

Rink Hockey Conference Call

Tuesday June 18, 2019

8:00 CENTRAL TIME

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Rebecca Guyer (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Chairman of Coach Committee, and USA Team Ladies Coach - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and USA Team U19 Manager - Voting)

Non-Committee Members: Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

1. Treasurer's Report: **Jim**

1.1. Beginning Balance was \$9049.04. There was one withdrawal to Score for the additional uniforms of \$688.68 leaving a balance of \$8360.36 as of June 17, 2019. Current team funds available are, Ladies \$1202.06 Juniors \$1215, Seniors \$1720.35.

1.2. **Motion 1** by Pat to accept treasurer's report.

1.2.1. Seconded by Duane – Passed unanimously.

1.3. Report from Don/Tom on Foundation Records/Bank Account **Tom/Don**

1.3.1. Don is searching for original foundation records and will provide to the committee. Discussion will be resumed at next committee meeting.

1.3.2. Discussion regarding foundation account and ladies money discussed previously.

2. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

2.1. Discussion if Franklin Goal Pads 23" tall, 11" wide, 3" deep goalie pads are acceptable for U8 and U10.

2.1.1. **Motion 2** by Don to accept the Franklin goalie pads for U10, and U8 as long as they wear the correct headgear.

2.1.1.1. Seconded by Duane – Passed unanimously.

2.2. Discussion on two time outs per period 1 - 30 second & 1 - 1 minute.

2.2.1. Can we afford the extra time outs with so many games on the schedule?

2.2.2. Most divisions will be playing 15-minute halves.

2.2.2.1. **Motion 3** by Duane to keep old time out rule of 1-minute time out per half and not institute the new time out rules until next season.

2.2.2.1.1. Due to high number of teams at nationals.

2.2.2.1.2. Seconded by Don – Passed unanimously.

2.3. Discussion on Men's U19 division.

2.3.1. World Skate rule for it to be men only because it is a world tournament qualifying division

2.3.2. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo to open up the Men's U19 division for the 2019 national tournament to both sexes.

2.3.2.1. Motioned was not seconded.

2.4. Discussion on Bronze age limits.

2.4.1. Players can apply for exception to remain in Bronze division by contacting the Rink Hockey Committee.

2.4.2. Don is applying for Brett Mcgar to remain in Bronze division

2.4.2.1. In his coach's recommendation, the committee agreed to allow Bret to remain in the Bronze division.

2.5. Discussion regarding a fight during a U10 game in a sanctioned tournament in Bremerton.

- 2.5.1. USARS is aware of the situation. No formal complaint has been filed.
- 2.6. Discussion on number of warning per athlete per game.
 - 2.6.1. Depends on type of warning. Warnings on penalties or direct hit reset
3. **Club Representative Committee Report:**
 - 3.1. June meeting was cancelled due to low attendance. Sent a reminder email to club representatives of upcoming team and individual USARS registration deadlines.
 - 3.2. Skill competition may get pushed out due to high number of teams attending nationals.
 - 3.3. Alex from Florida shared the link to the Florida veterans tournament – unitedfloridahockey.com
4. **Coach's Report: Don**
 - 4.1. Don will discuss coaches moving up at coaches meeting in nationals.
 - 4.1.1. 2 have applied to move to level 3. Any other coaches eligible to test up to level 3 can contact Don before or during nationals.
 - 4.2. How many coaches is each team allowed on the bench at nationals and how will they be identified?
 - 4.2.1. Coach and manager are allowed on the bench. Head coach is the only one who should be allowed to speak to the ref.
 - 4.2.2. All people in player's box must be registered as coaches with USARS
 - 4.2.3. Head coach will be identified on roster
5. **Team USA Barcelona:**
 - 5.1. Ladies Team Report **Tom/Don**
 - 5.1.1. All ladies have tickets and ready to go
 - 5.2. Junior Team Report **Rodrigo/Scott**
 - 5.2.1. Team is ready and starting to fly on Monday.
 - 5.3. Senior Team Report **Jim/Pat**
 - 5.3.1. Team had a conference call last night to discuss strategy.
 - 5.3.2. No second goalie. Pat will dress as goalie and sit on the bench.
 - 5.4. Uniforms status & Warm-ups **Discussion**
 - 5.4.1. Uniforms are being screened and will be ready by Thursday or Friday.
 - 5.4.1.1. Don will give the uniforms and socks to a U19 player from his club to take to Barcelona due to quick turnaround time and shipping costs.
 - 5.4.2. Warm-ups: No word from Cricket Loft. Brent and Tom will follow up.
6. **2019 Nationals:**
 - 6.1. Discussion on schedule.
 - 6.1.1. Sunday – Saturday with most days going from 6 am to 11 pm. Tuesday will end at 4:30 because the rink must be clear by 5 pm. Tournament will end at 5 pm on Saturday.
 - 6.1.2. Opening ceremonies will be on Sunday at 7:30 – 8 pm followed by first World Class game.
 - 6.1.3. On time schedule will be crucial due to big number of teams.
 - 6.2. Budget **Tom**
 - 6.2.1. Discussion on budget. No issues.
 - 6.3. Team Entries & 3 Sanctioned Tournament Rule – 5 Team Registrations from Lubbock **Brent**
 - 6.3.1. All clubs have attended 3 sanctioned events/tournaments.
 - 6.4. Opening Ceremonies **Rebecca/Kylie**
 - 6.4.1. Rebecca is in contact with one performance group and they are prepared for 10-30 minutes of performance.
 - 6.4.2. Need to contact VFW if we want flag presentation at ceremonies.
 - 6.5. Vendors Attending **Brent**
 - 6.5.1. Two vendors are registered.
 - 6.6. Shot Clock and Referee Communication System **Don**
 - 6.6.1. Shot Clock – Don will send email with information to Brent who will pass it on to the rest of the committee. Don will purchase the shot clocks.
 - 6.6.1.1. Will need tri-pods for each shot clock as well.
 - 6.6.2. Communication system – Question on what officials would prefer
 - 6.7. Volunteers for Live Streaming & USOC Game Stream **Discussion**

