

Northeast Regional Meeting Minutes

Commencement of meeting by Bob Comeau: 11:10 am.

Date: Sunday, October 26, 2008

Place: Norwood, MA

Clubs in attendance with full voting privileges were as follows:

Beverly Skating Club
Skateland Skating Club
All Star Skating Club
Roller Kingdom Tyngsboro
Plainfield Skating Club
Ron-A-Roll Skating Club

Carousel – Fairhaven
Long Beach Skating Club
Roller Kingdom Hudson
Roll on America
Silver City Skating Club
Galaxy Skating Club

Minutes from previous meeting

1st motion to accept: Mary Pyche

2nd motion to accept: Heidi Permatteo

Treasury Report

1st motion to accept: Tom Beebe

2nd motion to accept: Pal McNeil

By-Law Revision

Make one position in Secretary/Treasurer

1st motion to accept: Tom Beebe

2nd motion to accept: Paul McNeil

Election of Officers

Charlene Conway nominated Bob Comeau for Chairman

Seconded by George Pyche Nominations were then closed

Bob Wilson nominated Heidi Permatteo for Vice-Chair Art

Seconded by Paul Mcneil

Bob Comeau nominated Lynette Cassio for Secretary/Treasurer

Seconded by Tom Beebe

New Board:

Chairman-Bob Comeau

Vice-Chair Artistic Heidi Permatteo

Secretary/Treasurer Lynette Cassio

Update from National Board Meeting

Youth nationals 7/26 -8/1 elite 8/2 -8/6 adult 8/5 – 8/9 Peoria, Ill. Discussed accommodations. Practice rink new. Venue is beautiful. Casino, Fly into Peoria or Bloomington, 45 minutes away Chicago 4 hour drive. 17 hour drive.
Show routines compete at regionals and go to the nationals.
Judges at Nationals 14 paid.

2010 Nationals undecided. Springfield, Ma Pensacola, Hershey Penn.

Coaches meeting at Nationals, talked about pairs, combining singles events. Not much discussed. World Class skaters qualify score. Doris Walsh stated we are fighting for world class skaters, not enough skaters. Pros and cons . 75 rule is not a good rule at the regionals. Heidi defended us at the Nationals. Nothing really changed, until the April board meeting. Charlene stated that the Judges will do the right thing and give the skater the score to get them to Nationals.

Update from 2008 Regional Championships

Pat Wheway sent a letter of thanks to the region, as well as Bob Comeau and Janet Palm. They thanked all the judges and officials for their assistance. Interskate 91 looks forward to hosting the regionals again in the future. Jean Publicover stop doing still photography, wants to do action photos. Yes, was the general consensus.

Update on 2009 Regional Championships

Artistic Regional Championships

June 27-29

Carousel Skating Center, Fairhaven, MA

Artistic Regional Championship Judges as of the meeting:

John Rangel Steve Hinkle Debra Adamy Scott Clifford

Regional association will run the championships, collect all the fees, pay all the expenses, and pay the rink operator \$1000 per day.

Email or call Charlene for any questions Charcarosl@aol.com concerning private practice times for the regional championships, \$100 per hour.

The Hampton Inn will be the host hotel

Vote on 2008-2009 Invitational Competitions

November 28-29, 2008 Thanksgiving Invitational – Carousel

March 14-15 Beverly dance and figure meet

April 10-12 Pre-Regional Championships at Carousel

May 23-24 Roller Kingdom Hudson – Hudson, MA

Thanksgiving 2009 Thanksgiving Invitational – Fairhaven, Carousel

Gold Medal test center discussed. RSA function, they have to rule on it. Ron a Roll offered to have a Gold test center on any Sunday morning. With future hope of bidding on Regionals. Bob will fly up for gold test center. Asked Billy Fellows to play.

Discussed recertification and Vegas. Web conferencing .

Presentation of Bids and Voting for 2010 Regional Championships

Two bids were presented for the 2010 Regional Championships

Dates: June 26th – June 28th

Interskate 91 – rink size 70 x 170

Silver City – rink size 90 x 190

First Ballot: Silver City – 10 votes*

. Interskate – 2 votes

Silver City Bid – regional run - Rick Burke presented bid.

Interskate 91-operator run - Bob Comeau presented bid.

New Business

Talked about seminars at Thanksgiving meet. Charlene challenged us to do a seminar at her meet. Heidi approached Silver City for a meet for beginners . Martin Luther King Jan. 18 meet. They will have a mini meet. With judges. No professional beginners. Judges, Charlene, John Viola, Doris. Northeast regional super skater test center. Buy super skater pins and ribbons for awards. Northeast region pay for awards and ribbons. Will rink volunteer time? Will there be a entry fee. Will update minutes, later.

Joey qualifying for Worlds. He is getting \$1000.00 from National office. Charlene asked for help for funding expenses. 50/50 money from banquet raffle, where is the money if the team is not going to worlds.

Lynn made a motion to giving Joey \$250 from the regional fund. Motion carried.

Joey Thanked us for the support.

David Tassinari upset about regional coaches meeting on the floor at regionals. Felt rushed and it was to informal. Need something better. Heidi set the meeting when we were there in between session.

