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USA ROLLER SPORTS
SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Reno, Nevada

MAY 4-5, 2013

AND

THE USARS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 2, MARCH 7, MARCH 19 and APRIL 13, 2013
AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL OF DECEMBER 21, 2012

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting, May 4-5, 2013, in Reno, Nevada; the above noted Executive/Finance Committee Meetings and other actions taken by the Sport Committees. A copy of the motions upon which this summary is based is available on the USA Roller Sports website at www.usarollersports.org

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GENERAL

COMPLAINTS: Approved the following: If any complaint, problem or objection to an athlete, coach, assistant coach, manager, USARS employee, USARS Board of Director Member, USARS Committee Member, Executive Director or any other person involved with USARS is directed at or comes to the attention of any coach, assistant coach, manager, USARS employee, USARS Board of Director Member, USARS Committee Member or Executive Director, by any means, including but not limited to, verbally, by email, by letter or by text, and the complaint is not covered by any formal procedure under the USARS Bylaws or rules, then the complaint, problem or objection must be reported to the Executive Director, the President of the Board and the Secretary of the Board. Failure to follow this procedure may result in termination of employment, removal as coach or manager, elimination for consideration in the future for any position (ie. coach, board member, committee member, etc), or removal from your position in USARS (ie. coach, board member, committee member, etc).

SPORT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES: Approved the following Guidelines for Sports Committees as amended.

Committee Procedure - The Chairman shall submit a written request to the Executive Director of USA Roller Sports to hold a face to face meeting or conference call meeting. The request shall include the purpose of the meeting, a detailed agenda, whether it is to be a telephone, or similar, conference call or a meeting requiring travel, its time, location, related travel and expense budget for the meeting.

Once permission to hold the meeting is acquired, the chairman will then notify the committee members of the meeting, insuring that they have adequate time to respond as to their availability. The approved agenda should be distributed prior to the meeting. Under no circumstances shall an impromptu meeting be held without adequate notification to all members of the committee. Committee meetings should not necessarily be held during Championships as fatigue, emotion and lack of total concentration are sometimes reflected by poor results of such meetings.

Each committee chairman should establish a time line for the receipt of submitted materials for the meeting and for dissemination to others for comment. The material will then be compiled into an agenda format and mailed (e-mailed) to committee members prior to the established date of the committee meeting.

The chairman should make sure the objectives of the meeting are clear and are met throughout the discussion. When meeting by conference call, the Chairman should encourage participation by introducing each participant at the start of the meeting and asking each person to identify themselves before speaking. During all meetings the Committee should summarize and agree upon the outcome of each subject before moving on to the next item on the agenda. Committee members shall arrive to a consensus decision on all matters, not by majority vote, whenever possible. Consensus is defined by which, the members of the committee have arrived to general agreement whereby they may not exactly agree with the decision of the committee but can support the decision of the committee. When consensus has not been used in a decision, then the minute taker is to record the vote count, yea vs nea. All motions by committee shall record a vote tally when there is a dissenting vote. When supported by all members, a phrase "supported unanimously" or similar shall be inserted into the minutes. Minutes of the meetings shall be documented and distributed to the committee for approval within 10 days of the end of the committee meeting. Committee members shall have a maximum 10 day period to provide corrections to the Chair. After corrections have been made and approved, the committee chair shall publish those minutes to all current board members. The purpose of this action is to keep the USARS Board of Directors current with all actions occurring in the Sport Committees.

Budgets and Committee Finances - Annual Sport Committee projected expenses, including travel budgets, shall be submitted to and approved by the Finance Committee by all committees within 30 days of committee formulation. Annual review of performance to the budget will be the responsibility of the Treasurer, who will review such performance to the Committee Chair. Travel reimbursements shall be subject to the approved policies adopted by the USARS Board of Directors.

SPORT COMMITTEE AUTHORITY

The Sport Committees have been granted the authority by the Board of Directors to govern its specific sport discipline of Roller Sports, including, but not limited to, grassroots programs, rules, divisions, competition guidelines, coaches and officials training and certification, either by its action or through its sub-committee action subsequently approved, by that specific Sport Committee. All Sport Committee actions are to be ratified or not, by the USA Roller Sports Board of Directors at its next official convening meeting. Final jurisdiction of all USA Roller Sports rules, guidelines and activity acted upon by the Sport Committees remains with the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall attempt to limit its involvement with committee actions primarily to ensure that the established committee guidelines are followed and make no attempt to micro-manage the committees activities, rather it should provide guidance and direction. It is the responsibility of the Sport Committees to follow BOD established procedures, ensuring all decisions are made according to the rules adopted, being certain to do their "DUE DILIGENCE" on all matters.

CHANGES THAT DO NOT AFFECT THE COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

Any changes that do not affect the competitive structure can be considered for immediate implementation by the ~~(BOD)~~ Sport Committee upon ratification by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors, provided proper review procedures have been followed.

CHANGES THAT AFFECT THE COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE

Any change that affects the competitive structure, not limited to age, division structure, division eligibility or competitive requirements, must be submitted to the National Office 30 days prior to the convening of the Sport Committee meeting. Such recommended changes will be presented to the Sport Committee for consideration who will then do their Due Diligence which may include following the USARS rule GR 21.00 to take effect only after Sport Committee approval and USARS Board of Directors ratification, January 1 of the next competitive season. Only in extreme circumstances are changes considered without adhering to this timeline.

