



MINUTES
USA ROLLER SPORTS
SPRING SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 31, 2014 – Webinar
Board Approved 6/20/2014

The USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 31, 2014 via webinar for the first time. Roll was called and the following Board Members were participating: George Kolibaba-President/Chairman, Ed Harney-Vice President, Charlotte Nicholson-Treasurer, Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht, Annelle Anderson, Tom Hughes, Donna Kay, Trace Hansen, John Gustafson, Bill Spooner, Josh Wood, Gloria Manning, Keith Noll. Board Members who were not participating in the webinar were Mark Vittese and Danny Brown. USARS staff members in the webinar were Richard Hawkins-USARS Executive Director and Peggy Young-Recording Secretary. Attending their first Board Meeting as Board Members were Keith Noll, Donna Kay and Tom Hughes.

Chairman Kolibaba welcomed all guests who were signed into the webinar at that time and read their names. Alan McNamee, Betty Ann Danna, Bob Hopkins, Christy Motley, Deanna Fagan, Don Hathaway, Ed Huitt, Fernando Regueiro, Fred Piper, Heidi Permatteo, Janet Pavalonis, Jim Walton, Joe Hanna, John Fearnow, John Patton, Jonathan Rodriguez, Karen King, King Lee, Christine MacArthur, Linda Moody, Lisa Trent, Lori Arsenault, Marie Slack, Mary Weyhmeier, Mike Jacques, Nellie Anderson Lillie, Pat Shannon, Regina Galda, Richard Kounce, Robert Alsted, Roberto Salas, Tim Laskey, Tom Bense

Chairman Kolibaba explained that the USARS Executive Director, Richard Hawkins, had set up training seminars for Board Members during the past two days to try to get everyone more comfortable with the webinar process. This is not expected to go as smooth as a face-to-face meeting but is a really good tool to involve more members. Once we have an opportunity to evaluate how webinars work as a replacement for one of the two yearly Board Meetings, a decision will be made as to whether to use webinars for our 2015 Spring Semiannual Board Meeting. The 2014 Annual Board Meeting will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico, site of the 2015 National Roller Figure and Speed Skating Championships. Webinars will also be a good tool for use in Committee Meetings.

MOTION 1: B/D 5/31/14 12:06 PM

Ratify the Mail Ballot vote that approved the Minutes of the 2013 USA Roller Sports Annual Board of Directors Meeting, held in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 12-13, 2014 and the resulting Official Notice.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Spooner presented a brief report on the status of the Travel Endowment Fund for World Team Travel. The fund has been in existence for six years and currently has \$48,000. The goal is to have considerably more and be able to pay World Team expenses. Grants cannot be written until the fund contains at least \$100,000. Efforts will continue to raise money for this fund, including the placement of ads in Regional Championships Programs. Information on how to

donate to this fund is included on the USARS website. Donors can call the USARS National Headquarters with a credit card number or send a check to USARS in Lincoln.

MOTION 2: B/D 5/31/14 12:10 PM

Accept the report on the status of the Travel Endowment Fund as made by Bill Spooner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION 3: B/D 5/31/14 12:11 PM

Accept the agenda as written.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Pan American Olympic Festival is scheduled to take place in Mexico, July 11-19. During this period they will offer roller figure and speed skating seminars, with competitions taking place July 6-19. Spooner reported that the Figure Committee made the decision to use an application process to invite Junior roller figure athletes to be members of the roller figure team. Athletes who participate must miss the first day of the National Championships, which is a practice day for the youth portion. Richard Hawkins reported that the speed athletes have not yet been determined, because the event is in direct conflict with the Indoor Speed Skating National Championships. Team identification will be completed by the end of next week Al Taglang has been invited as one of the Figure officials.

At the last meeting there was a directive to explore a joint membership with the AAU for inline hockey. Keith Noll reported that there were other sports that had membership agreements he was aware of. Noll explained how several years ago the President of the AAU traveled to Lincoln, Nebraska, to discuss this possibility. He left with an understanding of our sport and organization and a willingness to work out a program. Unfortunately for all involved, he had a heart attack. Hawkins checked with the USOC and they had no problem with this, but wanted to see the final agreement. Efforts will be renewed to move forward with investigation of a joint membership for USARS inline hockey and the AAU. Some of the income from a joint program could be used to pay the travel expenses for World Inline Hockey Teams.

