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USA ROLLER SPORTS
SEMIANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Las Vegas, Nevada
April 23-24-25, 2010

and

USARS EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETINGS
October 31, 2009, December 16, 2009, January 24, 2010

The following actions resulted from the USA Roller Sports Semiannual Board of Directors Meeting, April 23-24-25, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and the above noted Executive/Finance Committee Meetings. 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

CANADIAN CLUBS AND SKATERS – Effective immediately, approved GR501.12 - Roller skating clubs, skaters, and coaches located in Canada, which are members in good standing and with the permission of the Canadian Roller Sports Federation, may apply for USARS membership. Regional association membership and regional championship participation will be determined by location, with the club joining the closest region geographically (approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09).

USARS ELITE LEVEL COACH STATUS GRANTED – Approved Elite Coach status for the following: *Charlie Lucas* (speed), *Samuel Johnson* (speed), *Billy Graf* (roller figure), *Dale Sprague and Caroline (Sprague) Diewold* (roller figure)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICES HALL OF FAME – Approved for induction into the USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame: *Walter Frazier* of Litchfield, Illinois, President of the Roller Derby Skate Company, in recognition of his long-time support of USA Roller Sports, both financially and by his company equipping USARS teams for international competitions, as well as assisting other continental national teams in presenting necessary country support to maintain our Pan American Games status. For years, when no other equipment manufacturers would sponsor USARS inline hockey, Walt Frazier via the Roller Derby Company was our sole inline hockey sponsor. Roller Derby was of significant assistance with USARS maintaining its NGB status for inline hockey.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICES HALL OF FAME – Approved for induction into the USARS Distinguished Service Hall of Fame: *Bob Lim*, Rocklin, California, now deceased, in recognition of his computer expertise in support of the National Roller Figure Skating Championships and for his help with the scoring table for over two decades.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Approved presenting the Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership Award to: *Bob Labriola*, Fountain Valley, California – Coaching era began in the 1950’s. He was the leading American Dance Coach at the National Championships for decades. Labriola was a frequent contributor for more than 50 years toward coaching education and seminars in advancement of excellence in the sport. Labriola was a former Chairman of the SRSTA, has been a continual member of the Roller Figure Skating Technical Committee and contributed to the establishment of the USARS Coaches Certification program.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Approved presenting the Charles Wahlig Memorial USARS Life Membership award to: *Jim Ball*, South Gate, California – Jim Ball is the third generation of his family through the Sure-Grip Skate Company to support the programs and goals of USA Roller Sports. Jim serves as a Trustee for the United States Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating, guiding the investments and future interests of the sport. He is a frequent sponsor of USARS programs, affecting national and international competitions.

SHATTUCK AWARD - The M.M. Shattuck Distinguished Service award began in 1961 as the "Amateur of the Year Award," the recipient of this award must have consistently demonstrated outstanding service to Confederation programs throughout the competitive season, whether at the local, league, state, regional, national or international levels. Approve presentation of the Shattuck Award to *Derek Parra*, Salt Lake City, Utah – This former multi-gold medal champion in FIRS Inline Speed Skating World Championships, and an Olympic gold medalist in ice speed skating, was

nominated in recognition of his notable support for the FIRS bid to establish roller speed skating as an Olympic Games participation sport.

RINGEISEN AWARD - The Elmer Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award was established in 1983 to honor a current competitive skater in any of the three disciplines who has conducted himself or herself according to the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. This skater exemplifies, in an outstanding way, the pledge of the USARS Code of Conduct. Approved presentation of the Ringeisen Sportsmanship Award to **Greg Thompson**, Bayport, New York – Captain of the 2009 World Champion Inline Hockey Team from the USA, Greg was praised by his team mates for his leadership on and off the rink in bringing about a successful defense of the USA World title for inline hockey, with a team consisting of young and internationally unseasoned players where 8 of the 13 man roster had never previously played in a World Championships. Recruited by the USA Ice Hockey Federation for its Inline Hockey World Championships in 2009, he elected to remain with USARS while many of his former team mates left the roller sports program.

