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NATIONAL JUDGES REPRESENTATIVE
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--WBTF Winter Meeting – Bergen, Norway, Feb.2010

Combined Technical and Judges Meeting:

Please refer to the detailed report sent out following the meeting, submitted by Karen Gratton and Ron Kopas. The reports are on the CBTF website. It surely was a working week-end. We reviewed all the grids, charts, fiche etc. and after having the opportunity to play the game, and actually judge with the new system; we amended a number of the deductions on the penalty chart. Continued work on all the materials and updating. Updated material will be presented at the Summer Meeting. WBTF has decided we need more time to prepare the new system and will now implement it in 2014.

We also had a tour of the 10 hotels offered and Canada has arrangements with the Headquarter Hotel, Scandic Bergen City Hotel. I spoke with Lisa, the coordinator for hotels, and she graciously spoke with the Norwegian contingent, and they gave up their rooms for Canada.

We toured the Venue and I believe all the coaches and athletes will be very happy with the facility.

WBTF Judges Commission Meeting: Since the majority of the time was combined the Judges Commission spent their time, updating the Solo role models for International Cup and new Freestyle role models. Canada had submitted a DVD for Solo and Freestyles to be reviewed. Japan and Canada were the only countries who presented Freestyle examples. After reviewing Solo examples on the DVD it is obvious that we have raised the bar again,

especially in the Mid Average and Mid Good ranges. The bar has been raised in the solo event just because the athlete's on the role model tape are more proficient (not to align with Freestyle). Ron and Dale White are working on scripts for the new role models. It was also mentioned that we should call the examples, not role models. There will be a junior and senior for each of the 5 ranges.

Judging Assignment in advance of CTT: I tried something new this year for the focus meeting of the Canadian Team Trials. I sent the judging panel grids to work off of, for the dvd assignment. Judges were sent an assignment of 2 compulsory sets, 1 short program, 1 freestyle, 1 pair and 1 team. They reviewed the dvd and used the grids to score and give accountability to their scores on the grids. They were given a time frame to complete this task. This saved time in the focus meeting. We reviewed each performance, and compared their scores with each other and the official score was taken by the ODE average of the performers actual competition. We had very good input and

discussion on any that we varied on. This is maybe something we should consider, for the selection of the CTT judges.

Judges Database: The Database is updated to June, 2010. I am pleased to announce that there has been a few more courses offered and waiting for their PJ hours for their certification. Still have concerns that the judges database has very little information on Levels of Coaching courses taken by the judges applications. This is a pre-requisite for the judges modules.

WBTF TJS

Coaches/Judges Interaction:--I am very pleased to see coaches and judges using the Interaction on our website. I would encourage everyone to use this as a vehicle of communication between our professionals in our sport. Please feel free to ask questions that maybe your peers have answer for you. Maybe we should have a question and answering section, especially for new coaches or judges. Latest posting – CBTF report to WBTF on TJS concerns and advantages.

USTA judges at Canadian competitions, Ont. Prov. Jackie, Ont. TT-Sherri Carter, Canadian Team Trials-Kathy Forsythe. The feed back to me from judges and coaches were all positive. Coaches were very receptive to all the input from all the judges. Thanks everyone for a job well done.

Master Exam-As you might know, the WBTF is hosting a Masters Exam at the Bergen, Norway World Championships. Ontario has mentioned they might hold one in the fall and please let me know of any other Provinces, considering running this examination.

Results of critique competitions-Man, Ont, Sask., Alb.—I was very pleased to see so many provinces implementing the critique competitions. Thanks to Jen Meron, from Ontario, for coming up with this great idea. I know the athletes' enjoy it and certainly the coaches get much more direct input from the judges.

New expectation sheets for Theme Prod. And Parade Corps-I produce this early this year and was sent to all the judges. It is also on the website. We use to caption score, and did not have an expectation for the overall score of 100.

CBTF report to Sandi Weimers (WBTF president) on the TJS-positives and concerns:--The report is on the CBTF website, under Community, Forums, Coaches/Judges Interaction. Thanks to Jeff Johnson, Brenda Cooper, Tina Larson and Lucinda McMaster for their input to my report to Sandi Weimers.

New Role Models for the Solo Event: There is a new role model tape for IC solo event. Dale White and I am working on scripts for the selected role models; or what we are now calling "Examples". There are 2 examples (one junior and one senior) for each range.