

- 1) Call Meeting to Order – 1:10 pm
- 2) Attendance
  - a) Executive Members
    - Mishayla Potts
    - Janelle Schaffer
    - Hillary Ibbott Neiszner
    - Jennifer Ritchie
    - Bonnie Chepil-Kvamme
  - b) Members
    - Carolyn Parr-Hillestad
    - Tanner Lange
    - Courtney Gress
    - Leslie Stevenson
    - Stephanie Miller
    - Todd Knihnitski
    - Kristen Heaps
    - Sarah Clarke
    - Chelsey Radons
    - Colleen Martyn
    - Brittney Morin
    - Lesia Rathje
    - Brayden Obed
    - Amanda Jacek
- 3) Acceptance of 2007 AGM Minutes – Motioned by Mishayla, Seconded by Janelle.
- 4) President's Report – Mishayla Potts

The website revamp and newsletter creation has went over well. We are constantly striving to improve communication. We are a geographically diverse association with no paid employees or general office in which to receive calls or faxes. The website is THE place to find information that will not be trapped by spam blockers or mail rules! Please use the website as the first line of defense for any information, forms, etc. that you need!

- 5) Financial Report – Please email Diane Klemp for details (dianeenorris@hotmail.com).
- 6) Special Orders
  - a) Introduction & Election of New Executive Members – 10:40 am
    - i) Acclamations:
      - (1) President – Mishayla Potts
      - (2) Vice President – Janelle Schaffer
      - (3) Secretary/Treasurer – Diane Klemp
      - (4) Judging Director – Denise Norris
      - (5) Member Liaison – Bonnie Chepil-Kvamme
      - (6) Public Relations Director – Hillary Ibbott Neiszner
      - (7) Pom Director – Jennifer Ritchie
    - ii) Positions up for vote:
      - (1) Member at Large – Alissa Stewart

## 7) Motions

### **Rule Change #1**

Submitted by: Sarah Hills (Bedford Road)

Seconded by: Carolyn Parr-Hillestad (Bedford Road)

### **New Rule:**

RE: Deductions

Should a routine be rerun for any reason, all safety deductions and deductions from rule infractions will be carried over and deducted from the second run score.

**Rationale:**

A team should not get a clean slate when rules are broken and safety of the routine is called into question. For the safety of our athletes and the integrity of the sport, rule deductions should not be ignored, but instead carried over and deducted from the score of the second run.

**Discussion Notes:**

Would they get deducted twice if it happened it both runs?

Should be judged from first logical point it occurred or from beginning but safety deduction stand?

**Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]**

**Rule Change #2**

Submitted by: Sarah Hills (Bedford Road)

Seconded by: Carolyn Parr-Hillestad (Bedford Road)

**New Rule:**

RE: Music Faults

*\*\*\*please note, no official rule change was submitted\*\*\**

Who decides what is considered a music fault – Coaches or judges? Are judges who are unfamiliar with music capable of making that decision?

**Rationale:**

There is currently no rule regarding who determines whether a music fault occurred and what the protocol is if in fact there was a fault.

**(MOTION)** A rule needs to be put in place so everyone is clear on who makes the call on whether it was a fault or not and how it is dealt with.

**Discussion Notes:**

A formal motion was made:

**Motion from Floor (Todd)**

Any music fault or safety incident (see Rule 1, Section 5, Article 5) that occurs which puts the athletes at a noticeable disadvantage must be brought to the head judge's attention by the coach/teacher advisor within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the performance in question and must be confirmed by the judging panel.

**Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]**

**Rule Change #3**

Submitted by: Sarah Hills (Bedford Road)

Seconded by: Carolyn Parr-Hillestad (Bedford Road)

**Rule Change to Rule 1, Section 5, Article 5:**

RE: Music faults, Injuries, Safety

**Motion 1:**

Should any faults, injuries or safety concerns occur and a routine must be rerun, it shall be rerun and judged from the beginning of the routine and the original score sheet torn up.