Terms of Service for Sport Committees Members - The USARS Board of Directors shall appoint the members of all Sport Committees and will determine the quantity of Sport Committee members to serve. The USARS President shall assign a USARS Board Liaison and a Finance Committee Liaison to all Sport Committees. The Chairperson position will be a 1 year term. In an effort to stabilize the intellectual knowledge of the Sport Committees, members shall serve 4 year staggered terms, pursuant to guidelines already adopted by the USARS Board of Directors. Sub-committee terms of service shall be determined by the Sport Committees. Most sub-committees shall serve for only as long as the special projects require.

Other sub-committees shall be more permanent in nature as determined by the Sport Committees. It shall be the responsibility of the Sport Committee to clearly define the objectives and goals of the sub-committees and to have a process which replaces unproductive members in both the Sport Committee and sub-committees.

Rink Hockey Sport Committee - The Rink Hockey Sport Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a budget, monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the rink hockey program, including but not limited to , divisions, eligibility, rules of play, arrange and organize tournaments, championship bracketing, operate the Rink Hockey National Championships, uniform requirements, safety requirements, establishing standard for rink hockey referees, in addition to ongoing evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs/clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. Appoint the sub-committee that will be responsible for the selection of the National Team. Input shall be sought from all interested parties such as athletes, coaches, and clubs, before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to the agenda for consideration by the Sport Committee. The committee shall consist of a USARS Staff person, members of USARS whom have applied or been recruited to fulfill the designated quantity needed, one of which shall meet the USOC definition of an active athlete. Additional athlete representation shall be added to maintain at least a minimum 20% representation.

Inline Hockey Sport Committee - The Inline Hockey Sport Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a budget, monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the inline hockey program, including but not limited to ,

divisions, eligibility, rules of play, arrange and organize tournaments, championship bracketing, operate the Inline Hockey National Championships, uniform requirements, safety requirements, establishing standard for inline hockey referees, in addition to ongoing evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs/clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. Appoint the sub-committee that will be responsible for the selection of the National Team. Input shall be sought from all interested parties such as athletes, coaches, and clubs, before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to the agenda for consideration by the Sport Committee. The committee shall consist of a USARS Staff person, members of USARS whom have applied or recruited to fulfill the designated quantity needed, one of which shall meet the USOC definition of an active athlete. Additional athlete representation shall be added to maintain at least a minimum 20% representation.

Speed Sport Committee - The Speed Sport Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a budget, monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the curriculum of the competitive program, including but not limited to , divisions, eligibility, distances and rules governing proper race procedures, operate the Speed National Championships including selecting of the National Meet Director, uniform requirements, safety requirements, establishing standard for speed referees, in addition to ongoing evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs/clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. Appoint the sub-committee that will be responsible for the selection of the National Team, residency, National Team training, and selection of National and International officials. Input shall be sought from all interested parties such as athletes, coaches, and clubs, before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to the agenda for consideration by the Sport Committee. The committee shall consist of a USARS Staff person, members of USARS whom have applied or recruited to fulfill the designated quantity needed, one of which shall meet the USOC definition of an active athlete. Additional athlete representation shall be added to maintain at least a minimum 20% representation.

Figure Sport Committee - The Figure Sport Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a budget, monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the curriculum of the competitive program, including but not limited to , divisions, eligibility, skating requirements, operate the Figure National Championships including selecting the National Meet Director, establishing standard for artistic figure referees, in addition to ongoing evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs/clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. The Judges Committee shall serve as a permanent sub-committee of the Figure Sport Committee. Appoint other sub-committee(s) that will be responsible for the selection of the National Team, National Team training, and selection of National and International officials. Input shall be sought from all interested parties such as athletes, coaches, and clubs, before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to the agenda for consideration by the Sport Committee. The committee shall consist of a USARS Staff person, members of USARS whom have applied or recruited to fulfill the designated quantity needed, one of which shall meet the USOC definition of an active athlete. Additional athlete representation shall be added to maintain at least a minimum 20% representation.

Roller Derby - The Roller Derby Sport Committee is charged with the responsibility of developing a budget, monitoring, evaluating and recommending changes or improvements to the roller derby program, including but not limited to, divisions, eligibility, rules of play, arrange and organize tournaments, championship bracketing, operate the Roller Derby National Championships, organize Regional qualifiers, uniform requirements, safety requirements, establishing standard for roller derby referees, in addition to ongoing evaluation and recommendations for events and training programs/clinics for athletes, coaches and officials. Appoint the sub-committee that will be responsible for the selection of the National Team. Input shall be sought from all interested parties such as athletes, coaches, and clubs, before finalizing recommendations to be submitted to the agenda for consideration by the Sport Committee. The committee shall consist of a USARS Staff person, members of USARS whom have applied or recruited to fulfill the designated quantity needed, one of which shall meet the USOC definition of an active athlete. Additional athlete representation shall be added to maintain at least a minimum 20% representation.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF SPORT COMMITTEES: Within 10 days following the adjournment of the Board meeting, the Executive Director shall give notification to the sport committees of the requirement to submit a list of their sub-committees. They shall have 30 days to send in their recommendations. Each sport committee will appoint the sub-committee chairman. If the sub-committee becomes a more permanent committee, the sub-committee will elect its own chairman. There will be no changes to existing sub-committees. The flow of authority is from the Board to the Sport Committees to the sub-committees, including regional representatives. A regional representative committee for the sports of speed skating and figure skating will be mandated. The chair of any sub-committee shall not be the chair of any sport committee.