VAN ROEKEL AWARD - The Gordon B. Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award is awarded periodically, *not on an annual basis*, as an individual merits such recognition for the highest level of continuous service to the Confederation. Approved presentation of the Van Roekel Lifetime Service Award to **Betty Ann Danna**, Sarasota, Florida – for her contributions to USARS and the United States Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating. Betty Ann Danna began serving on the USARS Board of Directors in 1985 and was elected President from 1994 through 1998. Because of her financial background, she has served on the USA Foundation for Amateur Roller Skating for a decade, being elected as its President in 2007 and remains in that position today.

DENNIS R. SNEAD AWARD - In the future this award shall become discipline identified as “**The Dennis Snead Roller Speed Skating Award.**” The purpose of the Dennis R. Snead Award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller speed skating through their long-term dedication as speed skating and track officials. Approved presentation of the Dennis R. Snead Award to **Kay Gallatin**, Ault, Colorado, in recognition of her outstanding contribution of time and talent as a speed skating official at Indoor and Outdoor National Championships as well as at Regional Championships and local contests. She received Meritorious Service Award in 2003 with husband Leonard. Leonard received the Snead Award in 2008.

NEW USA ROLLER SPORTS AWARDS FOR JUDGES, REFEREES, SCORERS AND OTHER SUPPORT OFFICIALS – Approved new USA Roller Sports awards to be as follows:

The Marie Walker Award for Figure Skating - The purpose of this roller figure skating award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller figure skating through their dedication in the service of competitive roller figure skating under the aegis of USARS as judges, referees, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to roller figure skating seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and roller figure skating technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades earned such recognition.

The first recipient of this award shall be *Marie Walker*, who by her past dedication to these pursuits will validate this award for its future recipients.

The Bill Sisson Award for Ball Rink Hockey - The purpose of this roller hockey award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of ball roller hockey through their dedication in the service of competitive ball rink hockey under the aegis of USARS as referees, meet directors, scorers and other significant competition support officials. The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to roller hockey seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and roller hockey technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades earned such recognition.

The first recipient of this award shall be our colleague *Bill Sisson*, who by his past dedication to these pursuits has identified himself as “Mr. Ball Hockey” in the United States, and will thus validate this award for its future recipients.

The George Pickard Award for Inline Roller Hockey - The purpose of this roller inline hockey award is to honor individuals who have shown exceptional efforts in the advancement of roller inline hockey through their dedication in the service of competitive inline roller hockey under the aegis of USARS as referees, meet directors, scorers and other significant competition support officials. . The award criteria will be: (1) Consideration of their contribution through the years as an official. (2) Their support and contribution to inline roller hockey seminars and other educational programs supporting the development of officials. (3) Contribution of written materials such as rule books, guidelines and inline hockey technical articles. (4) By their actions that have been an example of fairness and competent officiating. This award is to be bestowed only on merit and need not be assigned annually if the criteria are not met. It is certain that there exists a large body of dedicated officials who have over the past decades have earned such recognition.

The first recipient of this award shall be *George Pickard* who by his past dedication to these pursuits will validate this award for its future recipients.

USA ROLLER SPORTS ATHLETES OF THE YEAR - Approved the following USARS Awards:

USARS Roller Figure Skater of the Year for 2009 – Robert Hines and Aubrey Orcutt, Redwood City, California – 2009 Taiwan World Games Gold Medalists in Pairs, 2009 Senior World Figure Skating Championships Silver Medalists in World Class Pairs, and 2009 National Championships Gold Medalists in World Class Pairs.

USARS Speed Skater of the Year for 2009 - James Michael Cheek, Greensboro, North Carolina – At the 2009 World Speed Championships, Michael won two gold medals, in addition to constantly supporting the team, not only overall but in individual races in which he competed.

USARS Rink Ball Hockey Player of the Year for 2009 – Gwen Catledge, Bremerton, Washington - Defensive player and team leader of the 2008 Ladies World Team that took 4th place at the World Championships in Japan.