The USOC has instituted a Safe Sport Program requirement for all sport members, and Hawkins prepared one for USARS. Chairman Kolibaba scrolled through the document. Hawkins reported that the USOC is looking at having a separate organization that would service all National Governing Bodies (such as USADA, the US Anti-Doping Association), to handle those accused of violation of the safe sport policy. This would relieve the burden of enforcement from the individual USOC member sports. USOC webinars and online courses will be prepared to educate those involved. Questions were asked and the various points clarified. This policy has already been submitted and approved by the USOC. Violations can be reported at this time using the current USARS Protest Form, with complaints going through the USARS Membership Eligibility Committee.

MOTION 4: B/D 5/31/14 12:32 PM

Approve the USARS Safe Sports Policy, with implementation effective immediately. See Addendum A.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At the last meeting, Ken Shelton, Chairman of the Membership Eligibility Committee, submitted the following proposed new rule:

GR 19.06 Officials Committees

GR 19.06.01 Each Sport Technical Committee (Figure, Speed, Hockey, Derby) shall select and maintain an Officials Committee.

GR 19.06.02 The Officials Committee shall be responsible for selecting officials for all championship competitions based on submitted applications.

GR 19.06.03 The Officials Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the Officials Code of Conduct and the enforcement thereof.

GR 19.06.04 The Officials Committee shall be responsible for the enforcement of the General Rules Applying to the Judging of Contest section GR19.00 sub sections 1, 2,3 & 4.

Directive 1: The proposed new rule giving more authority to each sport's Officials Committee, shall be sent to each Sport Committee for their recommendation prior to enactment by the Executive Committee.

Hawkins noted that at some point we will need to have a method to monitor all of the officials, including meet directors. Although figure skating uses the same National Championships Meet Director for years at a time, this responsibility is shared by a variety of eligible members for Speed Skating National Championships.

In the past there have been committee members who do not participate on their committees. Life happens, people have children, jobs change, and available time to serve changes. The question came up at the last meeting about establishing a vehicle to remove inactive committee members. To clarify to current and incoming committee members the criteria for service, a commitment form, similar to the one used by the Board, was submitted for approval. Having this in place makes it a standing policy and does not become personal when a committee member is not participating.

MOTION 5: B/D 5/31/14 12:42 PM

Effective immediately, accept the participation commitment policy for committee members as submitted. See Addendum B.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directive 2: The newly approved Committee Member commitment form will be sent out to all members of USARS Committees.

Ed Harney reported that the USARS/RSA Test Program has been stalled because of electronic record-keeping problems at the RSA. While at a recent competition he was talking to Mike Jacques, the new RSA Vice President, and Pat Jacques, the SRSTA Chairman. They all felt the program could again be put back on track. This program can increase memberships and get bodies in the doors of participating rinks. The Committee has been working to get speed skating into the test program, and it would be good to have hockey included in the test program as well. It is important to have both organizations working together. It was noted that there is good representation on the USARS Board of RSA member rink operators, and often an RSA Representative attends USARS Meetings. USARS also has a

representative attend the RSA Board Members. Kolibaba reported that our Board is looking at its Bylaws and doing some soul searching on how the Board should be structured and who should have representation for the future.

MOTION 6: B/D 5/31/14 12:54 PM

Replace the current USARS/RSA Joint Test Committee with the following:

USARS/RSA Test Committee Members from USARS shall be composed of the Figure Committee Chair and the Figure Coach Representative Chair and the Speed Committee Chair and the Speed Coach Representatives Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Using this formula, current member to the joint USARS/RSA Test Committee will include USARS Co-Chairman Ed Harney, RSA Co-Chairman Pat Jacques, Bill Spooner-Figure Committee Chairman, Tony Berger-Figure Coach Regional Representatives Chairman, Buggy Allmond-Speed Committee Chairman, and a Speed Coach Regional Representatives Chairman, to be named.

George Kolibaba reported that at the recent RSA Convention, he showed a video on a freestyle slalom skating competition that took place in his rink. Kolibaba's first exposure to slalom skating was at an event in Taiwan that took place during part of the World Roller Figure Skating Championships. The program is sponsored by SEBA, a manufacturer, which is funding its promotion at this time. There is complete a program available that includes instructional modules, a class structure module, certification, rules, etc., and they want to become a part of USARS. This program could be used to enhance a rink operator's program and to expand our environment. He asked whether the Board felt this was something that we should begin to explore for the future.

