



NATIONAL ROLLER SPORTS

## NATIONAL ROLLER SPORTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, 6pm MT, via zoom & voice remote.

### BOARD MEMBERS

**Present:** Kendall Curtis, Jeff Ingram, James Jost, CJ Yoder, Robert James (Executive Director)

**Other(s):** Guests Jason Ingram (SafeSport Manager for Skate City Sports) and Chris Johnson (NRSA Treasurer)

**Absent:** Michael Jacques

### PROCEEDINGS

Quorum: Yes

- Meeting called to order at 6:02pm MT by Exec Dir.
- Approval of meeting minutes from 4/17/24.

**MOTION:** CJ Yoder motions for approval. Jim Jost seconds. Board approved.

### TOPICS / DISCUSSIONS

1. Board Member Search Updates: Jeff Ingram informs the board of recent discussions with possible board members such as Nick Champa and Mark Muse. Neither are interested at this time in joining the board. We will continue to look for experienced individuals involved in roller sports to become valuable members of the board.
2. SafeSport Updates: Jason Ingram, SafeSport Manager for Skate City Sports, gives an update on the current status of NRS memberships and SafeSport certifications.
  - a. Current NRS membership count: 689 – 590 inline; 52 speed; 31 rink; 16 artistic
  - b. Current SafeSport Certifications (includes any adults competing at multiple locations or adults working with minors): 230
  - c. Available Seats for Certification: 17 for full certification, 12 for refresh course I, 22 for refresh course II, 10 for refresh course III
  - d. Skate City Sports will be moving to require any adult staff working with minors at any Skate City location to be SafeSport certified.
3. Treasury Report: Chris Johnson, Treasurer of NRSA, reports out on profits and losses for 2024. Question posed to include these documents on our website to make public knowledge.
  - a. Profits: NRS memberships
  - b. Losses: insurance, SafeSport seats, background checks



**MOTION:** Kendall Curtis motions to make financial reports public on the website. Jeff Ingram seconds. Board approved.

- 4. Committees: The topic of increasing our exposure on an international level was discussed, causing a revisit to the topic of a committee to be responsible for bringing in more events to be sanctioned by the NRS:
  - a. “Disciplines Committee,” potential chairman Emanuel Garcia.
  - b. Current discussions around bringing international events to Skate City Sports, sanctioned by NRS:
    - I. World Skate America: Jim Jost relayed positive reception to NRS sanctioned PanAms for Rink Hockey.
    - II. World Skate: Bob James relayed hesitation from World Skate to make any moves as long as USARS remains in good standing.
    - III. USOPC: Jeff Ingram relays openness from Steve Smith to allow a club level international invitational hosted by Skate City Sports.
- 5. Name, Image and Likeness: Jeff Ingram shares his interest in creating a for-profit company, separate from the NRS, to facilitate sponsoring roller sport athletes. The proposed company would offer sponsorship packages to external entities wherein a) athletes would receive the funding from said package and b) the sponsoring entities would receive brand exposure through Roller Planet streaming of events that the athletes participate in.



NRS would have no involvement aside from athletes needing to have an active NRS membership to participate, as most events streamed by Roller Planet are NRS sanctioned. Before taking steps forward, Jeff wanted to get permission from the board since the prior statement would create an affiliation between the NRS and proposed company.

**MOTION:** Jeff Ingram motions for board’s agreement to hear the proposal of a for-profit NIL company that will create sponsorships for athletes with active NRS memberships. Jim Jost seconds. Board approved.



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## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:37pm MT by Exec Dir.
- Note: 10/22/24 minutes drafted and submitted by Kendall Curtis, Secretary.