30-days prior to the** deadline for entry into the qualifying meet. (If an extension of the entry deadline is requested, then the transfer request must be made in accordance with the new deadline.) No transfers will be accepted once the deadline has passed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ed Harney, Meet Director at the 2009 Roller Figure Skating National Championships, reported that everyone liked Peoria for our event. The contest ran well, with the only issue being the schedule. This year, all of the athletic trainers were excellent – very knowledgeable, super-friendly and helpful.

Ken Shelton, noted that when we did the Speed Committee reports we did not covered his on this year's Meet Director Certification class in Peoria, which listed the names of those who attended the and attained Level 1 Certification: Jim White, Lisa Dunham, Abby Boen, Laurie Gillis, Dennis King, Jim Blair, Linda Martin and Jeff Foster.

Speed skating will be adopting two levels of certification, which for roller figure skating is (A) Invitational, State Championships, Regional Championships, National Championships and Protected Championships and (B) League and Interclub Contests. Shelton referred to them as Levels 1 and 2. He said to attain Level 2 Certification, resumes will go to the Speed Committee and they will vote on who should receive it.

Between meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee is charged with managing the affairs of the Association. The Minutes of the USARS Executive and Finance Committee Meetings which have taken place since our last Board Meeting in April, are attached as Addendum A, B and C.

Richard Hawkins stated that when USARS changed its membership year to coincide with the calendar year, we added 4 months to the 2008-2009 skating season and increased the cost of these cards to cover the 16 month period, which will from her onward conclude on December 31. Prices have been reviewed and amended to reflect the 12 months in the 2010 membership year, starting on January 1.

MOTION 40: B/D 11/1/09 8:21 AM

Approve the Finance Committee recommendations for fees in 2010 as follows:

ITEM/SERVICE/MEMBERSHIP/FEE	2009-2010
USARS Annual Membership (January 1-December 31)	
Member (Athlete, Non-Comp)	
Figure, Speed, Select Inline, and Hardball	\$45
Aggressive (skateboard, extreme inline and womens roller derby)	\$40
Mens and Junior Roller Derby	\$40
House Hockey	\$20
Coach (One Discipline)	\$70
Coach (Two Disciplines)	\$120
Coach (Three Disciplines)	\$130
Coach (Unattached)	\$150
Officials (Unlimited Disciplines)	\$0
Officials (Coaches)	\$0
Club Charter (All disciplines)	\$80
Replacement Cards	\$10
Single Event Registration	
Single Event Registration-per contest	\$20
Transfers	
Regular Transfers	\$20
Regular Transfers (after February 1)	\$20
Sanctions and Insurance-All Disciplines (including Junior Derby) except Aggressive	
Contest Sanctions-Member Clubs (per day)	\$50
Contest Sanctions-Non Member Clubs (per day)	\$75
Late Fee (less than 30 days prior-per day)	\$50
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) PER DAY	\$100
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) BLANKET	\$200

Sanctions and Insurance-Aggressive (skateboard, extreme inline and roller derby) except Junior Derby	
Contest Sanctions-Member Clubs (per day)	\$100
Contest Sanctions-Non Member Clubs (per day)	\$150
Late Fee (less than 30 days prior-per day)	\$100
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) PER DAY	\$200
Insurance Coverage (requiring a certificate of insurance) BLANKET	\$300
Regional Championships-Maximums	
Art-Each Event	\$45
Speed-First Event Entry Fee	\$40
Speed-Additional Event Entry Fees	\$25
Programs	\$10

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Annelle Anderson, Chairman of the Membership Eligibility Committee, reported that they had a couple of issues this year.

George Kolibaba read the following statement: To better facilitate input and create growth opportunities we feel that the discipline committees should have a turn-over process. We have many talented members and if given the opportunity to contribute we can improve our sports. This process allows for direct submission of self-nomination of membership to a discipline committee. All resumes will be studied by the Board, and committees will be elected by the Board. The Board must focus on other than technical right left right issues. The committees will be required to publish all changes for additional feed back from the field before being put into effect. These changes will be given in a written report to each Board member.

