

**2011-11-26- RSC Speed Meeting- Minutes**  
**Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

**Attendees: Cindy Bois, Jose Luis Munera, Peter Doucet, Scott Pauley, Wayne Burrett, Youri Juteau, Philippe Candelier, Stephane Charron, Claudia Thibodeau, Jesse Pauley, Simon Clement, Ursula Hendel (via Skype), Martine Charbonneau (via Skype), Philippe Gagnon**

**1) Introductions-** Simon Clement introduced each attendee.

**2) Agenda-** The day's agenda was adjusted and approved unanimously, motioned by Peter Doucet, seconded by Philippe Gagnon.

**3) Presentation by Peter Doucet-** Peter Doucet provided a PowerPoint presentation, offering a layout of the current formal and informal roller and speed Clubs in Canada. Peter also offered suggestions into RSC Speed's possible committee structure.

Simon Clement mentioned that the FVPQ (ice federation in Quebec) has taken on the provincial governance of roller and there are a number of ice (short track) clubs interested in started up an inline & roller speed program.

**4) Presentation by José Luis Munera-** His presentation summarized why Colombia is one of the strongest and most successful nations in roller and inline speed skating.

- Already with a rich history in the sport, Colombians brought in experts including Bill Begg. With goals of becoming champions, they analyzed technical contributions by skaters like Chad Hedrick (USA), which demonstrated that there are many technical foundations and variances.
- RSC should concentrate on youth aged 6-12 years old, with regional school and youth festivals and official rules specialized for this age group (slalom, jumps, no medals for those placed 1-2-3 but rather participants recognized)
- For youth, technique and how they are coached is important

RSC could possible have pre-selected skaters for the 2015 Pan American Games, with coaching and structure provided for those skaters.

**5) 2012- Canadian Championships**

- In Montreal
- Indoor and Outdoor component
- Indoor can be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Those from Calgary (CRISC) will likely attend one of the National competitions for 2012.
- This discussion will be continued after lunch.

**6) New Mission for RSC in 2012-** Simon Clément proposes RSC adopt a new mission for 2012, which is to establish confidence in Roller Sports Canada. The issues and points were discussed by the group:

- A list of those involved in roller sports needs to be maintained

- Every Canadian club should join up with RSC
- There are financial issues- membership rates need to go down or more services need to be offered.
- It's important that RSC have the capacity to change. Members need to know information on meetings- when they take place, where, and what will be discussed.
- There needs to be clean and ongoing discussion with the community.
- Investment in roller needs to be long term and smart- for example, instead of paying to bring in officials from abroad, let's develop a program or use officials from other sports such as short track speed skating.
- Competitors from other nations (Venezuela, Mexico) could be brought in to increase the level.
- The system of two representatives for each province is not effective. Positions need to be based on knowledge and expertise.
- Can RSC Speed's structure be changed? Is it possible?
- Can a new committee, official, be created today? Since this is an official RSC meeting, and there is a quorum present, it can be done.

**7) RSC Speed Structure: Motion:** Peter Doucet proposes to form a new structure for RSC Speed, based on decisions of members present at this meeting.

**Voting:** There are some who can't vote but have interests. They should be invited to share their ideas. Votes and decisions should be recorded and published.

Stephane Charron & Simon Clement are voting representatives from Quebec. Peter Doucet and Jesse Pauley are voting representatives from Ontario. Wayne Burrett is the member from the RSC executive.

This discussion regarding this will be continued after lunch.

**BREAK FOR LUNCH AT 12:30pm, MEETING RESUMED AT 1:45PM**

### **8) Post-Lunch Discussion**

- Because we'll have the Pan American Games in 2015 (as stated by Mr. Jose Luis Munera) and RSC does not have a lot of resources, the Pan American Games are a perfect opportunity in terms of presenting strong athletes and good judge.
- Because we put efforts to ensure the television and media cover the sport and we are involved with the Pan American Games committee right from the start, we might have better benefits. Where is the best place to place our efforts at this point?
- Allow developing skaters to skate with skaters of higher abilities/ speed.
- We may attract skaters from ice to skate because of the Pan American Games.
- A program (for the Pan American Games) is necessary. It needs intermediary goals. This should be communicated to skaters, coaches, and parents, with the Federation following the athletes to the goals.
- We have the venues, experienced people- we need to organize this.

- We need to compete with a synchronized competition calendar.

### **7) RSC Speed Structure: Committee Organization (continued)**

**Motion by Peter Doucet, seconded by Philippe Candelier: Be it resolved** that a new committee for Speed for Roller Sports Canada be immediately created with 5 members plus the current VP of Speed, to be named after this motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Furthermore, be it resolved** the committee be charged with the following mandate:

- **Mandate #1)** develop a proposal for the modernization of the speed branch of Roller Sports Canada, to be proposed for voting at the next Annual General Meeting of Roller Sports Canada.
- **Mandate #2)** To work on forming specific plans, goals, and tasks to help the sport of roller speed skating to grow in Canada.
- **Mandate #3)** To create a mission statement and begin to form goals inline with mandate #2.
- **Mandate #4)** Ensure the committee structure is transparent, ethical, accountable, and inclusive, with specific by-laws (i.e. include new positions) and lengths of term

**The vote- Wayne Burrett- Scrutineer:** Those interested in being on the ad-hoc group are: Peter Doucet, Philippe Gagnon, Jose Luis Munera, Simon Clement, Scott Pauley, Stephane Charron, Claudia Thibodeau, Martine Charbonneau, Philippe Candellier, Cindy Bois

**The committee shall be made up of the following people: Peter Doucet, Simon Clement, Jose Luis Munera, Scott Pauley, and Stephane Charron.**

Ursula Hendel is interested in helping out. The committee will be reaching out to those, like Ursula, in the skating world who are able to and willing to help out.

### **5) 2012- Canadian Championships (continued)**

**Indoor:** The venue can be booked for one full day: April 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 or the track can be booked for two mornings. Issues with two days is the stage has to be set-up in the middle of the track.

After much deliberation, Roller Sports Canada's Indoor Championship will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime during time-off, interested parties can meet for an RSC meeting, and there can be special training sessions with coaches and skating- two half days.

**Outdoor Road and Marathon:** The Canadian Marathon will be June the 17<sup>th</sup> in Blainville.

**Outdoor Track-** Options #1 is the 400-meter track in Ste-Foy (Anneau GNBG). Option #1 for dates is July 14-15.

A discussion was had about qualification and standards for competing at the World Championships. It's important to identify, early on, skaters who wish to compete and give those skaters as much support as possible (technical, programming).

**9) Sport Accord-** It may be possible to hold a competition on the CNGB track in Ste-Foy during the Sport Accord on May 21-26.

**10) Adjournment-** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. by Scott Pauley, seconded by Philippe Gagnon. Unanimous.