

MINUTES

An emergency meeting of the Southern California Area League, held on July 25th 2013, at The Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was called to order at 12:25 pm by President Candice Heiden.

Those in attendance:

Candice Heiden President

Ashley Beach VP

Gary Hauman Sergeant at Arms

Lori Becker Secretary

Victor Reinhart Registrar

Pam Grenier Treasurer (via cell phone)

Treasurer's Report: The forwarded report had a recorded balance of \$297.10

Awarding of Contests:

Contest Dates:

"Fall Games" Beginner Contest- Riverside
September 29

SCAL League Contest-Grand Terrace
Freestyle & Creative Solo (no beginner events)
October 27

"Winter Games" Beginner Contest-Victorville (location may change)
December 15

SCAL League Contest-San Bernardino
ALL Disciplines (no beginner events)
January 26

"Spring Games" Beginner Contest-Grand Terrace
March 23

SCAL League Contest- San Bernardino
Dance & Figure (no beginner events)
April 27

SCAL League Contest-Riverside

ALL Disciplines (beginner events included)
June 1

"Summer Games" Beginner Contest-Victorville
July 13

Election of Officers:

Candice Heiden President
Ashley Beach Vice President
Lori Becker Secretary
Pam Grenier Treasurer
Gary Hauman - Sergeant at Arms

New Business:

SCAL coaches, please review the following amendments to the bylaws that were proposed and passed during the emergency meeting held at the National Championships.

A new "beginner" contest structure was proposed and voted on and will be tried out for at least this year. The seasonal "Games" will be held 4 times a year and are open to skaters who have not yet competed at Regionals or only in the Super Tot event. No amateur cards are necessary for these contests as they are non-sanctioned events. These contests may only compete non-USARS events ie: special singles (spiral, shoot the duck, bunny hop), beginner stroking, beginner figures (rolling steps in). They will be low-cost, low maintenance, contests tailored specifically for new skaters and their families. Hosting clubs will be responsible for providing at least one higher-caliber exhibition to promote the SCAL league contests and to provide motivation for these beginners.

This structure will replace beginner events at our league contests, except for the last contest of the season, where they will be included. The idea is to have a skater compete at the "Games" throughout the year and by June be able to compete at the SCAL contest as a smooth transition into the SCAL caliber of skating.

"Elem B Creative Solo" is a new SCAL event. It is "non-USARS" therefore an amateur card is not necessary. 2 min max. time, no other requirements. Skaters must be age 12 and under as of Jan 1st of current skating season. Skaters competing in any other "A" Creative Solo events are not eligible to skate this

event. Skaters who have competed in a Regional event (except Super Tot) are not eligible to skate this event. When a skater has placed 1st in this event, they must advance to Elem A Creative, or after entering any Regional event. This event may be competed at both SCAL and seasonal "Games" contests (per contest invite).

"Beginner Precision" is a new SCAL event. It is "non-USARS" therefore an amateur card is not necessary. 4 min. max. time, no required elements, no age requirements, 6 person minimum. Skaters who have competed in a Regional event (except Super Tot) are not eligible to skate this event.

**Participation in this event is highly encouraged as precision team events have proven to be a great "gateway" for newer skaters to become more involved in the competitive structure. It is also a lucrative event for operators and may be competed at both SCAL and seasonal "Games" contests (per contest invite).

*An open Freedance event will be listed on the entry sheets for SCAL contests (All disciplines and D&F). This event will combine Open Freedance, JWC Freedance, and WC Freedance teams. At least one member of the team must be 13 years old as of Jan 1st of the current year. This will be considered an "Open" event. Timing of programs and requirements will be according to USARS Rules for Free Dance.

Contests will no longer be awarded by the old point system but rather which rinks would like to host which dates, if two or more rinks want the same date, there will be a draw.

Lori Becker proposed (after the board meeting) to allow skaters to finish their skating season in their age appropriate event. The proposal was sent out to the club presidents for a vote and was passed. See below amendment :

“A skater now has the OPTION to continue skating their current age division/ event per USARS rules until Dec. 31st, upon Jan 1st they must skate up to the next division per USARS rules. “

We would like to hold a general meeting as soon as possible to discuss further changes and votable measures.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. by President Candice Heiden.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Becker, Secretary