USARS Inline Hockey Player of the Year for 2009 – *Michael Urbano*, Huntington Beach, California - Goalie for the USA Gold Medal Winning Team at the 2009 Inline Hockey World Championships and at the 2009 World Games.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE - Approved presenting the USARS Meritorious Service Award to *Martha Polston* of Flemington, New Jersey, in recognition of her work on behalf of the World Speed Skating Teams through her “Send the Best” fund raising program.

USOC AWARD NOMINATIONS - Approved the following USOC award nominations:

USOC Roller Sports Team of 2009 - 2009 Gold Medal Men’s Inline Hockey World Championships and World Games Team - *Brandon Barnette, Chris Connole, Keith DiPrima, Travis Fudge, Eric Keene, Anthony King, Joshua Laricchia, Daniel Marmorstein, Pete Messina, John McGuinness, Jonathan Mosenson, Dustin Roux, GregoryThompson, Michael Urbano (Goalie)*

USOC Roller Sports Male Athlete of the Year for 2009 – *Joey Mantia*, Colorado Springs, Colorado – At the 2009 World Speed Championships, Joey Mantia won 7 gold medals, 1 silver and 2 bronzes out of a possible 12 medals, leading the USA to a third place overall finish.

USOC Female Athlete of the Year for 2009 - *Autumn Lee* of Poulsbo, Washington - High scorer at the Ladies World Championships Team that placed 4th in Japan.

USOC National Coach of the Year for 2009 – *Jeff Prime*, Long Beach, California - World Champion Women’s Team Coach 2002 – 2009, winning four Gold, three Silver and one Bronze Medal in FIRS World Inline Hockey Competitions during the eight year history of Women’s Inline Hockey World Championships.

USOC Roller Sports Volunteer Coach of the Year for 2009 – *Mario Sousa*, Gilroy, California - Coach of the highly successful Northern California Mustangs Inline Hockey Team in the AIHL.

USOC Developmental Coach of the Year for 2009 - *Eforrest “Buggy” Allmond*, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

NEW PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF ROLLER SPORTS TECHNICAL DISCIPLINE

COMMITTEES – The process and selection criteria can be found in the Board Meeting Minutes. Approved the Technical Discipline Committees for each skating discipline as follows:

Roller Figure Skating Committee - *Jane Wojnarowsky* - Staff Director/Chairperson - 1 year term; *John Cawly* - Official - 4 year term; *Tony Berger* - 3 year term; *David Adamy* - 2 year term; *April Jacobson* - Athlete - 1 year term; *Jessica Gaudy* - Athlete - 1 year term - non-voting; *Jim Pollard* - Non-Voting Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Speed Committee - *Ricci Porter* - Staff Director - 1 year term; *Ed Mueller* - Chairperson - 3 year term; *Josh Wood* - Athlete - 4 year term; *Buggy Allmond* - 2 year term; *Mike Bell* - Official - 1 year term; *Chris Payne* - 1 year term - non-voting; *Richard Hawkins* - Non-Voting Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Inline Hockey Committee - *Brent Benson* - Staff Director - 1 year term; *George Pickard* - Chairperson - 2 year term; *Charlotte Nicholson* - Athlete - 4 year term; *Jon Roux* - 4 year term; *Mark*

Vittese - 3 year term; *Jetta Rackleff* - Athlete - 2 year term; *Barry Jackson* - 1 year term; *Keith Noll* - Non-Voting Senior Advisor - 1 year term

Rink Hockey Committee - *Brent Benson* - Staff Director - 1 year term; *Bill Sisson* - Chairperson/Senior Advisor - 1 year term; *Tom Hughes* - 4 year term; *Jim Jost* - 3 year term; *Toby Tagliapietra* - 2 year term; *Don Allen* - 1 year term; *Pat Ferguson* - Non-Voting - 1 year term

OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES – Approved, based on recommendations from the Committee on Committees (A complete listing can be found on the USA Roller Sports website under Resources/Governance):

Executive Committee: *George Kolibaba*-Chairman, *Jim Pollard*, *Bill Sisson*, *Annelle Anderson*, *Josh Wood*-Athlete

Finance Committee: *Bill Sisson*-Chairman, *George Kolibaba*, *Annelle Anderson*, *Ed Harney*, *Trace Hansen*-Athlete

