

ROPE SKIPPING ALBERTA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 23, 2025

Via Microsoft Teams

6:30 pm

MINUTES

Approved by Board of Directors

In Attendance:

Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff, Chair; **Denise Olson**, Vice-Chair; **Asia Nesdoly**, Vice Chair; **Nicola Eleniak**, Treasurer; **Agatha Lesage**, Secretary; **Autumn Nesdoly**, RSC-Representative; **Wayne Broughton**, Director; **Che Stanchfield**, Director; **Tannis Coen**, Director; **Tyrel Gibson**, Director

1. Call to Order & Welcome:

Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff

Motion: To approve the agenda of November 23, 2025 Board of Directors meeting as amended.

Moved by: Denise Olson

Seconded by: Nicola Eleniak

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff

Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 25, 2025 Board of Directors meeting as presented.

Moved by: Che Stanchfield

Seconded by: Wayne Broughton

Motion carried.

4. RSA Financial Update Nicola Eleniak

As of November 17, 2025, RSA holds **\$22,735** in the general account, **\$58,038** in the casino account, **\$20,000** in the general GIC, and **\$21,287** in the Scholarship GIC.

Motion: To approve the financial reports September 1, 2025 to November 17, 2025 as presented.

Moved by: Asia Nesdoly

Seconded by: Autumn Nesdoly

Motion carried.

5. Update from Rope Skipping Canada Autumn Nesdoly

Autumn Nesdoly reported that Cameron Short is Chair, Carly Simpson Secretary, Shannon Fox Vice Chair, and Darren McLean is being considered for Treasurer; all others are Directors.

Autumn raised the need for possible extra RSC training and proposed collaborative sessions to review routines and align judges nationally, using IJRU resources for higher-level development. Discussion included whether judges should be paid at competitions as well as the trainers who are travelling to coach judges.

Action Items:

- Revisit judge training details in December. Autumn Nesdoly to collect and submit feedback on judge training. RSC could coordinate these sessions
- Send out interest forms regarding the need for Judges training at Mix & Mingle Jump. **6.**

Summit Committee Tannis Coen & Nicola Eleniak

The Summit was successful. Attendance exceeded the budget by six athletes, and facilitator flights were lower than expected. RSA received a 25% discount on athlete books. The Summit hosted 86 athletes (55% under 15, 45% over 15). The guest speaker was well-received, and Luke Boone was a favorite. RSA included additional Canadian facilitators this year due to recent World medalists. Survey results are pending, though initial feedback was positive.

Action Items:

- RSA to decide whether the Summit will remain in Blackfalds; if yes, booking should be done promptly.
- Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff to email all clubs to invite parents interested in serving on committees for the Mix & Mingle, Jump, and Summit.

7. Discussion and Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget Nicola Eleniak

The casino account holds **\$58,000**, with additional funds expected later in 2026. RSA must ensure sufficient funds for the 2026 Summit, casino expenses, athlete development, technology purchases, and facility rental, Grants and promotions are historically under-spent. Additional incomes could help cover potential judges' costs rather than relying on casino funds.

For 2027, Camrose casino will be moved to Edmonton; rural casinos are expected to receive more funding at the expense of the urban Edmonton casinos. We may see a decrease in funding when hosting an Edmonton casino past 2027.

Motion: To approve the 2025-2026 Budget as presented

Moved by: Asia Nesdoly

Seconded by: Wayne Broughton

Motion carried.

8. Competitions for 2026 Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff

It was suggested replacing full lunches for judges with snacks, coffee, water, and compensation due to cost and dietary concerns, with policies being communicated per event. This may be piloted during the 2026 competitions.

The Open Competition facility and hotel blocks are booked, Provincial's facility is confirmed.

Shadow judges can participate if enough regular judges are available. Athlete-judges may participate if not judging the same event and with adequate warm-up and rest.

Action Items:

- Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff will send a survey to clubs by mid-December to recruit volunteers for Mix, Mingle & Jump and Summit planning, and to gather preferences on judge meals versus lower registration fees.

9. Casino 2026 Nicola Eleniak

Nicola Eleniak reported that RSA will be assigned a casino in Q3 2026 (July, August, or September) in Edmonton, at the same location as the previous casino event.

10. Funding Grant Applications Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff

Only one application was received from Calgary Skip Squad. A request of \$1,000 from the Existing Club Development Grant to help cover gym costs and keep jump rope affordable.

Motion: To approve the allocation of casino funds for clubs who applied for The Existing Club Grant

Moved by: Nicola Eleniak

Seconded by: Tyrel Gibson

Motion carried.

11. Purchase of tablets and computers for results Nicola Eleniak

Nicola Eleniak noted the need for 5 additional tablets and new laptops, as current laptops are outdated. She will explore Chromebooks as an alternative. Two Chromebooks, with USB ports and sound system compatibility, are needed for callouts, music, and results. Chromebooks are a priority and must be purchased before the Mix, Mingle & Jump event; an extra laptop case may also be required. RSA may require increased Wi-Fi capacity and could need to upgrade current equipment.

Video replay will be addressed separately at a later time.

Action Items:

- Nicola Eleniak to price out the cost and capabilities of Chromebooks and tablets for discussion at the December meeting.

Motion: To approve the purchase of tablets and upgraded laptops and Chromebooks for scoring and music.

Will be tabled until December meeting

12. Old Business

There is no old business to discuss

13. New Business Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff

Tyrel Gibson updated that the Olds College halftime show faces limited club interest and travel challenges. Promotion remains a priority, and other ACAC schools may offer opportunities. Tyrel Gibson will continue contacting colleges.

Tannis Coen is coordinating a video project with potential RSA funding and alumni support. The project, estimated at \$1,000, will be used to recognize contributions of a long standing member of RSA .

Tannis Coen will prepare a Funding Grant Application on behalf of Alleycats for historical documentation, to be approved at the December meeting.

14. Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be December 22, 2025 6:30 pm

15. Adjournment

Gudrun Schulze Ebbinghoff adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm