

Roller sports canada speed technical committee meeting minutes

January 14th 2012

Meeting called to order 9:37am

1) Welcome, Introductions

- In attendance: Simon Clement, Jose Luis Munera, Stephan Charron, Martine Charbonneau, Wayne Burrett, Jesse Pauley, Andrew Hegarty, Leonardo Frusteri, Scott Pauley, Peter Doucet
- Claudia Thibodeau joined via Skype at 10:50am
- Apologies, Philippe Candellier
- Those in attendance went around the table and introduced themselves; names, occupations, interests, reasons for being here, how they got into skating.
- Andrew Hegarty brought up his intentions of creating a new inline skating club to be based in Mississauga

2) Review, Modification, Acceptance of Agenda

- Simon would like to put time 'restrictions' on agenda items to help advance through the agenda
- Simon recommends reordering the agenda: 1,2,3,6,5,4,7... Both recommendations accepted unanimously

3) Review minutes/notes from November meeting held in Montreal

- Martine has volunteered to translate meeting minutes.
- The group agrees that all communications should be bilingual to encourage all who are willing to take part

4) Presentation of Speed Committee as voted in Montreal

- The Speed Committee was presented as an ad hoc committee formed at the last meeting comprised of: Scott Pauley, Peter Doucet, Simon Clement, Jose Luis Munera, Stephan Charron, and Tyler Congdon (not present).
- The mandate was presented and is available in the last minutes.

5) Presentation by Jose Luis Munera

- Peter briefly restated his own presentation that he made in November for the attendees

who were not in attendance at the last meeting. His presentation was in regards to a proposed structure for RSC Speed and a review of the Canadian current formal & informal skating groups & organizations.

- Jose Luis briefly presented his presentation for the attendees who were not in attendance at the last meeting. His presentation was in regards to how to develop speed programs in Canada. He stressed the importance of special competition rules for youth (skaters aged 12 and under) which includes skills based events, shorter distances, and ceremonies that recognize participation and effort. He also mentioned the importance of a competition calendar that allows the opportunity for skaters to be evaluated (regional and national school festivals, selection competitions).
- It is proposed that the RSC website include a "Schools" section which includes information about the benefits of having skating in schools and how they can go about getting the program into schools. This page could include photographs of children skating in a school environment, which we may obtain from Stephan Charron or from Pattinagio Belusco, which can be contacted by Peter Doucet for permission to use photos.

6) Nationals 2012

- Indoor Nationals
- - April 14-15, 2012, at the Recreatheque in Laval, Quebec, which is the host facility of VRL. This competition will follow the rules as described in the RSC Rule Book
- We have evaluated the expenses to be around \$2000. We estimate a minimum of 30 competitors. Therefore, we will apply an entry fee of \$65, family rate discounts still applying
- Representatives from Clubs (Scooter's, VRL, CRISC) will need to go back to their clubs and survey for participation numbers for indoor nationals, and then forward the data back to the VRL club. Calgary and Ottawa representatives will need be contacted to get a more precise prediction for attendance
- After a lengthy and animated discussion about the possibility of having Indoor Nationals as a mandatory required event for selection on the World Team, Peter suggested that an Eastern and Western indoor competition be developed so to reduce travel imposition created by the geography of our country. After communication with Tyler, talks will continue and a decision will be made by the speed committee
- Andrew proposed a 100m flying lap event be added to the indoor program. This will be discussed in the future by the speed committee
- Road & Track Outdoor Nationals

- - July 11-15, 2012, Quebec
- - Track Portion on the 11,12 of July at the Gaetan-Boucher Track in Ste. Foy (Quebec City), Quebec. It is a 400m facility
- - Road Portion on the 14,15 of July at the Centre de la Nature in Laval, Quebec.
- Leonardo proposes that we take advantage of media to help present our sport. As well, we need to have a person or group of people responsible for seeing that this happens. Leonardo volunteers to take initial responsibility of this for the english speaking media until the proposed media relations committee is formed.
- Nationals Marathon
- - June 10, 2012, at the PMG Technologies test track in Blainville, Quebec. This race will run in conjunction with the Montreal Marathon, which is also a sanctioned NROC event. After the normal award ceremony, we will hold an RSC National Marathon Championship award ceremony.
- Ideas were entertained regarding RSC fee structure for events. Questions were raised as to what RSC offers with their fee and what more can we offer to encourage full RSC membership as opposed to just guest. Topic to be continued at a subsequent meeting
- Simon will provide date and information to the RSC website webmaster and give them notification when they may put the information on the website
- RSC offers to provide officiation for all events. However, there is no promise of certified officiation at this point in time. RSC feels that financing officiating development is more important than bringing in certified officials from out of country. RSC's goal is to bring as much consistency as possible to the rules that will be imposed on our sanctioned events.

7) RSC Speed Structure

- Finance committee - simon presented his arguments for why this committee is necessary. a proposal was put forth that RSC speed should hold and maintain their own account, separate from the RSC pool, which is managed by this committee. Andrew asked the question of the affect of charitable donations by having a separate account. Simon and Martine volunteer to take part in the finance committee. Simon will be the lead.
- Officials Development Committee - Andrew has volunteered to take part in this committee. Philipe and Ursula has expressed interest but are not in attendance to confirm and will be contacted. Alex Perrie and Tyler Congdon will be contacted concerning their interest in this committee. Andrew will be the lead, and Simon will be

his contact to the Speed Committee.

- Coaches Development Committee - Jesse, Andrew and Peter have volunteered to take part in this committee. Mohammad Ariba, Mike Murray will be contacted. Jesse will be the lead, and Peter will be his contact to the Speed Committee.
- High Performance Committee - Andrew, Jose Luis, Leo and Peter have volunteered. Mike Murray and Tyler Congdon will be contacted. Yearly Calendar falls under this committee's umbrella of responsibility. Jose Luis will be the lead.
- Sport Development Committee - Stephan, Simon, Peter and Scott. As per the agenda, this committee encapsulates some parts of the ice liaison committee as well. Stephan will be the lead.
- Communications Committee - Claudia, Martine, Simon, Leonardo and Peter. As per the agenda, this committee encapsulates some parts of the ice liaison & the club liaison and member communication committees. Simon will be the lead.

8) New Business/Other

- The group discussed the need for transparency and communication among all members and those interested in RSC
- Athletes Rep - The term of the athletes rep was discussed and proposed to be changed to two years. This will be discussed further at the Speed Technical Committee at Nationals.
- Andrew proposes that the Senior and Junior National Champions have some form of uniqueness to their uniforms
- Peter discusses the possibility of forming an inline skating league for Youth in conjunction with the City of Mississauga

Scott motions for meeting to be adjourned at 7:03pm, seconded by Andrew and unanimous.