

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 2-4, 2007
MEETING NOTES**

The following is a recap of some of the important items regarding art and speed that were discussed at the meeting in San Diego, CA. on February 2-4, 2007. Please note these are items as I understand them and the Official Notice should be referred to for details when it is posted on line in the near future. Diane Brown

ACHIEVEMENT TEST:

- The proficiency testing program is up 14% since the B & C level are now required to pass specific tests before May 1st in order to compete at the Regional Championships. There was discussion about the May 1st date as a deadline but I believe it will stay the same or we will receive a notice of change.
- Regional Chairman will be able to access the list of competitors and their levels on the internet and verify for the Regional.
- Test Centers can now be done on line. Each club was to send in their list of the current proficiency levels of each skater in each discipline.
- Solo dance tests : Men test candidates will have the “option” to perform the lady’s steps or the men’s steps (where applicable) when taking a Solo Dance test.
- Border Dance Diagrams have been drawn for inclusion in the Dance Description and Diagram Book as a “reference” only.
- The Speed Testing program is in the process of change and updating. Hockey will also be done.

FIGURE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

LAS VEGAS JUDGES & COACHES CONFERENCE:

- Tentative dates for the Artistic program is Las Vegas, NV: Arrival-December 6th Departure- December 9, 2007. It will be held at the Tuscany Suites, Sunday – Rates for Thursday- Sunday \$65.00, and Friday – Saturday \$95.00/ night.

PRECISION TEAM EVENTS:

- Teams will be identified by their Region now rather than by the club name. Also, each team is to submit their “Theme” or “Title” of their routines for the program and the announcer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

- A Special Committee in the process of putting together a traveling road show and will work with the Regions to set up. This will be a “Grassroots” seminar for beginning teachers, operators and skaters.

LOCATION OF JUDGES:

- World Class events will be judged on the “left” side of the stage (as you look out from the stage). Regional Events may also use the side to judge from if it is workable.

CREATIVE SOLO DANCE:

- The Artistic Committee recommends for the **2007-2008** skating season to modernize the Creative Solo Dance events by adapting the WC Solo Dance requirements and set elements. The name will be changed to “FREE DANCE”. More to follow

SPEED COMMITTEE:

- Contact Terry Gohs regarding a change in the computerized scoring program for the amended World Speed Team selection procedure.
- Speed wheels – will allow 110’s for indoor and training only. Only 100’s are used for now. 110’s Not yet approved at Worlds
- Outdoor National Speed Skating Championships – Colorado Springs, CO. May 29 – 31 (Practice) June 1-3, competition begins at 8:00 am each day. June 5-6 Road Competition begins 8:00 am.

USOC LAISON - KELLY SKINNER:

- USARS will receive some funding this year (a turn-a-round from previous years)
- In addition – they have offered a Fund Raising Plan – USOC will match gifts to USARS –National Governing Board (NGB) with \$1 for every \$2 raised by the NGB with a max amount of \$700,000 in gifts.
- They will also be offering our speed skaters the opportunity to participate in the WhiP (Wheels to Ice Program). Speed skaters who want to participate and have volunteered are participating in a weekend camp. From these, 10 skaters will be selected for the WhiP program and will learn and train on both ice and roller speed skating. They will be supported to all competition in both ice and speed and the Regional, National and World competitions. USOC has a budget to use to get this program off the ground. If skaters later choose to skate only roller or only ice, they may do so. This is a brief synopsis as I understand it and may not be all encompassing.. Mr. Skinner is very supportive of the USARS program and USOC is offering a way for our roller speed skaters to experience ice speed skating and us as an avenue to the Olympics should they choose. Look for details from the National Office.
- The USARS office has hired Ricci Porter who will have the tasks relating to all the USOC matters.

2009 INDOOR NATIONALS:

- George Kolibaba has visited two sites in Illinois that have requested the opportunity to host our indoor Nationals in **2009** – Peoria and Springfield, Il. This is in the beginning stages and much work is yet to be done.

Please watch for the Official Notice for this Board of Directors Meeting to be posted on line soon.

Respectively,

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