GENERAL RULE CHANGE: Deleted GR10.04.05, d and e, which states:

~~(d) A coach who is not registered or certified who seeks ready area access for a specific Regional or National Championship may request a temporary license from the Championship Meet Director. Unregistered coaches will have only one year to complete the USARS Coaches Certification Program after the first date of application for a temporary ready area license at the Qualifying or National Championship. After that date no further temporary licenses may be granted. The charge for a temporary ready area license is the cost of a season pass, plus \$25, payable to the host of the applicable Championships. Regulation of access to the ready area is in the overall best interest of coaching development and for the safety and welfare of the athletes involved.~~

~~(e) When a competitor/coach who is registered to compete in a Qualifying Championships and at the same time is also coaching another skater, he/she is able to purchase a temporary coaching license as described in (d) above for that Championships, subject to the same time restrictions applicable to uncertified coaches. The entry fee as a competitor would serve under USARS GR10.04.05 (d) to satisfy the cost of a season pass, with the addition of \$25 required for entry to the competitor ready area as a temporary coach.~~

BACKGROUND SCREENING POLICY: Approved items on USARS background check for coaches to be as follows:

- Anyone found guilty, entering a plea of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) regardless of adjudication for the following criminal offenses;
- All Sex offences, Murder, and Homicide regardless of time limit;
- Felony Violence and Felony Drug offenses in the past ten (10) years;
- Any misdemeanor violence offences in the past seven (7) years;
- Any multiple misdemeanor drug and alcohol offenses within the past seven (7) years;
- Any other crimes (not listed) against children in the past seven (7) years (the time frames associated with the categories of crime listed above are calculated based on the date of the offense).

Individuals found to have pending court cases for any of the disqualifying offenses will be disqualified. If the disposition of the pending case does not meet the criteria for disqualification as listed above, the individual would then be cleared and reinstated.

HALL OF FAME AND HONORS:

New Derby of the Year Award: Approved creating a USARS Derby Player of the Year Award in a like manner as all other USARS sport disciplines. To provide time for selection criteria development, the *USARS Derby Player or Team of the Year Award* will not be inaugurated until after the 2013 National Championships. As a new discipline of USARS, derby members will be eligible to receive all of the honors bestowed by USARS which are not specific to a particular other discipline. This would include Life Membership, Shattuck, Ringeisen, Van Roekel award, Halls of Fame, etc.

Board Service Recognition: Reinstate the Board Service Appreciation plaque and accept the Hall of Fame and Honors Committee recommendation that a 12 inch X 9-1/2 inch wood based plaque with 11 inch X 8-1/2 inch etched metal plate be presented to retiring USARS Board Members. Said plaque will contain recipient's years of service as USARS Board Member and as officer on the Board. To be eligible, recipient must at a minimum have served one full three-year term as a Board Member. The plaque will display the logos of both USARS and the US Olympic Committee. Said plaque is to be awarded at the termination of such service in a special appreciation ceremony to be selected by the Board. The plaque will bear the signature of the current USARS President.

Athlete Hall of Fame:

Approved induction of *Tony Muse*, Des Moines, Iowa, into the USARS Athlete Hall of Fame. In FIRS World Speed Skating Championships, 1985 through 1995, he won 19 Gold Medals, 9 Silver Medals and 8 Bronze. Four times he was named Overall Individual World Champion. He excelled in all distances and relays.

Approved induction of *Zygmund "Ziggy" Marszalek*, North Bellmore, New York, into the USARS Athlete Hall of Fame. He was a member of 11 World Championship USA Teams that won 9 Gold and 2 Silver medals. Marszalek participated at the first FIRS World Inline Hockey Championships and continued through the period of 1996-2007. He was an outstanding contributor to the

team's successes, particularly during power play scoring opportunities. His ballistic slapshot was fearsome to goalies throughout the world.

Approved the induction of *Dennis and Gail Collier*, Huntington Beach, California, into the USARS Coaches Hall of Fame. Their coaching careers began prior to 1977 and continue on to present in 2013. Five Collier trained skaters are in the USARS Athletes Hall of Fame. Three separate Colliers trained teams won 5 FIRS Senior Pairs World Championships from 1984 to 1991. The Colliers have led many seminars around the nation and the world, have been frequently on the staff at the Olympic Training Center athlete camps and have trained a host of athletes from around the world who sought out their coaching expertise.

Approved the induction of *Marian Pickup Spooner*, Battle Ground, Washington, into the USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame. For over 40 years she has been an innovative amateur athlete, winning a countless number of artistic competition medals. She served as a member of the USARS Board of Directors for 9 years. Incorporated her profession as a high school physical education teacher into her training of roller athletes. She has served as a National Championship Artistic Judge since 1972 until present and as CIPA Judge has presided at two world championships.

USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame: Approved the induction of *Terry Gohs*, Mauldin, South Carolina, into the USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame. Since developing the original speed tabulating program over 20 years ago, Terry has continued to provide updates and enhancements to it, incorporating changes that the Committee has made in scoring the event. There are many more instances where Gohs has made himself available to solve scoring crises for USARS.

Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership:

Approved presenting *Bud and Shirley Engle*, Cleveland, Ohio, with Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership. Bud and Shirley, separately and as a team have given more than a half century each to the service of this sport of roller skating. The two have been national judges since the 1950's, judges' trainers, panel advisors, National Championship awards master of ceremonies for two decades, regional championship directors and hosts and state and regional chapter officers.

