

LOG OF MEETING

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SUBJECT: In-line skating
DATE: February 18, 1995
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PLACE: Renaissance Apartments, Falls Church, VA
ENTRY SOURCE: George Sweet, EPHF

Summary

CPSC staff made a brief presentation on the various types of brakes found in in-line skating. Afterwards, Kalinda Aaron, Director of the Instructor Certification Program described the new skating safety program, "Gear Up". "Gear Up" consists of 3 parts: wearing protective equipment including a helmet, taking a lesson to learn the basic skills, and using common sense by skating in a safe environment, always skating under control and remembering the rules of the road. The members of the IISA (International In-line Skating Association) present at this meeting emphasized that taking a lesson may be the best braking system (because skaters will know how to use the brakes). In fact, one of the certified instructors in the local area gave a brief lesson to a CPSC staff member and it proved to be very beneficial.

Also discussed at this meeting was the "Instructor Certification Program". This program is developed to ensure that skating instructors have the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to administer a quality safety and instruction program.

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