Sue Perkins suggest we have formalized meetings. Take the time.

Ken Perkins questioned, the 14 step plus. Bob Comeau said ask Jane. Jr World Class Solo Dance at the Thanksgiving meet.

Charlene is questioning the Statement of the meeting.

Sue makes a motion to end this discussion

Carried.

John Viola talked about coaches, judges and others that we are the worst region. Lynnette Cassio stated that we need a new image. We should not air our dirty laundry.

Anthony Duponte asked how many coaches give back to the rink and work sessions, talk to people to build business.

Anthony “invest time in the building”

Bonnie “ stays for session hands out flyers to girl scouts, etc.

Sue Perkins – Corp. learning session. Interact and network, flip charts for teaching ideas that work.

John Viola suggest having another meeting for promoting roller skating.

Thanksgiving meet first thing on agenda have a meeting for promoting skating.

Seminar at Thanksgiving –

Motion to close discussion. Carried.

Motion to close

1st Heidi

2nd Doris Walsh

2010 NORTHEAST REGIONAL ARTISTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTENTION OF OFFICIAL BID

Anyone wishing to bid on the 2010 Northeast Regional Championships must complete this form and return it to Northeast Roller Skating by **October 10, 2008**. Any bid form not received by the above date will be returned unopened. It is recommended that the bids be sent certified mail to insure Northeast Roller Skating receives them. We will not be held responsible for bids sent by regular mail.

WHEN PREPARING YOUR BID CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

DATES: 2010 Northeast Regional Championships are June 26-June 28 for artistic

If you wish to bid and vary the dates this must be noted on your bid form and in the presentation at the fall meeting.

Regional Run Meet_____

(\$1000 per day to rink, Northeast Roller

Sports receives all income and pays all expenses)

Operator Run_____

(Per reverse, operator must pay the

bond)

Any questions in regards to the bid process please contact: Bob Comeau, 450 S Peachtree Pkwy W 201, Peachtree City, GA 30269 or call (978) 204-3953 or email NESKATING@aol.com.

Proposed Championship Site:_____

Address:_____

City/State/Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Size of Skating Surface:_____

Type of Surface:_____ Coating:_____

I/We the undersigned to hereby agree to observe and enforce all USARS General Rules, Regulations, and Sanction requirements in connection with the 2010 Northeast Roller Skating Championships.

Signed(Meet Host)_____ Date:_____

ALTERNATE DATES:_____

HOST

1. He will arrange for a car or van for the judges of art. He will also arrange for pickup of the officials at the airport.
2. He will provide coffee, tea, soda, breakfast, and lunch in the official's room. The judges & officials will be responsible for their own dinner, except for the judge's dinner.
3. The host will have the program commercially printed, obtain the ads, and send out letters to local and state officials for insertion into the program. He will also arrange to have people sit at the registration table during the championships.
4. The host will pay in full the bond and sanction fee by the first of January of the year the championships is being held. He will also give a check to the meet director on the last day of the championships for the assessment fee for the contestants.
5. He will make sure the per diem for the officials is mailed prior to the championships (usually with the plane tickets) or given in check form at the championships with the capability of being cashed at the rink. All officials will receive a per diem for each day plus the travel day, a room, and travel expenses paid for. The exception to this is that the judges will receive one less day in dinner per diem, due to the judge's dinner. The host will arrange for the judges dinner. In addition, the meet director will receive \$75 per competition day. This fee is paid for all the time and effort of putting the regional championships together, running the practice the day before the meet, and being at the meet the whole time.

NORTHEAST ROLLER SPORTS

1. We will continue in getting all the judges and officials for the championships, since the meet director has to be comfortable with the people he works with.
2. We will arrange all the flights for the judges, unless the host wishes to do so. The host must stay in contact with Northeast Roller Sports to ensure the times work for the meet.
3. We will send out all the meet information and the final schedule. The final schedule will be done by the meet director. All postage will be paid for by the host.
4. The applications will be processed by Northeast Roller Sports. Charge per skater is \$1.00. We will check the applications and make sure the total of the check equals the applications, and at the same time enter them into the computer, without having to wait for the host to send them to us.
5. The meet director will order the medals and request a check or credit card be sent by the host.
6. The meet director or the host will obtain gifts for the judges/referee within a price range set by the host.
7. We will order the contestant numbers and prepare the envelopes as part of the pre-meet preparations.
8. We will appoint someone to be the awards person. This person will report directly to the meet director and is responsible for checking the medals upon arrival into the rink, receiving the challenge awards and making sure they are in good shape, and preparing the awards for presentation.

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UPDATED ON OCTOBER 26, 2008
(CHANGES IN BOLD)

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

The organization hereafter constituted shall be known as the Northeast Regional Association of the United States of America Roller Sports and hereafter referred as the NE USARS.