Approved presenting *Caroline Mirelli*, Memphis, Tennessee, with Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership. Caroline was a featured member of the Roller Skating Vanities from the 1940's until it disbanded in 1956. In the 1960's Caroline and her husband Tony brought their show experience to the National Championships, organizing the opening night Revue of Champions, acting as show directors, choreographers and cast members. Settling in Memphis, Tennessee, Caroline became an important part of the Mirelli coaching team, producing an astonishing number of skating champions and to serve as a mentor and role model for coaches to this day.

Shattuck Distinguished Service Award: Approved presenting the M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service Award to *Tony Berger*, Melbourne, Florida, for his tireless assistance with running the National Championship practice rink and coordinating these practice times with the event schedule of the Roller Figure National Championships. Tony has also been instrumental in the design and production of the USARS teaching videos for artistic skating classes.

Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award: Approved presenting the Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award to *Harry Vogel*, Vero Beach, Florida. After dislocating his shoulder at the 2012 World Championships, and sustaining serious physical injury rendering him disabled for the remaining majority of races, Harry remained at the venue in support of his teammates who were representing Team USA.

Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award: Approves presenting the Gordon V. Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award posthumously to *Joe Nazzaro, Sr.* – Atherton, California - For over 75 years Joe Nazzaro, Sr., contributed to the successes achieved by the RSROA (RSA) and USA Roller Sports programs. In recognition of his personal and organizational initiatives, Nazzaro collected multiple Life Memberships in RSROA, RSM, SRSTA and USARS. Nazzaro is also enrolled in the Halls of Fame for both RSROA and USARS

Meritorious Service Awards: Approved presenting Meritorious Service Awards to *David Hankerson*, Melbourne, Florida, and to *Eric Hadley*, Indian Beach Harbour, Florida, for their assistance with running the practice rink and coordinating practice times with the schedule of events during the Roller Figure National Championships

Walker Award: Approved presenting the Marie Walker Award to *John Rangel*, Chicago, Illinois. John has been involved in competitive roller skating for over 60 years as a skater and official. He has served on the USARS national judges panel since the merger with the USARSA in 1972. He participated in judges training during all of those years at the USOC seminars and directed an active judges panel for many years at the North Avenue Rink near Chicago.

Pickard Award - Approved presenting the George Pickard Award to *Keith Noll*, Menomonie, Wisconsin for his unstinting 11 years of service to the sport of inline hockey through our alliance with the AAU programs. He has rendered exemplary service and support of USARS and FIRS inline hockey as a leading member of the USARS Inline Hockey Committee, as CPRS Pan American Games inline hockey coordinator and as a member of the FIRS/CIRILH Inline Hockey Executive Committee. 2013 will be the second time he has led the Organizing Committee for a FIRS Inline Hockey World Championship in the United States on behalf of USARS, obtaining venue, sponsorships and event financing. The 2013 World Inline Roller Hockey Championships in Anaheim, California, will be held in the facilities of a leading NHL franchise, the Ducks, as its meet cosponsor and host. Keith Noll will act as meet coordinator in his position as a member of the FIRS International Inline Hockey Executive Committee (CIRILH)

USARS Skater of the Year 2012 Awards

Approved presenting the USARS Artistic Skater of the Year for 2012 to *Collin Moore*, Richmond, Virginia, Gold Medalist in the Junior Figure event at the 2012 World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand.

Approved presenting the USARS Speed Skater of the Year for 2012 to *Justin Stelly*, Lafayette, Louisiana, for his efforts in winning a Bronze Medal at the 2012 World Road Championships in San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy, volunteering to skate one of the races at considerable personal risk in a deluge of rain when other team members so declined.

Approved presenting the USARS Rink Ball Hockey Player of the Year for 2012 to *Kimberly Hughes*, Anchorage Alaska, for her outstanding play at the Ladies 2012 World Championships in Recife, Brazil.

Approved presenting the USARS Inline Hockey Player of the Year for 2012 to *Ian Rezac*, Huntington Beach, California for outstanding performance at the 2012 World Championships, as nominated by team coaches.

USOC Awards for Roller Sports:

Approved presenting the USOC Roller Sports *Team of the Year Award* for 2012 to the 2012 Men's Inline Hockey Team USA. *Georgie Barber, Brandon Barnette, Itan Chavira, Brian Ganz, Skylar Hoar, Peter Kavaya, Joshua Laricchia, Joseph Mазzie, Jonathan Mosenson, Ian Rezac, Dustin Roux, Jon-Paul Susco, Michael Vincent Urbano, Brock Wilson*

Approved presenting the USOC Roller Sports Male Athlete of the Year Award for 2012 to *Dustin Roux*, McMurray, Pennsylvania, who was named MVP at 2012 Inline Hockey World Championships in Bucaramanga, Colombia by participating world team coaches.

Approved presenting the USOC Female Athlete of the Year Award for 2012 to *Erin Jackson*, Ocala, Florida, who was a Bronze Medalist at the 2012 World Road Speed Skating Championships in San Benedetto del Tronto, Italy.

Approved presenting the USOC Roller Sports National Coach of the Year for 2012 to *Angela Famiano Lasher*, Schenectady, New York, Coach of the 2012 Senior USA World Team, that competed in Auckland, New Zealand.

Approved presenting the USOC Roller Sports Volunteer Coach of the Year for 2012 to the eight coaches at the Legends Camp in Hurst, Texas. The Legends Camp is founded on the vision of achieving excellence for American roller skating through the advice, coaching and example of volunteers who are former National and World Champions from the United States:

April Allen – Hall of Fame, 8 X National Champion and World Silver Pairs medalist.

Scott Cohen – Hall of Fame, 5 X World Singles Champion, Pan Am Champion, World Games.