A variety of guests asked to be recognized. Some were concerned about the rink time and floor space that this program might take and how it might reduce what is available to figure skating clubs for practice. It was noted that it could be run during sessions in the middle of the floor. It might be possible to pull roller figure athletes from participants and encourage them into one of our other skating programs. It was also noted that this might be something that our current coaches could become certified in and use to enhance their own income from skating.

One of the main problems that USA Roller Sports has is in getting competitive programs into rinks. This program could be easily started and run and not require extensive training or learning many rules. A floorguard could learn how to run it, getting USARS into rinks that don't have any competitive skating programs or skating instructors. Once a rink is involved with skating it may be easier to get them to house other clubs within their facilities. It is an opportunity to help rink operators, which in turn will help USA Roller Sports. This program could also be run outside of the rink. FIRS does recognize slalom skating. The program is complete and ready to be adopted and presented to the field immediately.

Manning stated that she also saw the competition in Taiwan and everyone was very excited about slalom skating. It could be a win-win situation. Anderson said that there was a big draw to the USARS booth at the RSA Convention. There were a lot of rink operators that stopped and who were interested in having this in their rink program. Josh Wood stated that it is an easy-to-do program that could also be offered to park and rec departments. It is a perfect avenue to bring in new skaters. We are the National Governing Body (NGB) for Roller Sports, and this is a good fit. A coach observer stated that she was excited about the program and could probably use it to find male partners to skate in team events and another felt that slalom skating could be incorporated into a class program.

There was brief discussion about a group in Southern California that is starting their own league apart from USARS. They felt that in the USARS program there was no place for beginners, however, that seems to have been taken care of now by the new sanction structure. The slalom program would also be an attraction for those who have never been involved in any of our other competitive skating programs.

MOTION 7: B/D 5/31/14 1:50 PM

Effective for this skating season, adopt slalom as a sport discipline, subject to final program approval by the USARS Finance and Executive Committees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It is hoped that we can have information available on this new program to distribute at the National Championships.

A break was taken at this time, with the meeting beginning again at 2:15 PM. Chairman Kolibaba stated that he is doing his best to run this webinar, but will get better at it as we obtain more experience.

Richard Hawkins next addressed the National Office reports, which included the Museum and the Foundation. All staff members were listed within this agenda section, but some of their reports were incorporated into the Committee reports that would be covered later in the meeting. He touched briefly upon the ones with individual reports and further noted that Michael Stieb had included quite a few statistics and charts relative to website usage.

Hawkins continued by giving his Headquarters Report stating that USARS now has seven staff members in the office (after cutting back two positions in Colorado Springs and not replacing the Figure Director, who chose to move home to be closer to her out-of-state family). The National Headquarters building has not changed significantly since our last meeting, however, there have been a lot of improvements made within the last two years. On-line registration is in place for implementation once our server updates are completed. Athlete and non-competitive memberships can be processed on-line, but due to the background check and certification requirements, coaches will still need to be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Availability of all National Championships schedules for Lincoln was questioned in order to complete a poster that is being prepared by volunteers. The schedules for the Figure and Speed National Championships have been completed and posted on our website. Tom Hughes, Rink Hockey Board Member and National Championships Meet Director, indicated that they would have their National Championships schedule available within the next week. Once the deadline for entry has passed on Monday, a schedule would be created and sent to Rink Hockey Committee Members for final approval and distribution.

The Museum Director provided a written report. Museum President Annelle Anderson gave an overview. James Vannurden, the current Director, has been with the Museum for 3-1/2 years. He attended the RSA Convention in Las Vegas this year and helped with the raffle. The Museum participated as a part of a Lincoln fundraising event this year, bringing in about \$4,500, most of which came from two large donations. There is very little funding coming to support the Museum, but what there is comes from those who are involved in skating in one way or another. Anderson stated that they were thinking about restructuring the raffle and were open to suggestions. The Museum cashed in its investments of \$50,000 to pay USARS for a portion of the expenses that it had incurred on its behalf, and USARS forgave the rest that was due.