Membership Eligibility Committee - *David Adamy*-Chairman, *Kurt Anselmi*, *Ed Mueller*, *Danny Brown*, *Josh Wood* (speed), *Trace Hansen* (figure), and *Charlotte Nicholson* (hockey)-Athletes

Athlete Performance Committee (Sports Medicine): *Dr. Scott Kleiman*-Chairman, *Lori Brandon*, *David Pittman*, *Josh Rhoads*-Athlete

Hall of Fame and Honors Committee: *Richard Hawkins*-Non-Voting Chairman, *George Pickard*, *Jim Pollard*, *Bill Sisson*, *Annelle Anderson*, *John Gustafson*

Committee on Committees (Elected Annually at Fall Annual Board Meeting): *George Kolibaba*-Chairman, *Annelle Anderson*, *John Gustafson*, *Mark Vittese*, *Trace Hansen*-Athlete

Elite Coaches Selection Committee: *Richard Hawkins*-Non-voting Chairman, *Bob Labriola*, *Bill Sisson*, *Ken Shelton*, *Gloria Manning*, *Mark Vittese*

Elite Officials Committee for Speed: *Dan Whittaker* - Chairman, *Allen Hughes*, *Kay Gallatin*

PRICE AND STRUCTURE CHANGES FOR 2010 (approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09):

Figure Skating - Regional assessment fees \$4 to \$5; Regional entry fee maximum increased from \$45 to \$55; National Championship World Class events \$55 to \$75; National Championship events (other than World Class) \$55 to \$60; National private practice at practice rink \$150 per hour to \$200 per hour; National open practice at practice rink \$6 per person to \$10 per person; National open practice at auditorium \$5; Other national championship staff changes as noted; Deleted one expense-compensated world team position (manager)

Speed Skating - Regional assessment fees \$4 to \$5; Outdoor Nationals Junior and Senior \$55 to \$75 (road and track); Outdoor Nationals Freshman & Master \$55 to \$60 (road and track); Indoor Nationals events from \$55-\$55-\$35 to \$60-\$60-\$40; Delete flowers at the National Championships;

Deleted awards coordinator at the National Championships; Deleted one expense-compensated world team position (coach)

2010 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INFORMATION – Approved sites and dates for 2010. A complete list is included in the Board Meeting Minutes addenda and posted by skating discipline on the USARS under Events/Figure or Speed.

SPEED SKATING

NOVICE VETERAN DIVISION AT REGIONALS - Effective for the 2011 season, approved the addition of a Novice Veteran Division (age 45 and up) at the Regional Championships to verify participation prior to including it at the Indoor Nationals. The distances will be the same as for the Masters Division.

DISTANCES FOR NOVICE DIVISIONS - Effective for the 2011 season, approved establishing distances skated in the Novice divisions at Indoor Speed Championships to mirror to distances of the comparable standard event.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SPEED OFFICIALS – Eliminated positions as a cost saving measure at the Indoor Speed National Championships, as approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09. The Indoor and Outdoor National Speed Championships Staff and Schedules were later approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 1/24/10.

INLINE ROLLER HOCKEY

AGE DIVISION RULES - Effective immediately, approved the following rule change: USARS Divisional Regulations are changed to permit Girls age 13 to 10 year olds to enter Boys Age Group 12u and 10u in the Team USA Division of competition.

WORLD TEAM CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED - Athlete members of Senior Men and Women's Inline Hockey World Teams, are expected to contribute \$500 toward the cost of their participation in the World Championships. *Important Note* - For the Men’s World Team, funding for participation would have gone to 12 athletes of a 14 member team and for the Women’s Team to 10 of a 12 member team. Athletes who would have otherwise paid for their participation must still pay the entire cost of their participation.

ROLLER FIGURE SKATING

SENIOR FIGURE TEAM EXPENSES - Approved funding of \$1,000 per athlete for members of the Senior Team toward the cost of their participation in World Championships, *when profit from the National Championships is at least \$160,000* (funds are not provided to Inline, Show or Precision Team athletes). Athlete funding will be confirmed “*after*” the income from the 2010 National Figure Skating Championships is known and the expenses have all been paid.