**OR**

**Motion 2:**

Should any faults, injuries or safety concerns occur and a routine must be rerun, it shall be restarted and judged from where the incident occurred (and not from the beginning of the routine).

**Rationale:**

No one should be making that decision (of whether to rerun the entire routine, or from where the incident occurred) at competitions. A rule needs to be in place that states a team either:

- a) Always rerun from the beginning OR
- b) Always rerun from the point of incident.

It needs to be written in the rules as one or the other – not left up to the coaches or judges to decide at the time of the incident.

**Discussion Notes:**

'Faults, injuries, or safety concerns' should be consistent with our other wording, so it should read:

**Motion 1:** Passed [ x ] Denied [ ]

**Motion 2:** Passed [ ] Denied [ x ]

*(Please note that only one of these motions can be passed, but that both can be denied)*

**Rule Change #4**

Submitted by: Sarah Hills (Bedford Road)

Seconded by: Carolyn Parr-Hillestad (Bedford Road)

**New Rule:**

RE: Mocking/marketing stunts

Groups/teams mocking stunts for whatever reason should not be eligible to place. They demo, but do not compete.

**Rationale:**

- In any other sport if you have an injured athlete you replace them or pull out of the competition/game.
- Judging teams mocking stunts assumes perfect timing and execution.
- Eliminates coaches pulling an inconsistent stunt and getting credit for a perfectly executed stunt.
- No team with a full routine should ever be placed behind a team who mocks stunts.
- Either fix the routine or you are not eligible to compete.

**Discussion Notes:**

Credit isn't given for stunts that are not performed. For example, a team that has 4 groups where 3 groups hit a sequence and one group is missing a member and cannot complete the sequence will still have >50% of the athletes performing the sequence.

This is a group activity, the whole team shouldn't be penalized by not being eligible to place – they've all fundraised and worked hard to be there.

**Motion for Rule #4**

Passed [ ] Denied [ x ]

**Rule Change #5**

Submitted by: Todd Knihnitski (Huskie Cheerleading)

Seconded by: Tyler Tanasichuyk

**Rule Change to Rule 2, section 1, article 1:**

The SCA recognizes the following competitive divisions for SCA sanctioned competitions. School and all-star divisions may not be combined unless the all-star team requests to be included within the school division, competes under school rules and may win a school division championship as long as the all-star team does not have members who are also on a school team competing in the same division. This must be requested before the registration due date.

**Rationale:**

There are very few all-star teams. It is difficult to compete against yourself. I would like to bring this to discussion as to get a better answer to my question/revision/problem.

I would also like to add a mini division eventually it may warrant using USASF rules.

**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #5**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #6**

Submitted by: Todd Knihnitski (Huskie Cheerleading)

Seconded by: Tyler Tanasichuyk

**New Rule – Rule 1, Section 6, Article 4:**

All SCA sanctioned competitions shall have numeric placings (first, second, third), regardless of the number of teams competing in each division.

**Rationale:**

Consistency within competitions.

**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #6**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #7**

Submitted by: Lesia Rathje (George Vanier)

Seconded by: Leah Deslauriers

**Change to Rule 5, section 2.1, article 3, and page 14**

Athletes may hold a handstand from the floor in a mount. Rotational tosses are not permitted (i.e. back tucks, layout, etc.)

**Rationale:**

This allows for skill progression with the growth of cheerleading around the province, this is a reasonable modification.

**Discussion Notes:**

Hillary, until we have a solid coaching certification in place this should not happen. This can increase the opportunity for head and neck injuries. School administrators would not be comfortable with this increased risk.

Leslie - should stay consistent with Alberta so that teams are open to travel without having to greatly modify their routine.

**Motion for Rule #7**

Passed [ ]      Denied [ x ]

**Rule Change #8**

Submitted by: Lesia Rathje (George Vanier)

Seconded by: Leah Deslauriers

**Change to Rule 5, Section 2.7, Article 4**

Basket tosses, log rolls, and inverted stunts are not permitted.