A proposed change to the USRS Committee structure was provided for the Board. According to USARS By-Law, Article XXIII, Amendments, our By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors, provided notice of such proposed amendment is given at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting. If this has not occurred, *notice may be waived by unanimous consent of the Board.*

MOTION 41: B/D 11/1/09 8:24 AM

Waive the 10 day notice to amend the By-Laws.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 42: B/D 11/1/09

Approve the proposed Roller Sports Discipline Committees.

MOTION 42 (a) Approve an amendment to remove “~~No persons with the exception of the athlete may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time~~” and added a clause that would give a vote to staff members on the committee. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 42 (b): B/D 11/1/09 8:47 AM

Approve the amended motion, which is as follows:

The time table for applying to serve on a Roller Sports Discipline Committee is:

1. Resumes to the office by February 28, 2010
2. Board reviews, and the election of members at Semiannual Board Meeting.
3. These will be staggered terms from 1 year to 4 years.

Section 11.2 Discipline Leadership Committees (known as Technical Committees). To accomplish the work of each discipline within USA Roller Sports, there will be a five to nine person committee for each discipline in Roller Sports. Each Committee will be elected by the Board of Directors from resumes submitted to the Board. 20% will be an athlete, and one staff member as the discipline director (the director is a full-time staff paid position in the National Office). The discipline director will report to the Executive Director. All positions are elected for four-year terms of office. Members other than the director may serve no more than two consecutive four-year terms. The board will be aware and sensitive to diversity of gender, ethnicity, geographic location in his or her appointments to ensure that there is national representation, and meets the requirements of the USOC. The chairperson of the Discipline Leadership Committee for each discipline may be the discipline director if so designated by the Board. The Board will elect the Chairman of the Leadership Committee. Staff members will have a vote on the committee.

Section 12.3 Discipline Leadership Committee

Procedures for Election of the Discipline Leadership Committee

Term of Office – The elective term of office shall be for four years, with staggered terms to ensure continuity. The following membership groups will be eligible for submitting resumes to be a Discipline Committee member – coaches, athletes and officials.

Initial election will have designated terms to stagger terms which may dictate a term shorter than four years.

A. Athletes

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

B. Officials

- 1 Speed, artistic and hockey officials who are commissioned national championships officials who have served in such a capacity for at least the

immediately preceding two (2) years shall be entitled to submit a resume to be elected to the Discipline Leadership Committee

C. Coach

1. Speed, artistic and hockey coaches who are USARS advanced or elite coaches shall be entitled to submit a resume to be elected to the Discipline Leadership Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DIRECTIVE 9: USARS Executive Director Richard Hawkins was asked to prepare Discipline Committee job descriptions for members on this committee, including a clause about failure to participate in a specified number of meetings being ground for removal from the committee.

Richard Hawkins, USARS Representative for Roller Sports with the USOC, provided a written report. It stated that in March of 2009, Kelly Skinner was replaced by Alan Ashley as our Sport Partner due to a restructure of the Sport Performance Division at the USOC. Hawkins is still working to change this decision, which has tied us in with Olympic winter sports. The report included several articles on the USOC search for a full-time chief executive. At stake is the quest to host future Olympic Games in the U.S. Leadership missteps at the USOC are blamed, in part, for Chicago's embarrassing first-round elimination in bidding for the 2016 Summer Games.

Jim Pollard, CIPA President and FIRS Central Committee Member noted that we had already discussed the upcoming PASO meeting and Pan Am Championships and Games. He said that the recent World Games in Kaoshiung, Taiwan, were the most successful ever. They had big attendance at both art and hockey events, there were 3,000 people in the packed building. The World Games are roller sports' Olympics. He stated that it is very difficult to beat a sport that bids for Olympic inclusion, when it has 150 countries participating and has television contracts. Just because speed skating did not make it into the Olympics doesn't mean we can quit trying. The next round is 2020. Pollard said that it is important to attend all meeting and be known internationally. He said that the current FIRS officers of Sabatino Aracu, President, and Roberto Marotta, Secretary General, did this by attending every meeting of the IOC. They did everything right. Even the IOC said our sport did everything they asked of us. The Olympic Committee is starting the Junior Olympics and it would be wise for us to bid for this to open the door for other events - 2014 might be a possibility. FIRS is still working to get roller skating events into the Olympic Games, but unfortunately we don't have international television contracts.

