

Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday May 20, 2020

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager Treasurer - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

Non-Committee Members: Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

Timekeeper: Scott

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Duane (Time 5 minutes)
 - a. Current Balance: \$7,038.96
 - b. Activity: None
 - c. **Motion 1** by Rodrigo to approve treasurer's report.
 - i. Seconded by Pat
 - ii. Passed unanimously
2. **USARS Process for Individual, Club or Team USA Funds - Brent**
 - a. Application can be for specific players, clubs, or teams to be sponsored.
 - b. Funds will go into USARS bank account to be held until ready to be used by the recipient.
 - c. Funds can also be held by Rink Hockey Committee in the Rink Hockey bank account to be distributed to the recipient as needed, after going through USARS review.
3. **Referee Committee Report:** Duane (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. Catalan region is testing out bigger cages.
 - i. Bigger cages are being proposed instead of smaller goalie pads.
 - ii. Cages are similar in size to ice hockey cages.
4. **Club Committee Report:** Scott (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. Update on USARS requirements for sponsorships - Brent
 - i. Discussed above
 - b. Sharing training videos through Rink Hockey Facebook page.
 - i. Could we have Ladies and World Class players to record videos and share them with the community?
 - ii. Rachel, Jim T., and Rodrigo will work in how to come up with content, and best ways to share with the committee.
 - c. Club proposals for the national championships have been put on hold until next season.
5. **Coach's Report:** Jim/Brent (Time 10 minutes)
 - a. Level 1 Test for review by committee
 - i. Send all revision and suggestions to Jim J. by Friday May 22nd.
 - b. Coach level rule regarding consecutive nationals' attendance with nationals being cancelled.
 - i. Coaches should not be penalized by consecutively attendance rule. Need a motion to allow for this exception to be applied anytime national championship is cancelled, not just for 2020.
 - ii. **Motion 2** by Rodrigo: Allow for exception to the consecutive attendance rule for coaches who are currently registered and in good standing with USARS on years where the USARS National Championship is cancelled.
 1. Seconded by Pat
 2. Passed unanimously
6. **Old Business**

- a. **International Events Update (Including Pan Am Games) – Brent**
 - i. As of 5/20/2020, all international events and moving forward as scheduled.
- b. **Team USA Selection Process – Jim J./Brent**
 - i. Team USA managers and coaches have come up with an application process to pick the national teams for the Pan American games, which has been reviewed and approved by the USARS office.
 - 1. Could players provide video of their skills along with their application?
 - a. Brent will confirm how applicants could upload videos.
 - 2. A decision process will be designed and implemented to guarantee fair and equal treatment of applicants.
 - 3. **Motion 3** by Duane: Allowing for the 2020 Pan American Team USA players to be picked via an application and resume process for the 2020 Pan American Championships.
 - a. Seconded by Rodrigo
 - b. Passed unanimously
- c. **USARS Awards & Honors Presentation – Brent**
 - i. Awards will be mailed to each recipient and will be requested to bring their awards to the 2021 National Championships for the official ceremony.
 - ii. Awards will be announced via social media as well.
- d. **Board Meeting – Jim J.**
 - i. Board approved all rink hockey motions.
 - ii. Due to previous USARS Executive Board decision, Rink Hockey membership will increase for next season.
 - 1. Membership to one sport allows participation to all other categories. Due to higher fee cards to skate derby, if you hold a derby card you will be able to participate in rink hockey, speed, or artistic. However, you will be charged extra if you wish to participate in derby and hold a non-derby card due to the higher costs of the derby card. This will be confirmed by USARS.
 - iii. Sport 80 will provide a way for USARS to track members who skate in multiple disciplines.

7. New Business

- a. **Texas tournament in July**
 - i. Will be sanctioned through USARS
 - ii. Will not be the official USARS National Championship but will be open to all clubs throughout the nation.
- b. **Unused Rink Hockey Committee Facebook page**
 - i. Has not been used since 2015 and is not owned by the Rink Hockey Committee.
 - ii. **Motion 4** by Duane: Remove old page from Facebook
 - 1. Seconded by Jim. T.
 - 2. Passed unanimously.
 - 3. Jim J. will reach out to the page's administrator to have page removed.
- c. **2020 Membership**
 - i. Will there be refunds or discounts in membership fees due to USARS National Championship cancellation?
 - 1. Finance Committee has decided no refunds for the 2019-2020 season
 - 2. Brent will check to see if any other options could be taken for 2020-2021 season.
 - a. Ex: allowing for use of in house membership for 2021 National Championships.
 - b. Provide other options to Brent for consideration.

8. Next Meeting

a. June 17th

Approved by: 7 approved, 1 abstain, 1 no response