**Rationale:**

This allows for skill progression with the growth of cheerleading around the province, this is a reasonable modification.

**Discussion Notes:**

Modified Motion:

**Rule 5, Section 2.7, Article 4:**

Basket tosses and log rolls are not permitted. Straight ride tosses (see definition) from thighs are allowed.

-allow sponge tosses (where the 3-4 bases do not interlock hands) from the thigh with no skill, not basket tosses.

-to be added to score sheets and DODs

**Motion for Rule #8**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #9**

Submitted by: Lesia Rathje (George Vanier)

Seconded by: Leah Deslauriers

**Change to Rule 5, section 2.7, article 3, and page 15**

Cradle dismounts are permitted from pre-extension, the top is limited to one non-twisting skill. A combination of skills is not allowed.

**Rationale:**

This allows for skill progression with the growth of cheerleading around the province, this is a reasonable modification.

**Discussion Notes:**

-if passed clarify how high arms can be during pop cradle.

-still follow head/heel rule

**Motion for Rule #9**

Passed [ ]      Denied [ x ]

**Clarification from the Floor:**

**Rule 5, Section 2, Article 3:**

...”through handstands/inverted positions and/or any head over heel rotations **or positions** during or dismounting from a stunt.”...

**Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]**

**Rule Change #10**

Submitted by: Hillary Ibbott Neiszner (SCA executive)  
Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**Change to Rule 3, section 3, article 2, and page 12**

Change the wording to say “simultaneous team kicks and jumps”.

**Rationale:**

As a judge, it is extremely difficult to be certain that each team member executed a jump or kick if it is choreographed as ripples or if it occurs at different points in the routine. If the three required jumps and kicks were performed simultaneously it would be much easier for the judges to be accurate.

**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #10**

**Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]**

**Rule Change #11**

Submitted by: Hillary Ibbott Neiszner (SCA executive)  
Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**New Rule:**

A committee shall be struck to add a DOD for spins to be included in our Pom DOD and reflected in the score sheets.

This committee should also consider amending the DOD to reflect the added difficulty of connected kicks/traveling connected kick sequences and jump sequences performed without preps.

**Rationale:**

Spins are currently being executed and enhance the complexity of a pom routine. These elements should be recognized formally by the SCA. Evaluating spins as part of the DOD/DOE should help the teams' scores.

Rewarding difficult traveling kick lines and complex jump sequences should also increase the separation between higher and lower scores and give athletes additional challenge to strive for in their routines.

Currently pom teams are consistently scoring higher than cheer teams and I believe that is due to lack of depth in the pom DOD.

**Discussion Notes:**

-to have a pom only meeting to discuss developing committee also to include judges input.

**Motion for Rule #11**

**Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]**

**Rule Change #12**

Submitted by: Hillary Ibbott Neiszner (SCA executive)

Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**Change to Rule 1, section 5, article 2 page 9:**

Change wording to "6 pom panel judges" and change pom judging sheet to split DOD and DOE.  
(score sheets will be changed)

**Rationale:**

As a judge it is difficult to accurately score both the DOD of the elements and the DOE. Pom and cheer should be judged the same way to promote equity and to assure accurate judging is consistently occurring.

**Discussion Notes:**

-set up exactly like cheer to have 3 separate judging sheets (if have lack of judges have 4 where 2 do doe and routine and other 2 dod)

**Modified Motion:**

<b>Travel Between</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Compensation</b>
Regina & Saskatoon	245 km	\$0.30/km	\$73.50
Regina & Estevan	195 km	\$0.30/km	\$58.50
Saskatoon & Estevan	455 km	\$0.30/km	\$136.50
Pense & Saskatoon	255 km	\$0.30/km	\$76.50

**Change to Rule 1, Section 5, Article 2:**

Change "4 pom panel judges" to "6 pom judges when possibly (when not possible, use 4 pom judges with 2 for DOD and 2 for DOE and Routine Skills).