Pollard stated that CIPA is considering a change of ages for Junior events and allowing two skaters from different national federations to compete as a team in Dance and Pairs events. Both countries must agree to it. For their individual events, each skater would have to represent their own country. Whatever age divisions CIPA approves will become automatic for USARS.

DIRECTIVE 10: The Roller Figure and Speed Committee Meet Directors (same as in 2009) are asked to make recommendations for staff for the 2010 National Championships, which will go to the Executive Committee for approval.

There was more discussion on the 2010 Nationals in Lincoln. The Special Olympics will be in Lincoln between the end of the Speed Championships and the start of the Figure Championships. It

may be a problem to get hotel rooms while the Special Olympians are still in town when figure skaters begin to arrive. Any sponsorship opportunities that might have been obtainable may be gobbled up in support of the Special Olympics. We will need to carefully watch our finances, since the Lincoln CVB doesn't support our event to the extent that the other cities do. The practice floor will either be in the Ice Box (or possibly Ag Hall, which is preferred). Event schedules are being prepared. Richard will find out when the officials can first access the skating floor in Pershing for the Roller Figure Championships. Peoria will submit a bid, asking for our Nationals five times in a ten year period. Des Moines will submit a bid for 2011.

A short break was taken at 9:10 AM.

Kolibaba reported that we have started some Committee reorganization, reducing the size of the Judges Committee from four to three. John Cawly is the new Chairman, and Debra Adamy and Marian Spooner are now Committee Members.

The official results of the Officials Representative and Figure Athlete mail ballots, as tabulated by the USARS CPA firm, showed that John Gustafson was re-elected to the Officials Representative position and April Dayney-Jacobson is the Figure Athlete Representative on the Board, who ran uncontested. Both are three-year terms of office, which start today at the conclusion of the Fall Annual Board Meeting..

MOTION 43: B/D 11/1/09 9:45 AM

Ratify the mail ballot elections of John Gustafson to serve a three year term on the USARS Board of Directors as the Officials Representative and April Dayney-Jacobson to serve a three-year term on the USARS Board of Directors as the Roller Figure Athlete Representative.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The USARS Nominating Committee had previously certified the eligibility of Ed Harney and David Adamy to stand for election as the Grassroots Representative to the USARS Board of Directors and for Charles Aybar and George Kolibaba to stand for election for the At-Large Director position. At this time, the floor was open for nomination of additional candidates for the At-Large Director position. None were forthcoming.

MOTION 44: B/D 11/1/09 8:45 AM

To close nominations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ballots were handed out and each Board Member was asked to vote for one candidate. **George Kolibaba won the Secret Ballot election, returning him to the Board of Directors as an At-Large Director for a three-year term of office.**

At this time, the floor was open for nomination of additional candidates for the Grassroots Director position. None were forthcoming.

MOTION 45: B/D 11/1/09 8:55 AM

To close nominations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

MOTION 46: B/D 11/1/09 9:45 AM

Accept the recommendation from the Foundation to re-elected Budd Van Roekel and George Kolibaba for three year terms on the United States Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 2010 Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting will be in Las Vegas on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, in conjunction with the RSA Convention at the Flamingo Hilton. The sleeping room rate for that meeting will be \$89 per night. Arrival will be on Friday, April 23, with an Executive Session that same night. The RSA will conduct their Life Member Dinner on Saturday night and have a golf outing on Sunday.

During the Annual USARS Board Meeting, officers are elected to serve one year terms.

MOTION 47: B/D 11/1/09 10:00 AM

Nominate Billy Sisson as Treasurer of USARS.

MOTION 47 (a) - Motion to Close

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With nominations closed, Billy Sisson was re-elected as Treasurer of the RSA by acclamation.

MOTION 48: B/D 11/1/09 10:01M

Nominate George Kolibaba as Chairman and President of USARS.

Motion 48 (a) - To close nominations

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With nominations closed, George Kolibaba was re-elected as Chairman and President of USARS by acclamation.

John Gustafson was advanced by the Nominating Committee for USARS Vice-President.

MOTION 49: B/D 11/1/09 10:02AM

Nominate David Adamy as Vice President of USARS.

Motion 49 (a) - To close nominations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

By Secret Ballot, David Adamy was re-elected as Vice President of USARS.