One of the guests questioned how the Museum website was maintained. It was felt there was room for significant improvement and potential to use the website to raise funds by selling past event scoresheets, video tapes, etc.

Machines could be made available to the Museum to use in converting films to DVDs. Tapes currently held by the Museum are both in reel-to-reel and VHS/Beta format. They need to be converted right away, so that this valuable skating history is not lost due to deterioration. Anderson asked for all recommendations to be sent to her in writing for followed up.

Betty Ann Danna, Foundation President, gave the Foundation Report, highlighting a few items. The Foundation had just completed their Annual Board of Trustees Meeting in Las Vegas on May 4, at the site of the RSA Convention. Other Trustees for the Foundation include Jim Ball, David Ramsey, Dr. Scott Kleiman, Connie Wahlig, Charlotte Nicholson, Bill Spooner, George Kolibaba, and George Pickard-Treasurer. Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) reports personally to the Foundation on its investments, via Jonathan Beukelman. To assist USARS with their current economic situation, the Foundation provided a grant of \$100,000. Foundation Trustees further approved co-signing a guarantee for a line-of-credit increase of \$200,000. At this time, \$25,000 has been paid back, with the balance due in December of 2014. This money will help USARS with their cash flow problems and in the conduct of business in 2014.

The Foundation has committed to assist the Museum with up to \$20,000 per year for a two-year period, toward the expenses of the Museum. A part of the debt owed to USARS from the Museum was paid for by investments that were cashed in, and the rest forgiven by USARS. The Foundation provides other support, such as travel costs for administrators to continue skating's participation in the Pan Am Games, repair of the National Championships floor, updates to the National Office headquarters through purchase of carpet, etc., printing costs for the books written by George Pickard as a fund-raiser for the museum (which are also important historic reference resources), scholarships, etc. Danna was open for questions. There were none forthcoming.

Going back to the Museum report, Keith Noll suggested that we contact the University of Nebraska in Lincoln to obtain interns to assist with the preservation of film, etc. Although it was stated that UNL no longer has a Museum Studies Program, there might be other departments that would have interns to help the Museum. It would be worth looking into this potential resource. It was also suggested that the Museum may be able to make application to the UCLA School of Film for assistance in the creation of archives. Another suggestion was that perhaps people in the field could work on the project of transferring film to DVDs. Individuals were asked to submit a proposal to do so. In addition to potential loss of this old film, its disintegration can create a fire hazard.

MOTION 8: B/D 5/31/14 2:52 PM

Accept the National Office reports and those covered in that section which included the Foundation and Museum reports.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moving on to the Standing Committee reports, Tom Hughes, Chairman of the Rink Hockey Committee stated that they had no proposals pending approval at this time. Written copies of their committee conference call meeting minutes were included as part of the agenda. Anderson noted that their reports are also always posted on the USARS website in a timely manner.

MOTION 9: B/D 5/31/14 2:56 PM

Accept the Rink Hockey Committee report. See Addendum C.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In the absence of Mark Vittese, Inline Hockey Committee Chairman, Keith Noll was asked if he had anything to add to the Committee Meeting minutes, as written by Vittese, regarding for selection of four World Teams that would be competing in Toulouse, France in July. He stated that coordination of these teams takes a tremendous amount of effort. We are in good shape headed toward the event, thanks to the assistance of dedicated volunteers.

MOTION 10: B/D 5/31/14 2:57 PM

Accept the Inline Hockey Committee report. See Addendum D.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Hawkins indicated that there were no Speed Committee proposals that needed to be approved by the Board at this time. There were some minutes from their last Committee Meeting included in the agenda information.

MOTION 11: B/D 5/31/14 2:58 PM

Accept the Speed Committee report. See Addendum E.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Derby Committee Report was next for review. Donna Kay, new to the USARS Board, addressed the Board. They have been meeting weekly and getting a lot done. Insurance is a problem. They are having problems with WFTDA (the Women's Flat Track Derby Association). WFTDA handicaps their member teams that participate in USARS bouts, so many do not want to be penalized and stay away. USARS needs to implement a marketing branding campaign, and perhaps interns could also be of assistance in this area. She stated that the committee is composed of dedicated individuals. We need to mainstream this sport, get the word out that derby is more than just a social club and that there are alternatives to WFTDA. In Seattle she has been trying to get Derby into the Parks and Rec Program and into the school system. It is critical that the USARS rule set must be adopted by FIRS. USARS needs to figure out a way to be aggressive in accomplishing this.

