



## **National Roller Sports Association Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 6pm MT, via zoom & voice remote.

### **Board Members**

Present: Kendall Curtis, Erin Gaber, Jeff Ingram, James Jost, Colby Meyer, CJ Yoder

Other(s): Bob James, Executive Director

Absent: none

Invitees/Guests: Pete Gonnella, Sherry Rodaway

### **Remarks**

Second Board of Directors meeting for the newly established National Roller Sports Association, a 501c3 organization.

### **Proceedings**

Quorum: Yes

- Meeting called to order at 6:04pm MT by Exec Dir.
- Board disapproved of meeting minutes from 1/11/23. Minutes to be changed/amended to reference that NRS website will have language as 'Sanctioning Body.'

### **Topics / Discussions**

- Introduction of Kendall Curtis as a board member. Background, history in roller sports were discussed, such as Team USA member for inline hockey, Division 1 ice hockey for Ohio State, family owned rink in Sioux Falls, SD.  
Motion made by Jeff Ingram for Kendall Curtis to be voted in as official NRS Secretary. Motion seconded by Erin Gaber. Unanimous board vote / approval.
- Discussion around Hannah Runyard as potential NRSA Treasurer. Hannah has a degree in accounting, board agrees an accountant in that role is important. Board will be putting together its first Form 990 tax/financial doc by next board meeting. Topic will be put on the next board meeting agenda. Board to maintain flexibility to remove or change treasurer in the future, as it deems appropriate.
- Jim Jost makes motion for Hannah Runyard to be Treasurer. Colby Moyer seconds. Board approves unanimously.
- Introduction of Pete Gonnella. Topic turns to background checks on NRSA memberships for 18yo and above. Pete will handle this task. In CO, NRS uses Telecorp examining FBI, CBI data, takes 1-3 days for report. Pete expedites the background check after the new member registers. Each background check costs between \$20 - \$35 per person. The NRS registrants check the box indicating they acknowledge a background check will occur. The costs for background checks is recovered via the registration fees. There is a specific background data form to be filled out.

- Discussion turns to background checks for people/athletes from other parts of the country applying for Safesport certification. How does NRS handle pre-certified SS people? Why must NRS conduct background checks? Answer offered by board member: to be consistent and non-discriminatory.
- Question posed as to NRS threshold, reasons, yah or nays, to conduct background checks. What type of background information will prohibit someone from joining NRS? Board agrees that guidelines will need to be created and voted upon.
- Jeff Ingram makes motion for Pete Gonnella to create guidelines for background checks. Erin Gaber seconds, Board approves unanimously.
- Sherry Rodaway introduced to the Board. Sherry received Safesport administrator duties via Safesport at 5:30pm MT that evening. Sherry knows which SS Seats to send to each specific person. Each seat is \$20 for 18yrs and older. There is a \$10 athlete seat.
- Question arises over the tracking system? If a Safesport certified person will receive a 'hard' card? Questions arises whether Safesport certification database can separate out by discipline? Discussion continues with comments made on refresher course year over year, background checks, whether NRS can see all cases, supplying appropriate phone numbers to Sherry, guidelines on how and when to pass on claims to Safesport, conflict of interest between NRS, SC and other, that the costs of claim investigation could be \$2500 per case.
- Skate City's legal defense attorney Billy George will be involved and utilized, when needed only and as appropriate, for NRS Safesport cases.
- Jeff Ingram informs board members that he will have insurance certificates sent to each board member. (Directors and Officers insurance)
- Athletes may make cases directly to Safesport should they chose, bypassing NRS. Does NRS still have to pay the \$2500 per case fee? Does case quantity fall under one case or multiple case when dealing with same perpetrator or same/multiple victims? What is the legal ramifications of domestic versus international player? Determined that some of these questions will be answered during out next call with Safesport.
- Jeff Ingram motions to table Safesport topic. CJ Yoder seconded; board approved.
- Discussion turned to the enhancements for NRS membership, such as sport clinics. Jeff Ingram motions that CJ, Jim, and Colby develop of list of 'why join,' 'NRS enhancements to members' 'benefits to members'. Kendall seconded. Board approved.
- Jeff Ingram motions for next board meeting to be held March 15 with the following scheduled for May 3. Kendall seconded. Board approved.

## Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm MT.

Note: 2/1/23 minutes drafted and submitted by Bob James, Exec. Dir.