MOTION 50: B/D 11/1/09 10:03AM

Nominate Richard Hawkins as the Corporate Secretary of USARS.

Motion 50 (a) - To close nominations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With nominations closed, Richard Hawkins was re-elected as Corporate Secretary of USARS by acclimation.

According to our Standing Committee structure, the Chairman of the USARS Board shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee on Committees. With the newly approved Discipline Leadership Committees being handled via resumes through the Board, the Committee on Committee would only need to make recommendations for members of the other Standing Committees.

Three athletes were nominated to the Committee on Committee – Josh Wood, Trace Hansen and April Dayney-Jacobson. **By secret ballot, Trace Hansen was elected as the athlete representative on the Committee on Committees.**

Three others were nominated - Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson and Mark Vittese and elected by acclimation to fill the remaining committee seats on the Committee on Committees.

MOTION 51: B/D 11/1/09 10:15 AM

To adjourn the 2009 USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDENDA

2009 USA ROLLER SPORTS ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes from Executive/Finance Committee Conference Call of June 1, 2009.....Addendum A
Minutes from Executive Committee Conference Call of June 15, 2009Addendum B
Minutes from Executive/Finance Committee Conference Call of August 23, 2009.....Addendum C

**USA Roller Sports
Executive/Finance Committees Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2009**

The Executive/Finance Committees telephone conference meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM central time. Committee members participating included: George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, Jim Pollard, Annelle Anderson, Ed Harney, and Trace Hansen. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director. Speed athlete representative, Josh Wood did not participate.

Prior to the first agenda item, Richard gave a report on inline hockey as it pertained to income and expenses for this year. Richard reported that USARS was close to paying out in expenses what it has received in income for the season. There are several pending hockey expenses that will have to be covered. The committees agreed to request that Richard send a letter to George Pickard, USARS Inline Committee Chair and Keith Noll, USARS Inline Committee Member and international committee member informing them of this fact. Richard was also directed to include supporting documentation of the income and expenses.

The first agenda item was a request by Richard to approve a proposal from Creative Landscaping for improvements to the grounds at the National Headquarters. Richard commented that many improvements have been done in the past to the property in Lincoln and there are a few more pending items that need to be addressed.

MOTION 1: To approve the expenditure of \$1687 for maintenance and upgrades to the landscaping at the National Headquarters as detailed on the proposal submitted by Creative Landscaping.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The second agenda item consisted of the suggested prices for the 2009 National Championships to be held in Peoria, IL.

MOTION 2: To accept the suggested pricing for the 2009 National Championships in Peoria IL. The prices are as follows:

Individual Session Tickets (Children under 7 free)	\$10
Jr. World Class Night	\$12
Sr. World Class Night	\$12
Speed Ticket Package	\$75
Figure Ticket Package #1 (Youth)	\$100
Figure Ticket Package #2 (WC)	\$65
(Includes Three World Class Nights)	
Figure Ticket Package #3 (Adult)	\$90
(Includes Three World Class Nights)	
Social Skate	\$10
Programs	\$10
Video Camera	
Speed - All Events	\$60
Figure - Youth Events	\$60
Figure - World Class Events	\$40
Figure - Adult & WC Events	\$60

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The third agenda item related to the dates passed at the April 2009 Board Meeting for the 2010 Indoor Speed Championships to be held in Lincoln, NE. Richard reported that with the approved dates, participants will have to take more time off from work as well as missing work in two different weeks. By moving the dates, participants are able to take advantage of the July 4 holiday as well as having all days off within the same work week.

MOTION 3: To alter the dates, passed at the April 2009 Board of Directors Meeting for the 2010 Indoor Speed Championships to be held in Lincoln, NE to be from Sunday, July 4, 2010 to Saturday, July 10, 2010.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The fourth agenda item suggested that the Indoor Speed and Figure National medals utilize the same format as the Outdoor National and Rink Hockey National format. Previously, the indoor medals have been engraved with the division and year resulting in a large number of leftover medals. Richard proposed that USARS incorporate the use of stickers for the backs of the medals to signify the year and division.

MOTION 4: Effective immediately, to discontinue the engraving of medals for the Indoor Speed and Figure Skating Championships in favor of utilizing stickers as with the Outdoor National and Rink Hockey National Championships.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The fifth agenda item was a request from George Pickard to extend his retirement benefits due to his continued work with inline hockey both internationally and as the chair of the USARS Inline Hockey Committee.