Tina Kneisley Dulong – Hall of Fame, 3 x World Pairs Champion, 3 X World Singles Champion, World Games Champion.

Heath Medeiros – Hall of Fame, 3 X World Men Singles Champion, World Games Champion.

Paul Price – Hall of Fame, 3 X World Pairs Champion with Tina, World Games Champion.

Brian Richardson – Seven times National Champion, 7 times World Team Member.

Robyn Young – Hall of Fame, 5 X Silver Medalist World Pairs, Pan-Am & World Games Champ.

Kevin Duenas – Partner with Brian Richardson in Dynamic Fitness HPK (High Performance Kinesiology). As a performance specialist, Duenas is one of the most recognized names in his sport field. THIS CAMP approaches its fourth year of such dedication.

Approved presenting the USOC Roller Sports Developmental Coach of the Year for 2012 to *Lee Bisping*, Tallahassee, Florida, for consistently producing one of the top membership speed clubs in the US, having carded over 100 members in 2012 with medal success regionally and nationally.

USA ROLLER SPORTS WORLD CLASS ATHLETE ENDOWMENT FUND POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Adopted as follows:

Goal: To provide a permanent source of travel funds for all world class athletes representing USA Roller Sports in international competitions.

All gifts and grants received shall be added to the principal of the endowment fund and remain fully invested. Gifts received throughout the year shall be forwarded to the investment account on a quarterly basis. Any gift or grant received exceeding \$10,000 shall be deposited into the investment account immediately. Donors may specify a particular team/discipline but may not direct funds to a specific individual.

Funds may be harvested up to 5% of the market value of the fund using a 5 year trailing average, provided the principal not be invaded. The rate of harvest will be set by the finance committee.

No earnings will be harvested until the fund reaches \$100,000 in principal & earnings.

Harvested funds may be expended for athlete travel only. Travel will include transportation, housing, and per diem for food and misc. expenses (based on \$40/day or current USA Roller Sports guidelines). Funds may not be used for team coach, manager, or other USA Roller Sports official.

Once the fund reaches \$100,000 in the aggregate, harvest may be withdrawn from the investment account as follows (listed in priority of funding):

1. Per Diem for donor designated teams. Per Diem for all teams at a \$100 per individual minimum. If funds are not available for all team members to receive the minimum, grants will be given based on a random drawing. This amount would be adjusted accordingly when the host country provides athlete meals.
2. Transportation – round trip coach air fare from athletes' home airport to official competition site as approved by USA Roller Sports.
3. Lodging –based on double occupancy at official USA Roller Sports headquarters hotel.
4. Each discipline shall be included in the harvest for at least one international event per year. All discipline's shall receive funding for its first event, before a 2nd or 3rd event would be considered, pending availability of funds. Should a discipline not participate in an international event in one year, allocation would carry over to the next year.

If a particular team receives direct funding from other sponsors (i.e. USOC, FIRS, PASO, corporate sponsorships, etc.), that team shall not be a part of the endowment harvest calculation for that specific year.

A full and complete accounting of all revenues (gifts, grants & earnings) and expenditures (travel by athlete & administrative fees) from the fund shall be prepared annually and presented at the spring Board of Directors meeting. Quarterly reports will be furnished to the Finance Committee. Calculation of the harvest for the coming budget year shall be presented to the Finance

Committee for review and approval. Once approved, it shall be included in the USA-RS annual operating budget. Any funds unspent in the annual operating budget from the endowment fund shall be returned to the endowment fund's investment account for subsequent harvest.

SPORT FINANCIAL RECORDS: Approved restructuring our financial records by sport (discipline).

COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH MAKING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Retained the existing Committee on Committees membership: George Kolibaba-Chairman, Annelle Anderson, John Gustafson, Mark Vittese and Trace Hansen - athlete Representative.

ELITE COACH STATUS: Approved for Tony Berger (Artistic - AC4) and Lee Bisping (Speed - SC4), effective immediately.

ELITE COACH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Approved the following application *changes* to make it easier to evaluate qualified candidates.

Note: Applicant must completely fill out each question in the proper order. Additional paper may be used. Applicant cannot refer to other parts of the application for the answer or application will be denied.

Items 1-3 are mandatory for consideration:

1. Applicant must have achieved Advanced (Level 3) coaching status.
2. Applicant must have completed the USARS mandatory background check
3. Applicant must write a short paper on "Why I should be an Elite coach? What makes me more eligible for an Elite coach status than other coaches?"
4. Applicant has contributed to the profession through official NBS programs and publications, given seminars, served on national committees, provide details.
5. Applicant has had such an impact on the people they come in contact with that a permanent interest in roller sports is created (i.e. having former students still in skating in some capacity). Provide details as to 5 people and what role they still play in roller sports
6. Applicant has exhibited fair and sportsmanlike conduct and is a role model.
7. Applicant has a willingness to be a continuing resource for the federation. Please describe in detail how you will be a continuous resource for the Association. Please provide three examples.
8. List skaters that you have coached from their early years of skating to a high level of accomplishment. What were their highest achievements. Were you their primary coach or an assistant coach? How many coaches were involved in the development of this skater?
9. Please submit three character reference letters: one each from your rink owner, a skater and another coach.

JUNIOR TEAM FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Approved submitting the proposed grant proposal and application to the US Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating, seeking financial assistance for Junior World Team Members to train out of the country.

INTERNATIONAL COACH GRANT: Approved submitting a grant proposal to the US Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating, for financial assistance in hosting a seminar in the USA with an international coach.