MOTION 12: B/D 5/31/14 3:04 PM

Accept the Roller Derby Committee report. See Addendum F.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Directive 3: At the request of Donna Kay, Board Chairman Kolibaba indicated USARS would work to translate the Derby books to other languages. It was suggested that this could possibly be done by university language departments.

Bill Spooner, Chairman of the Figure Committee, reported that this committee meets once a month. He prepared a summary of their accomplishments, including a survey of the membership, and a variety of other important projects. Jane Wojnarowsky continues to assist with answering eligibility questions, even though she is no longer employed by USA Roller Sports.

MOTION 13: B/D 5/31/14 3:09 PM

Accept the Figure Committee report. See Addendum G.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

With the departure of Aubrey Orcutt (athlete) from the Figure Committee, Trace Hansen requested the addition of another athlete. Although the Figure Committee still meets the USOC requirement of 20% athlete representation, he felt athlete input was beneficial. He noted that athlete representation is not a requirement for the Figure Officials Committee.

Directive 4: As the Figure Athlete Representative to the Board, Trace Hansen was asked to submit his recommendation to the Figure Committee, which could submit their request to the Executive Committee for approval. Committee are reviewed and changed at the Fall Board Meeting, but this would permit a replacement to be made earlier.

Chairman Kolibaba indicated that Meeting Minutes of past Executive Committee were provided with the Board material.

MOTION 14: B/D 5/31/14 3:23 PM

Approve the Executive Committee report. See Addendum H.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Bill Spooner, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the cost of insurance was a huge part of the financial problems that we experienced in 2013, but it has been renegotiated for 2014. In addition, we have a Board member who will assist with insurance research to reduce it even further for 2015.

One of the guests suggested that USARS raise the price of amateur cards, perhaps by 20%. When comparing the cost of members into roller sports against other sports, ours is far less. Spooner indicated that the Committee did consider this, but did not want to lose members due to an increase. Another guest asked whether grant writing had been considered and Spooner responded it had been "slightly" discussed. Keith Noll stated that 95% of the sport grants fail because they don't have any kind of educational component for the athletes. He believes we can get help, through the use of what he calls "paid volunteers" – individuals who will write the grants for a percentage of the amount received.

MOTION 15: B/D 5/31/14 3:49 PM

Approve the Finance Committee Meeting Report. See Addendum I.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Earlier there was a proposed rule that was written by Ken Shelton, Chairman of the Membership Eligibility Committee.

MOTION 16: B/D 5/31/14 3:53 PM

Accept the Membership Eligibility report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Hall of Fame Committee Report was presented by Richard Hawkins.

MOTION 17: B/D 5/31/14 3:55 PM

Approve the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee Meeting Report. See Addendum J..

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A ten minute break was taken.

The Committee on Committees makes their recommendations for Committee membership at the Fall Meeting. Sport Committees resumes go directly to the Board for approval.

Directive 5: Solicit resumes for committee membership to be voted on at the Fall 2014 Board Meeting.

A copy of the two Board election notices was provided with the meeting information. The candidates listed had all been certified by the Nominating Committee as being eligible to stand for election. The sole speed athlete nomination was for Sara Sayasane Hebbrecht, the sole club representative nomination was for Annelle Anderson. Grassroots nominations were received for David Adamy, John Fearnow, Joe Hanna, Ed Harney and Ken Shelton. Nominated for At-Large-Hockey representative was Tom Hughes and for At-Large-Derby was Donna Kay.

MOTION 18: B/D 5/31/14 4:13 PM

Accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Josh Wood, who represents Roller Sports on the USOC Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC), spoke up about a conversation he had with Scott Blackmun, where Blackmun, USOC Director, informed Josh that they were not concerned with Pan Am Sports, only Olympic Sports. Wood sent a report in to Richard following the conclusion of his first AAC Meeting, where the main topic was the Safe Sports program and how to develop it. Trace Hansen stated that when he was our AAC rep, he had also been told that. Para-Olympic sports are also given little consideration, although they are conducted at the site of the Olympics following their close. Keith Noll asked for a copy of Wood's report, so that he could follow up on this when he was questioning how the ice hockey federation was able to publicize their program in a way that only belongs to USA Roller Sports, the NGB for Roller Sports.