MOTION 5: To extend the payment of premiums for a Medicare Supplement Policy and long term care insurance to George Pickard for a period not to exceed his death or five years from the end of his current contract. This coverage is to remain similar to the current coverage with the exception that no payments are to be made for coverage extending to his spouse.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The sixth agenda item was a request from the Oaks Park Skate Camp to offer a one year certification extension to attending coaches. A curriculum was submitted for approval to the committee.

MOTION 6: To approve the Oaks Park Skate Camp enabling it's participating coaches to receive a one year extension to their certification.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The seventh item on the agenda was a change to the Rink Hockey World Team Staff from what was approved at the April 2009 Board of Directors Meeting. Don Allen has been forced to resign his position due to opening a new rink and hosting the 2009 Rink Hockey National Championships. The Rink Hockey Committee would like to replace him with Daniel Vienna, who is presently the coach and trainer.

MOTION 7: To replace Don Allen, 2009 Rink Hockey World Team Coach with Daniel Vienna.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The final agenda item was a request from Jane Wojnarowsky, USARS Figure Skating Director to clarify in the current USARS Figure Rule Book section AR I I.01.01(d) 6 reading "Painting on any part of your body is considered show and is not allowed in figures, freeskating, pairs or dance". Jane would like to add the following: "with the exception of all Creative Events (Open A Creative Solo Free Dance, Open B Creative Solo Dance, Elementary A Creative Solo Free Dance, Open A Inline Creative Solo Free Dance, Open B Inline Creative Solo Free Dance, Novice Precision, Junior Precision, Senior Precision, Senior Show Team, Senior Small Show Team). Richard was directed to make the appropriate changes in the USARS Figure Rule Book.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 Central Time.

**MINUTES
USA Roller Sports
Executive Committee Telephone Conference Committee Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009
10:30 am Central Time**

George Kolibaba called the conference call to order at approximately 10:30 pm central time. Members present were George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, and Annelle Anderson. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director, and Jane Wojnarowsky, USARS Figure Director. Absent from the call was Jim Pollard and Josh Woods.

A history of the minimum score rule for Junior World Class and Senior World Class was given followed by a discussion.

MOTION: To waive the Junior World Class minimum score requirement with the following to be posted immediately on the USARS website and forward to the regional meet directors. The rule will be further discussed by the Figure Committee with recommendations being forwarded to the Board of Directors for action at the Fall 2009 Meeting.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY (June 15, 2009)

The Regional Championship required minimum average score of 7.5 or more from the majority of the judges for contestants to qualify to the National Championships will be waived for all Junior World Class events ONLY.

Figure Rule AR7.06.01 (g) for Junior World Class and Senior World Class events will remain in effect which states: To qualify for the USA World Team, skaters/teams must obtain an average score of 8.0 from the majority of the judges.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The conference call concluded approximately 10:50 am central time.

ADDENDUM C

USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees Meeting Minutes Sunday, August 23, 2009

The Executive/Finance Committees telephone conference meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM central time. Committee members participating included: George Kolibaba, Bill Sisson, Jim Pollard, Annelle Anderson, Ed Harney, Josh Wood, and Trace Hansen. Also present was Richard Hawkins, USARS Executive Director.

The first agenda item was a request by Richard to approve membership cards and club charters at a reduced cost for the remainder of the season. This request came from several coaches and rink operators during the national championships. It was indicated that after the national championships clubs would be starting back with their programs and would have new members needing to purchase cards. They felt it was unfair to have to purchase a full years membership for only four months of benefits. Richard added that it was easier to issue a partial year card as opposed to another 16 month card for accounting reasons.

MOTION 1: To approve the issuance of membership cards and clubs charters at a reduced price for the remainder of the calendar year. Membership cards will be \$20 and club charters will be \$30 and valid until December 31, 2009.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The second agenda item was a request by Richard to approve issuing multiple charters per discipline for public facilities (school tracks, parks, etc.). Richard was directed to research the bylaws and present to the fall board meeting the ability to issue multiple charters per facility to rinks.

MOTION 2: To approve the issuance of multiple charters per discipline to public facilities (school tracks, parks, etc.).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 central time.