SPEED SKATING

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2014)

STAFF FOR INTERNATIONAL SPEED SKATING TEAM STAFF: Approved the following: **World Games:** Coach-Jay Ingram, Official-Leonard Gallatin; **World Championships:** Coach-Vicci King, Manager-Joe LeGault, Assistant Manager-Joe Hanna, Apprentice Manager-TBD (if needed), Official-Janine Foster

ID CHANGE FOR WORLD TEAM POSITIONS: Effective immediately, change the skater champion identification used in the world team qualifying process to be as follows:

SR441.1 Senior World Team - The Senior World Team shall include the following athletes:

"A" Position, highest total points in the 200m and 300m

"B" Position, highest total points in the 200m, 300m and 500m track and road

"C" Position, highest total points in the Points Elimination, Points, and Elimination races track and road, Track 10K Points Elimination, 15K Elimination, Road 10K Points, 20K Elimination

"D" Position, highest total points on the Track

"E" Position, highest total points on the Road

"F" Position, highest number of points in all races after the selection of the above five skaters

Track and Road race points will be combined to determine 7th and 8th places. With 7th and 8th only qualifying for residency, or as members of a Marathon team, or as alternates in the event a higher qualifier is unable to participate.

See section SR921.9 and SR921.10 for tie breaking formulas.

SR442.1 Junior World Team - The Junior World Team shall include the following athletes:

"A" Position, highest total points in the 200m and 300m

"B" Position, highest total points in the 200m, 300m and 500m track and road

"C" Position, highest total points in the Points Elimination, Points, and Elimination races track and road, Track 10K Points Elimination, 15K Elimination, Road 10K Points, 20K Elimination

"D" Position, highest total points on the Track

"E" Position, highest total points on the Road

"F" Position, highest number of points in all races after the selection of the above five skaters

Track and Road race points will be combined to determine 7th and 8th places. With 7th and 8th only qualifying for residency, or as members of a Marathon team, or as alternates in the event a higher qualifier is unable to participate.

See section SR921.9 and SR921.10 for tie breaking formulas.

SR921.9 OUTDOOR NATIONALS TIE BREAKER FOR *"A" AND "B" POSITIONS* - In the event of a tie, the following formula will be applied.

A..The *"A" Position* is the skater with the highest point total in the 200m and 300m events. If a tie exists, the skater with the highest placement in the 300m will be named *to the "A" Position*.

B. The *"B" Position* is the skater with the highest point total in the 200m, 300m, and 500m on track and road, not including the *"A" Position*. If a tie exists, the skater with the highest placement in the 300m will be named *to the "B" Position*.

INDOOR NATIONAL SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS: Approved the following expense-compensated officials. Meet Director-Sherri Bowles, Assistant Meet Director-Allen Hughes, Announcers-Josh Gallatin and Kirk Ellis, Chief Tabulator-Kristin Poundstone, Tabulator-Tish Gorman, Competitive Stewards-Melanie Holt, Mike Wong, David Alcorn, Photo Finish, Hub Galbraith and Ashley Bowles, Starters-Jim White and John Szelagowski, Chief Place Judge-Kay Gallatin, Assistant Chief Place Judge-Brian Hook, Place Judge-Leonard Gallatin, Place Judge/Laps-Kristine Hagar, Place Judge/Laps-Joshua Jozwiak, Chief Referee-Janine Foster, Assistant Chief Referee-Jim Pitsch, Referees Wayne Bowles, Nick Chrissan, John Gustafson, David Glasgow, Brandon Hardaway, David Lewis, Larry Pep, Buford Mills, Joe Robinson, Ken Shelton, Kristin Smith, Dan Zielinski

OUTDOOR NATIONAL SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS: Meet Director-John Gustafson, Announcer-Mike Wong, Chief Tabulator-ay Gallatin, Tabulator-Tish Gorman, Competitive Steward-Dawn Galbraith, Photo Finish-Hub Galbraith, Chief Referee-Track-Kristine Hagar, Chief Referee-Road-Kristin Smith, Referees-Janine Foster, Ken Shelton, Larry Pep, Joe Robinson, Buford Mills, Starter-Jim White

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ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

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TESTING REQUIREMENTS SUSPENDED: Approved the following: Suspended the RSA testing requirements for competitors in USARS “B” and “C” division in qualifying and national championships events until several issues can be resolved with the joint committees of USARS and RSA, including a problem with records tracked and the availability of these records for tests taken.

STAFF FOR INTERNATIONAL ROLLER FIGURE SKATING TEAM STAFF: Approved the following: **World Games:** Coach-Jim Pollard, Official-John Cawly; **World Championships:** Senior World Team Coach-April Dayney-Jacobson, Tony Berger-Junior and Senior Team Manager, Junior Team Coach-Gloria Manning, Assistant Manager-TBD (if needed), Official-Bill Spooner

INDOOR NATIONAL ROLLER FIGURES CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS: Approved the following expense-compensated officials: Meet Director-Ed Harney, Assistant Meet Director-Robin Haleber, Chief Referee-Bruce Muench, Referee/Music-Vince Neill, David Bialorucki and David Adamy, Chief Tabulator/IT-Bob Styma, Assistant Tabulator-Louise Neal, IT/Judge-Scott Clifford, Awards/Music-Marlayna Harney and Melody Neill. Judges: Entire Competition – Debra Adamy, Gary Callahan, John Cawly, Michael Jacques, Cecelia Kelley, Billy Mastriano, Marsha Neary, Bill Spooner, Marian Spooner, Dottie Walsh. First Portion: Leslie Dunn-Meyers, John Hultquist, Jim Puracchio, Al Taglang. Second Portion: Sue Ellis, Judy Graves, Marie McGee, John Rangel. Alternate Judges: Patricia Bauler, Tom Beebe, Bob Behrendt, Scott Clifford, Karyn Cormier, Rachel Dols, Lisa Friday-Holderbaugh, John Gustafson, Eric Hadley, Sylvia Haffke, Ted Hansford, Janet Jordan, John Lehni, Paul McElhiney, Michelle Muckey, Dennis Nendza, Verna Quaranto, Victor Rodriguez.