6.7.1. USOC Stream – Has to be one game, but still not 100% confirmed. Brent will confirm with Eric Steele tomorrow.

6.7.2. Volunteers for live stream – will have to be obtained during nationals.

6.8. Rink assembly walls, nets and floor taping **Discussion**

6.8.1. Jim Jost, Kevin Lemons, Nic Robinson, Jarrod Rabold, and Rodrigo are planning on being there Friday to help.

6.8.2. Need more volunteers – Nic is checking with teams to see who will be there on Friday.

6.9. When will practices start? Depends on how many volunteers show up to set up the rink. The more volunteers, the faster the rink will be set up. Warm up area in the arena next to the rink where people will be allowed to test the floor by skating and stick handling in that area. **NO SHOOTING ALLOWED.**

6.10. Team banners – There will be wall space available, just unsure on how much space. Will get specifics in the new days.

7. Old Business:

7.1. Star Skate Development Program Alignment with WRG Beginning skate program, which will be sent out to every rink, Boy & Girls club and scouts. Program will feature all disciplines. **Kylie/Rodrigo**

7.1.1. Program will roll out for next season. Kylie will share the information for the Star Skate program. Star Skate is planned as a season long program with the end goal of obtaining armature USARS cards.

7.1.1.1. World Skate program is a 52 weeks where each week builds on the previous week and includes drills and games to play on skate (with and without sticks), as well as diagrams.

7.2. Committee on Committees. The Rink Hockey Committee will receive all resumes of people applying for review and recommendation. Final decision is made by the Committee on Committees and put forward to the BOD for approval. Request to distribute information and have decision made by the Fall BOD meeting. **Brent**

7.2.1. Rink Hockey spots open will be announced by Nationals.

7.2.2. Application deadlines will likely be Oct. 1st.

7.2.3. In order for Team USA staff to be a two-year program, the Rink Hockey Committee needs to provide a proposal to the Board of Directors ASAP. Application will be due Oct. 1st, for approval in fall Board of Directors meeting.

7.2.3.1. Rodrigo will draft a proposal and share with the committee.

7.2.3.2. Discussion on how/if the world team players can have a choice or voice their opinions on team USA staff.

7.2.3.2.1. Athletes that played in in the most recent world championship will be provided a list of the eligible team coach and manager applicants. Committee will receive their votes and take them into consideration when voting on next team coach and manager.

8. New business:

8.1. Two-time outs per period 1 - 30 second & 1 - 1 minute – Discussed above.

8.2. U8 & U10 Franklin Goal Pads 23”tall, 11”wide, 3”deep – Discussed above.

8.3. WRG Rule Width top 11.81” mid 11” bottom 9.84” Total Height 25.59” Thickness 1.96” – Discussed above.

8.4. Conflict of Interest **Tom**

8.4.1. U19 coach and manager played for the men’s team while in charge of U19 team during the 2019 Pan American Games. Discussion on team and player expenses.

8.4.1.1. Brent will follow up with Finance and Eric Steele and will follow up with the committee.

8.5. World Team Staff **Tom**

8.5.1. Advise not to leave team members alone while abroad. Team Staff members must accompany the athletes.

9. Next Committee Meeting: At Nationals on Tuesday at 7 pm.

Minutes Approved By - 7 approved, 2 no response.