The NE USARS will be comprised of the states of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

1. To advance and improve the sport of competitive roller skating under the organization of the United States of America Roller Sports (USARS)
2. To act on all sanction applications for all contests within the boundaries of the Northeast Region in accordance with the authority vested in the body by the parent USARS Board of Directors.
3. To assist individuals in the formation of roller skating clubs and their activities, and assist in the training and education of its members in all aspects of the sport of roller skating.
4. To serve as representative of USARS Board of Directors, if so appointed, and to arbitrate, investigate, make recommendations and find solutions to regional problems.
5. NE USARS shall sponsor, prepare for, and conduct regional championship competitions. The officers of NE USARS shall select qualified officials for regional championships. NE USARS shall work with the host operator(s) within the guidelines set forth per the regional bid form. Each federation is responsible for operating its own regional championship, in coordination with the regional chairperson.
6. NE USARS shall receive bids on facilities available for the regional championships; hold meetings to report to the body on such facilities and to vote on regional championship sites at the annual meeting. The NE USARS must give a 30-day advance notice to all member clubs within the region when a meeting is to be held to approve regional sites.
7. NE USARS shall set requirements governing the regulation and conduct of competitive skating events within the region as set down by the USARS by-laws and rules.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Northeast Region shall be restricted to current clubs registered with USARS and within the boundaries of the NE Regional states.
2. Northeast Region member clubs shall be represented by their current president, vice president (as elected by the club at an annual meeting), or secretary/treasurer at any regular or special meeting and shall enjoy voice and equal vote in affairs of the region.

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3. Each president, vice president, or secretary/treasurer of a USARS registered club must be in possession of a current valid amateur card or coaches card in any one of the recognized disciplines.
4. Each member club shall cast one vote in regional affairs and the vote must be made in person. If the president is not able to attend he/she must designate in writing that the vice president (with proper documentation of being elected in an annual club meeting) or the secretary/treasurer may vote on all affairs to be voted on at a meeting. This vote is contingent, as per the USARS by-laws, that the club must have a minimum of **5** registered qualified amateur memberships.
5. All USARS sanctioned clubs within the region are to be accepted as members of the NE USARS should they petition to join. NE USARS shall collect \$30 association dues per year per club and are due by the first meeting of the year. Invoices shall be mailed with the fall meeting notice. These dues shall be used to defray costs of running the association during the year.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

1. NE USARS shall conduct a minimum of one meeting annually, and preferably should conduct meetings semi-annually.
2. Any regular meeting shall be given at least 30 days previous written notice stating the time and the place. Any special meeting should be given at least 10 days prior notice, either written or verbal, to all concerned.
3. A majority number of NE USARS representatives present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at regular or special meetings.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT

1. The power of government shall be vested in an Executive Board of at least **four** members. They shall include an elected: Chairman, Vice-Chairman of Artistic, Vice-Chairman of Speed, and a **Secretary/ Treasurer**
2. Each member of the Executive Board shall serve a term of two years, but may be re-elected without limitation. The term of office shall run from September 1 to August 31, or until a successor has been elected.
3. The officers at the time of their election into office and at all times in office shall be a member in good standing in USARS and hold a current valid amateur card or coaches card.
4. The Executive Board may appoint committees, as it deems necessary, and shall be comprised of at least one representative from each state, to carry out functions of the association. Any member of any club shall be eligible to serve on such committees, and a member of the Executive Board shall be chairman of each committee. If a member of the Executive Board is not re-elected or resigns, he/she shall continue to serve as the committee chair for one year, to provide a smooth transitional period.
5. If the office of Chairman is vacated, one of the Vice-chairman shall assume that office for the unexpired portion of the term. A vote of the Executive Board shall decide the chairman. An election shall be held to fill the vacant office of Vice-Chairman at the next scheduled meeting. Any other vacancies may be filled in a like manner.

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6. All officers shall be elected by those eligible members present at the annual meeting by a majority vote.
7. Any duly elected officer may be removed from office whenever it is the judgment and in the best interest of the Region, by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership present.
8. The Chairman shall be the principle executive officer of NE USARS and shall in general supervise and control business and affairs. The chairman shall preside at all meetings.
9. The Chairman shall appoint one of the Vice-chairman, in the event of the absence or inability of the Chairman, to perform all duties of the Chairman in or acting.
10. The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall keep minutes of meetings in books provided for the purpose, see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the by-laws as required, and be custodian of the records on behalf of the NE USARS. The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the NE USARS. In addition, the **Secretary/Treasurer** shall receive and give receipts for all moneys due and payable and deposit all moneys in the name of NE USARS in such banks, trust companies and other depositories as shall be designated.
11. The articles of this constitution shall be in accordance with, and subject to the by-laws, the general rules and amateur status of the parent USARS. On any points of controversy the Constitution, by-laws and Rules and Regulations of USARS shall prevail.

ARTICLE VI

INDEMNITY

The Northeast Region USARS shall indemnify any person serving or who may have served as an officer, director or agent, committee member of this confederation, or who is serving or may have served at the Northeast Region's request, as an officer, director, employee or agent of another corporation in which the Northeast Region is a creditor, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any defense action, suit or proceeding, civil or criminal in which they are made a party by reason of being or having been an officer, employee or director of the Northeast Region USARS.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed at any regular or special meeting, upon proper notification of all members, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.