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RINK ROLLER HOCKEY

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS STAFF: Approved the following: Meet Director-Bill Sisson, Hockey Committee-Assistant Meet Directors (uncompensated); Mark Brailey-Referee, Gary Hendrickson- Referee, Jim Jost-Referee, Duane McMinn-Referee, Irene Allen-Scorekeeper (approved by Executive Committee)

ROLLER DERBY

(Unless otherwise noted, all changes are effective for 2014)

DERBY RULES: Approved submission to FIRS for use as the international rules for the sport of Roller Derby (Derby Committee). Rules can be found on the USARS website at www.usarollersports.org

RULE CHANGES FROM DERBY COMMITTEE: Additional information regarding scoring (RD45) will be added to specifically address when points are awarded for out of play players, when points are accrued when an Active Scorer comes out of the box, and Active Scorers lapping one another. Eliminated the Active Scorer whistle (14.01c). Clarification will be made regarding the procedure to use when a Pivot is serving a penalty as Active Scorer at the end of a jam (RD60.04) – Team fields a new Jammer and Pivot moves over and servers duration of penalty as a blocker. Changed the Jam Set Break (RD20.03) so it can be up to 30 seconds. Pivots must line up in the Pivot Area to begin the jam. Added both penalty categories (RD55.02) and RD55.03) to RD40.02 and RD490.06. Defined out of play by stating that a Blocker who is not part of the Pack is out of play. Revised RD55.02 (b)(iv) to read “without receiving this penalty”. Revised RD55.02(b)(vii). Created a new rule (RD55.05) to help reinforce the idea that “if the rules don’t say that you can do it, then you can’t”. Revised RD40.06. Removed “waiting for the pack after skating out of play” from RD 40.02. Changed “and” to “or” in RD50.07. Modified RD 10.01 to make the roster requirements more clear and

specific. Reduced the maximum time for a jam to ninety (90) seconds. Grammatical clarifications to RD45.01. Clarified who can enter the penalty box (RD60.01). Removed RD75.01 from the Rule Book and made it an addenda item.

2013 DERBY NATIONALS: Approved the date and site of the 2013 Roller Derby National Championships, to be in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on October 25-27.

2013 USA ROLLER SPORTS ROLLER DERBY FORFEITURE AND DISQUALIFICATION POLICY: Approved the following:

Introduction - USA Roller Sports understands that, in some cases, specific circumstances might prevent a team from being present at a game or might –unfortunately- motivate teams to play a game in a manner that is unsafe or not within the spirit of the sport.

This policy establishes a clear differentiation between the cases that will lead to the declaration of a forfeit and those that will be considered to go against acceptable conduct or sportsmanship behavior. This policy also establishes specific consequences that will help guide players, officials and coaches when these situations arise.

This policy applies to all USARS Regional Qualifiers and National Championships.

Enforcement - Only authorized individuals will be allowed to officially enforce this policy.

The Tournament Head Referee will be authorized to enforce this policy for any games scheduled to be played during the tournament. In addition, the designated Head Referee for each game will be authorized to enforce this policy for that game.

USA Roller Sports staff will reserve the authority to enforce this policy or designate additional individuals to enforce this policy during USARS Regional Qualifiers and National Championships.

Tournament Participation - If a team plays in a USARS Regional Qualifier and qualifies for the USARS National Championship, but then fails to participate, for any reason, in the USARS National Championship, they will automatically forfeit their prize money.

If a team does not submit a valid application to participate in the USARS National Championship after qualifying at a USARS Regional Qualifier, then they forfeit their participation. USARS will then invite other teams who participated in the USARS Regional Qualifier, in the order they placed, to apply as a replacement for the forfeiting team.

Forfeits

Intentional Forfeit - If a team elects to not play during a scheduled game, the team captain must submit a signed Forfeit Agreement at least two (2) hours before the scheduled time of a game.

Failure to Start Forfeit - If a team has not intentionally forfeited and the team does not have the minimum number of players (according to the current USARS Rule Book) able to play at the time of the equipment check for their scheduled competition, the game *must* be declared a forfeit. USARS reserves the right to declare a forfeit intentional if a team failed to start a game but was considered able to do so or if a team intentionally failed to start the game.

Failure to Continue Forfeit - If a team successfully starts a game but during the course of the game is unable to maintain the minimum number of players (according to the current USARS Rule Book) present and able to play due to injuries, expulsions, foul outs or any other situation, the game *must* be declared a forfeit.

Additionally, if a team is considered unfit to continue playing a game in a manner that is safe for them and the other team, the game *may* be declared a forfeit at the discretion of the game Head Referee or any other authorized individual, as described in this document.

Consequences for a Forfeit

Elimination - A team that receives a forfeit is not eliminated from the tournament and may continue to play in any subsequent scheduled games, unless the forfeit is intentional or is declared intentional.