**Motion for Rule #12**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #13**

Submitted by: Mishayla Potts (SCA executive)

Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**Rule Change:**

**Rule Addition to Bylaws, Executive Travel Compensation (New Section - Refined)**

Rule should read:

When travel is required for SCA approved business, the following travel compensation will be given to members of the current SCA Executive:

**Rationale:**

When travel involves more than one person from the same locale, carpooling is required when possible else a reduced rate will be given to individual drivers at the rate of 50% of the listed compensation. SCA approved business includes participation in SCA clinics, conferences, Executive meetings, and the annual general meeting.

**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #13**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #14**

Submitted by: Mishayla Potts (SCA executive)  
Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**Rule Change:**

Rule Addition to Bylaws, Membership & Dues, 5 (New Point - Clarification)

Executive membership is granted to each member of the current Executive. The fee for Executive membership will be waived as recognition of their contribution to the association. Each membership earns a vote at the Annual General Meeting. Executive members who are also associated with a team cannot vote on behalf of their team – they must hold their Executive vote and have another coach/advisor/team member vote on behalf of the team.

**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #14**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #15**

Submitted by: Mishayla Potts (SCA executive)  
Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**Rule Change:**

Rule Addition to Bylaws, Membership & Dues, 6 (New Point - Clarification)

All Regular, Executive, and Associate members have the right to submit rule revisions (according to the rule revision form) and voice their opinions at the Annual General Meeting.

**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #15**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

**Rule Change #16**

Submitted by: Mishayla Potts (SCA executive)  
Seconded by: Alissa Stewart (SCA Executive)

**Rule Change: Rule Revision to Bylaws, Rules & Amendments**

Used to read:

1. Rule changes and motions must be submitted by mail at least one month prior to the AGM.
2. Rule changes and motions can only be made by a vote of approval of at least 50% of the membership body and at least 50% of the Executive members.
3. The Executive has the right to revoke or amend rules at any time during the year with a majority vote. Changes will be forward to all SCA members immediately.

Update to reflect current policies:

1. Rule revisions and motions must be received by mail according to the current rule revision form made available on the SCA website.
2. Rule revisions and motions can only be made by a vote of approval of at least 50% of regular members present and at least 50% of the Executive members present.
3. The Executive has the right to revoke or revise rules at any time during the year with a majority vote. Changes will be forwarded to all SCA members immediately via email and through the SCA website.



**Discussion Notes:**

**Motion for Rule #16**

Passed [ x ]      Denied [ ]

8) New Business

Discussion about having a designated judging panel representative by the sound system at competitions. To be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

Discussion about the small pool of judges that we have. It is important to have a variety of judges to choose from. It was mentioned that everyone member team should try to send at least a couple of graduating members or more to the Judging Clinics each year. Use recent graduates at discretion in competitions – there are some elements of the judging panel that they could help out with. It was mentioned that if members sent or referred people to attend the Judging Clinics, that they would receive some sort of discount on the Coaches' Conference, or another SCA event. This will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

Leslie brought up that her difficulty changes throughout the year, but her DOD scores did not reflect those changes. We discussed refreshers throughout the year, after-competition reviews, and shadow judging to verify that the judges are accurate in marking.

A request was made to include a list of 'Cheer Mentors' on the website and have people who are interested to allow their name and email to be posted.

It was discussed to include a place on membership registration forms to post a coach or advisor's email on the website for better member communication.

Revised Rule Change #5, amended and passed.

Discussion of Provincials date – March 19, 20, 21 are Basketball Provincials. West Ed is 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March, Ross Sheppard is the third weekend. USA Collegiate Nationals March 27, 28.

Long discussion on music and what constitutes a "music fault" and what is just the quality of the music and the sound system environment at each competition. Not every competition will have perfect music, but we have to work with what we've got. Todd mentioned that maybe the SCA should purchase a sound queuing system that will be used at every competition for consistency. To be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

9) Adjournment – 4:50pm