MOTION 19: B/D 5/31/14 4:14 PM

Accept the AAC report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Richard Hawkins noted that the Elite Coaches Selection Committee had reviewed candidates, however, none were advanced for approval as an Elite Coach at this time.

Bill Spooner apologized that he had not been more active with marketing, having also taken on Chairmanship of the Roller Figure Committee and the Finance Committee. He said that there are some wonderful volunteers who have

been actively involved, trying to get people to attend the National Championships in Lincoln. His report included some of the goals of these volunteers.

MOTION 20: B/D 5/31/14 4:35 PM

Add Trace Hansen to the Marketing Committee with Bill Spooner.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hansen recommended a 5 – 7 member committee that would meet monthly via webinar conference calls and offered to report back to the Board. This committee will help to grown memberships.

One of the guests suggested using the Chamber of Commerce to promote our National Championships while we are in their town and admission is free. They should be able to get free advertising, public service announcements and broadcasts for our event. Hawkins noted that in the past we have been able to get billboards and banners hung downtown for nationals with their assistance. Trace Hansen volunteered to work on getting additional publicity from the city of Lincoln if Hawkins could put him in contact with the appropriate person. Several of the guests have been involved with this type of publicity in the past, one even having worked for ESPN, and it would not cost a dime to get PSA's recorded. The group calling themselves USARS Angels, would like to set up in the press room at Nationals. Every skater who places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd can go back and do a broadcast to their local media. They will receive a stock press release that they can take home and use for radio, newspaper or other media source. An email will also be immediately sent to media in their hometown. Hawkins needs to ask for a release of podium pictures to be used.

Because this will be the last National Championships held in Pershing Auditorium before it is demolished, there is interest in organizing a skaters' reunion in Lincoln during Nationals. There are a lot of memories in that auditorium. We need to market these championships and make people feel welcomed. Perhaps could have a display or skating memorabilia.

MOTION 21: B/D 5/31/14 4:40 PM

Accept the report of the Marketing Committee. See Addendum K.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There were no further reports coming from those who held position on USOC or FIRS International Committees.

Since Figure and Speed Nationals are in Albuquerque in 2015, the Fall Annual Board Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 11-12, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, subject to confirmation of a hotel. We will investigate also running it as a webinar for others to witness.

Appreciation was expressed those who participated in the Board Meeting webinar. It was hoped that this was productive for everyone and can be done again in the future. Kolibaba offered the floor to Board Members who might wish to make comment. Former Board Chairman Marie Walker was able to listen to the meeting via computer and later able to speak via telephone connection. For those using the phone, it was not possible to know who was speaking. She said that in the future, it would be good to state your name before speaking. Due to audio trouble, it was thought that she was no longer able to connect to the meeting.

The business at the Spring Semiannual Meeting is much less than that covered during the Fall Annual Board Meeting. With completion of the agenda, there would not be a meeting the following day.

MOTION 22: B/D 5/31/14 5:31 PM

Adjourn the 2014 Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Before signing off the meeting, Marie Walker was able to reconnect. She wish to further voice her concern that after candidates had been certified by the Nomination Committee for election to an At-Large or Grassroots Board seat, nominations can be made by Board Members just prior to elections. In her responsibilities with the USOC, she had reviewed many sports' bylaws, and none of them permitted that kind of power to be given to their Board. In addition, she felt that the Nominating Committee should be chaired by a voting Board Member, since past officers are no longer held accountable to the board. Kolibaba indicated that a review of the bylaws would be made.

Betty Ann Danna, also a former USARS President thinks it was wonderful to make this meeting open to so many through use of a webinar. A lot of people learned a lot about how this board operates, and she did too. She was very pleased that Marie Walker was able to participate, since she is an excellent source of information.

Keith Noll stated that USA Roller Sports should be demanding the respect of the person in charge of the USOC for our athletes and for our sport and was very upset with the negative remarks made to our athlete at the AAC meeting, which were insulting. Marie Walker stated that Keith was absolutely right.

The discussion following the official close the meeting, ended at 4:44 PM.



**ADDENDA
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