



## USA Jump Rope Annual General Meeting

**Meeting Agenda:** June 29, 2019

**Call to Order:** 05:04pm EST

**Type of Meeting:** Annual General Meeting

**Meeting Facilitator:** Pam Evans

**Board Members Present:** Karla Thompson, K Robert Scott, E.J. Boillot, Dillon Bethel, Kara Mobly, Marian Fletcher, Ken Evans, Michael Russell, Maryanne Lee, Ryan Lupton, Lindsey Wallace Sneij, Stephen Materia, Allison Bartlett

**Board Members Absent:** Rachel DiBenedetto

Attendees: 12

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Pam Evans**

1. 2020 will be the 25th anniversary of USAJR.
2. No venue decision has been made for 2020. Site visits are underway.
3. AAU is planning an international event for 2020 in Virginia Beach.

**FINANCE - Ken Evans**

1. USAJR was not as successful in Wisconsin as we had hoped to be, therefore, we were not able to pay down the line of credit like we wanted to.
2. We are not as strong as we wish we were due to sharing a small number of athletes between three organizations. One of our 2019 goals is to continue to grow the sport.

**IJR/AMJRF - Pam Evans**

1. USAJRF has tried for the last 16 months USAJRF has tried to work with AMJRF and IJR and have not had any success.
2. Many members have asked why we will not just use their mediators. Since WJR has already paid money to this mediator. We would have to pay IJR who would then pay the mediator.
3. USAJRF and our partner organizations came up with four possible solutions for mediation with AMJRF and they declined all four options.
4. There are at least 10 other countries that are going to the same issues that we are with IJR.

**MEMBERSHIP Q&A**

1. Kameel: Was the does the future look like with mediation with the other organizations?

Pam: At this point, IJRU and AMJRF have not had any further communication with us other than telling us that they have selected AMJRF as their NGB.

2. **Yvonne Moody (Hurricane Jumpers):** How does GASIF determine whether or not they keep their observational status.

**Maryanne:** They were granted a two-year observational status that will have to be renewed. They are a year in.

**Maryanne:** Just because you have named yourself an international organization, it does not give you the right to name NGB's and make decisions until you are about to become an Olympic sport.

3. **Kristen Freer (Extreme Air):** Is USAJRF partnering with AAU for the international tournament in 2020?

**Pam:** USAJR is going to determine how athletes will qualify for the World Tournament

**Paul:** AAU is going to host the world championship in conjunction with the Junior Olympic Games.

4. **Yvonne Moody:** Is there going to be an age limit on the World Tournament?

**Paul:** There will not be an age limit on the World Tournament.

**EJ:** The age limit will be 15+

5. **Kameel:** Will we have judging parameters sent out soon to start planning routines?

**EJ:** There will be a group assigned to determine the rules that will be used. The competition committee has not yet met to determine this.

6. **Kristin Freer (Extreme Air):** Wants to confirm that the AAU Tournament and the World Tournament are two different tournaments.

**EJ:** Yes, it will be one group or the other.

7. **David Trumble (Extreme Air):** The treasurer's report said that we are fighting over a small group of athletes and this World Tournament looks to continue splitting the athletes.

**Paul:** There are over 200 pages of meeting notes with AMJRF/IJRU organizations.

**Ken:** As we have spent the past two years working on this, we are hoping that latching onto AAU can pull us through the eye of the needle and help get this sport to the next level.

**Kristin Freer (EA):** What is AAU gets way bigger and it ends up hurting USAJR's numbers?

**Paul:** AAU is way smaller than USAJR and is looking to work with USAJR, not against it.

8. **Kenzie Scott (Utah State Jump Rope):** Are you still talking AMJRF/IJRU?

**Pam:** They cut off all contact with us after they announced AMJRF as the NGB.

9. **David Trumble:** Spoke with Tom and thinks that they are open to continuing discussions with USAJR. He wants to know whether or not we would be open to continuing discussions with AMJRF.

10. **Gary Anderson:** Do you know where when you will be announcing the national tournament location and dates? Having the data out by August helps with team planning. Typically makes decisions in August about where to go around that time. Having that information before August if at all possible is helpful.

Marian: End of August at the latest.

11. **David Trumble:** Complaining about how double dutch speeds are back to back and would like those to be spread apart a little bit.

12. **David Trumble:** Would like to see judge training become more uniform and online.

13. **Kristen Freer:** Variety of different videos, skill ages, ranges. Part of it for the training for content is you do it yourself and then you're shown how it would have been judged. You can stop it, rewind it and see where the error was.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:28pm EST