A team that forfeits twice during a tournament or that records an intentional forfeit from a single game is automatically eliminated from the tournament and will not be allowed to participate in subsequent scheduled games.

Placement - If a team is eliminated from the tournament, their placement will be assigned and will be lower than any other team that was not eliminated from the tournament. However, the team will automatically forfeit any prize award associated to their placement, if any.

If a team is eliminated during a USARS Regional Qualifier, they will not be eligible to compete at the USARS National Championship.

Scores - For scoring purposes, a forfeited game will be called as follows:

- If one team intentionally forfeits, the other team will be promptly notified and a 5-0 victory will be called in favor of the team who did not forfeit.
- If one team fails to start a game and the other team is present and able to play, a 5-0 victory will be called in favor of the team who is present.
- If one team fails to continue playing during a game, the other team will be declared the winner. The score will stand as is if the forfeiting team had the lowest score at the time. If the forfeiting team had the highest score at the time, their score will be maintained but the winning team's score will be increased to the forfeiting team's score plus one (1) point.
- If both teams forfeit, the game will be called 0-0.

Disqualifications - If a team is engaging in any type of collective misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior according to the criteria of the Tournament Head Referee or an authorized individual as described in this document, the team **may** be disqualified from the competition. If a disqualification is called against a team, the ongoing game will be terminated immediately. A disqualification will not be considered a forfeit and will be subject to its own set of consequences.

Consequences for a Disqualification

Elimination - A team that is disqualified is automatically eliminated from the tournament and will not be allowed to participate in subsequent scheduled games.

Placement - If a team is disqualified, they automatically lose their placement for the competition.

Scores - For scoring purposes, if a team is disqualified:

- For the ongoing game, the other team will be declared the winner. The score will stand as is if the disqualified team had the lowest score at the time, or will be called as a 5-0 victory if the disqualified team had the highest score at the time.
- For any subsequent games scheduled for the disqualified team, the game will be called 5-0 in favor of the opponent.

2013 USA ROLLER SPORTS DERBY DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES: Approved the following:

Fouling Out - If a player receives the maximum number of penalties, according to the current USARS Rule Book, she/he will be excluded from participating in the remainder of the ongoing game.

The player who received the maximum number of penalties must remove her/his skating equipment and may return as a spectator, but they will be unable to enter her/his team's designated bench or any other part of the playing area.

Expulsion - If a player, a coach or a bench manager receives an expulsion from a game, they will be excluded from participating in the remainder of the ongoing game. If the expulsion occurs during a USARS Regional Qualifier or during the USARS National Championship, then the person will be excluded from participating in the next game of that tournament, except when the expulsion occurs during the last game of a USARS Regional Qualifier, in which case the person will be excluded from participating in the first game of the USARS National Championship if their team qualified.

The player, coach or a bench manager who receives an expulsion from a game may NOT return to the track until the game in play is ruled official final score.

Unsportsmanlike Behavior and Gross Misconduct - The Head Referee has the discretion to issue an expulsion if a player engages in unsportsmanlike behavior or gross misconduct. In this case, the player will adhere to the expulsion policy.

The Head Referee may choose to give a warning to the Captain or the Alternate Captain of a team due to the unsportsmanlike behavior or gross misconduct of a player, Coach or Bench Manager before issuing an expulsion.

Surrogate Penalties - If a player fouls out or receives an expulsion, the Captain of her/his team will be sent to the penalty box to serve the penalty on their behalf. If the Captain is already serving a penalty or is unable to serve the penalty for any reason, the team must designate another player to serve the penalty on their behalf. This penalty will NOT count against the maximum number of penalties of the surrogate player.

2013 ROLLER DERBY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ADVERTISING RATES: Approved the following:

Premier Sponsor at the 2013 National Championships: Announcements limited to 25 words and banners must be provided by company.) Red Package: Includes 2 booths, a full page program ad, banner advertising and announcements \$750; White Package: Includes 1 booth, a 1/2 page program ad, banner advertising and announcements \$575; Blue Package: Includes 1 booth, a 1/4 page program ad, banner advertising, and announcements \$500. **Option to add an additional booth to any package available for an extra \$125 per booth**

Exhibitor Rates: 1 Booth = \$400 2 Booths = \$600 3 Booths = \$800 TOTAL=

Program Ads: Full page, inside pages 7 1/4 x 9 3/4 inches \$300; 1/2 page, inside pages 7 1/4 x 4 3/4 inches \$200; 1/4 page, inside pages 3 1/2 x 4 3/4 inches \$100. **Cover (color) pages – available upon request**

Banner Advertiser (if providing own banner) \$100; Banner (need one made) 3 x 8 feet each \$300; Banner (additional to be made) \$200 per banner

JUNIOR AND MEN'S TEAM QUALIFICATION FOR NATIONALS – Junior and Men's Teams will not be required to compete at a Regional Qualifying Championships prior to Nationals.

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INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY

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APPROVED THE 2013 INLINE HOCKEY WORLD TEAM STAFF:

Men's Team: Ken Murchison-Head Coach, Chuck Thuss-Assistant Coach, Jon Roux-Senior Men and Women's Team Manager.

Women's Team: Charlie Sgrillo-Head Coach, Dave Marmorstein-Assistant Coach, Jon Roux-Senior Men and Women's Team Manager

Junior Men's Team: Shayne Arsenault-Head Coach, Dustin Roux-Assistant Coach, Gerry Lullove-Junior Men and Women's Team Manager

Junior Women's Team: Jeff Manning-Head Coach, Gerry Lullove-Junior Men and Women's Team Manager