WORLD CLASS EVENT AWARDS AND PRESENTATION PROCEDURES – Effective immediately, approved the following process, to become rule AR7.03.02 - At the USARS National Championships, the presentation of awards for the Junior World Class and World Class events will be made following the completion of the skating of both divisions. Awards will be given to those skaters who placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 divisions who satisfy all of the necessary requirements will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals, and a position on the Junior World Team. The 3rd place winners will be awarded a medal. The three highest placing American skaters in the World Class divisions of figures, team dance, pairs and free skating, who satisfy all of the necessary requirements will be awarded the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals and a position on the Senior World Team. The two highest placing American skaters in each World Class division of solo dance who satisfy all of the necessary requirements will be awarded the 1st and 2nd place medals and a position on the Senior World Team. The 3rd place winners in all disciplines will be awarded a medal.

MOVE UP - Effective immediately, approved the following: To protect the longevity of the skaters in Freshman/Sophomore A Men Free Skating, Freshman/Sophomore A Men Figures, Sophomore A Women Free Skating, and Sophomore A Women Figures, the following should be instituted for the 2010 national placement winners:

- (a) Skaters who have placed 1st at the National Championship in the ____ event must advance to the next higher age appropriate (A) event in subsequent skating seasons.
- (b) Skaters who have placed 2nd or 3rd at the National Championship in the ____ event may advance to the next higher age appropriate (A) event, or remain in the ____ division event in subsequent skating seasons.
- (c) Please refer to AR7.05.04 (5-7), and AR8.02.05 for rules of eligibility

NOVICE A TEAM DANCE REINSTATEMENT – Effective immediately, (approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09) - To provide a more gradual development for newer adult dance skating teams, and to facilitate their continued participation in this branch of skating, the Novice A Team Dance Skating division is being reinstated. All the rules and requirements as to dances being skated, eligibility, etc. will remain the same as those that were in effect for the 2008-2009 skating season. The dances are:

Group I: Siesta Tango, Pilgrim Waltz, La Vista Cha-Cha

Group II: Chase Waltz, Rhythm Blues, Syncopated Swing

ROLLER FIGURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIALS - Eliminated positions as a cost saving measure at the Roller Figure Skating National Championships, approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09. The championships staff was approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 1/24/10.

RINK (HARDBALL) ROLLER HOCKEY

EXPENSE-COMPENSATED OFFICIALS FOR 2010 NATIONAL RINK HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BREMERTON, WASHINGTON, JULY 11-16 – Approved the following: Meet Director - Bill Sisson; Assistant Meet Directors - Rink Hockey Committee (not expense-compensated); Referees - Mark Brailey, Jim Jost, Duane McMinn, additional referees will be paid \$10 per game; Time/Scorekeeper - Latecia Ponder, additional scorekeepers will be paid \$40 per day.

LADIES' WORLD RINK HOCKEY TEAM STAFF – ALCOBENDAS (near Madrid), SPAIN, SEPTEMBER 25- October 2 – Approved the following: Coach - Frankie Lee, Assistant Coach - Daniel Vianna; Manager - Tom Hughes, Athletic Trainer - Gina Gerona (to be requested). Coach and Athletic Trainer positions are expense-compensated.

MEN’S “B” WORLD RINK HOCKEY TEAM STAFF – DORNBIRN, AUSTRIA, OCTOBER 24-30 – Approved the following: Coach - Jimmy Trussell, Assistant Coaches - Pat Ferguson and Daniel Vianna; Manager - Don Allen, Goalkeeper Coach - Ron Torvik, Athletic Trainer - Rob Murphy (to be requested). Coach and Athletic Trainer positions are expense-compensated.

RULES FOR NATIONALS – For the 2010 Rink Hockey Nationals, approved utilizing the old rules for this year with the new rules being implemented in 2011 (approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09).

FREE RINK HOCKEY SANCTIONS - In an effort to increase rink hockey memberships for 2010, provide free sanctioning of all rink hockey tournaments in the US for 2010, provided all participants are a current rink hockey member of USA Roller Sports (approved by the USA Roller Sports Executive/Finance Committees – 12/16/09).