

Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday July 15, 2020

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and 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. Daniel Martinazzo
 - a. Daniel has reached out to Jim J. to inquire how World Skate America can help hockey in the US.
 - b. Jim J. will be in touch with Daniel.
2. **Treasurer's Report: Duane** (Time 5 minutes)
 - a. Current Balance: \$7,038.96
 - b. Activity: none
 - c. **Motion 1** by Pat to approve treasurer's report.
 - i. Seconded by Bryce
 - ii. Passed unanimously
3. **Referee Committee Report: Duane** (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. No new business.
 - b. Will athletes who age out of U19 in 2020 be allowed to play in 2021?
 - i. Decision by World Skate (WS) will be needed in order to know who qualifies for the national teams.
 - ii. Brent will reach out to WS. and update the committee.
4. **Club Committee Report: Scott** (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. Can we have monthly training camps that travel the country?
 - i. Could we use World Class players to help as training when World Team coaches cannot make the trips?
 - ii. Camps can be run by clubs, but they cannot be called as official World Team training camps without direct permission from the committee, World Team staff, and USARS sanctioning.
 1. Recommended that camps work with Jim Trussell through the national development plan and training program.
 - b. What are the individual positions of each committee member and what do they do?
 - i. Strategic plan in USARS website shows the goals of the committee and what the members are responsible for.
 - ii. How can the committee provide easier access to information from the committee to the community?
 1. Brent can share meeting minutes on Rink Hockey USARS Facebook page as soon as they are approved.
 2. Jim J. will share the approved strategic plan.
 - c. How will world team selection happen since Pan American Games have been postponed?
 - i. Application process was set for the 2020 Pan American Games.
 1. New system will be decided for the 2021 Pan American Games by the World Team Staff and discussed and approved by the committee.
5. **Coach's Report: Don/Brent** (Time 10 minutes)

- a. Postponed until next month.

6. Old Business

- a. Training Videos through Rink Hockey Facebook page: **Jim T., Rachel, Rodrigo**
 - i. Committee Proposal for Facebook/Instagram Page is attached below.
 - 1. Discussion on the page will be limited to training related topics.
 - 2. Could include discussions about rules and refereeing as well.
 - ii. **Motion 2** by Bryce to accept the proposal and create a page through the USARS Rink Hockey page.
 - 1. Seconded by Scott.
 - 2. Passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion on International Events Including Pan American Games: **Brent**
 - i. 2020 Pan American Games have been postponed until September 2021.
 - 1. Will Team USA be picked differently?
 - a. World Team staff will meet to decide how they would like to proceed before next committee call.
 - ii. Discussion regarding the possibility of moving 2021 national tournament moved to earlier in July as it would help Team USA.
 - 1. **Motion 3** by Pat to host the Rink Hockey national tournament on Saturday July 10th through Friday the 16th of 2021 for reason of the Rink Hockey 2021 Pan American Game's new date of mid-September 2021, which would help with Team USA training, financial deposit constraints, and logistics.
 - a. Seconded by Jim T.
 - b. Passed unanimously.
- c. Discussion on Team USA Selection Process: **Jim/Brent**
 - i. Discussed above.
 - ii. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo for Team USA staff to meet and decide how they would like to select Team USA rosters for the 2021 Pan American games prior to the August Rink Hockey committee meeting for review and approval.
 - 1. Seconded by Duane.
 - 2. Passed unanimously.
- d. USARS Rink Hockey Committee Facebook page: **Brent**
 - i. Brent can no longer find the page on Facebook, therefore believes Facebook has removed the page.
- e. Texas Tournament (Roller War Rink Hockey Tournament) Sanctioned? **Brent**
 - i. Necessary documentation has been provided to World Skate.
 - ii. Waiting on response from World Skate.
 - 1. Brent to follow up with World Skate and remind them of the urgency of their decision.

7. New Business

- a. Resource Development Committee (Rink Hockey Strategic Plan page 9., 2020/2021 Goal 2): **Jim/Brent**
 - i. Anna Rabold is qualified to help in this position and could lead a Sub-Committee on the matter.
- b. Renewal of Committee Positions Due Date for Board Approval: **Brent**
 - i. Board applications are due in Aug. and committee positions are due in Sept.
 - ii. Athlete Board Representative: Names are given to the Athlete Advisory Council, which is made up of athletes on the BOD and a few other athletes from the USARS committee. If an athlete on the council is running for one of the spots, they will be replaced on the council by another athlete, mostly likely by an athlete on the Sport committee if they are not running as well. Council will then narrow the applicants down to two. The voting

phase begins after the two candidates are selected by the council. All eligible athletes will receive a ballot with the two applicants' names by email, that they will fill out and email back in. The applicant with the most votes will be the new Athlete representative on the BOD.

1. Athlete Board Rep. is required to have been a member of Team USA within the last 10 years.

8. U19 GoFundMe Campaign

- a. **Motion 5** by Rodrigo to allow any Team USA to make a GoFundMe campaign for themselves.
 - i. Seconded by Scott.
 - ii. Passed unanimously.

9. Next Meeting August 12th

Approved by: 8 approved, 2 no response.

Committee Proposal for Facebook/Instagram Page

Topic: Facebook/ Instagram US National Rink Hockey Team Development and Training Program: *sponsored by the US Rink Hockey Committee.*

1. Develop a separate Facebook and Instagram Group page to promote training and interview videos that will unite the hockey community and educate effective training. All videos will be shared with USA/rs rink hockey website without feedback on comments

Facebook and Instagram Group pages will promote the Following Content:

- a. Rink Hockey Skills Development
 - b. Coaching Drills
 - c. Technical Skills
 - d. Skating Skills
 - e. Tactical Skills
 - f. Foreign Drills from other countries.
 - g. Player Interviews
 - h. Promote replies with showing drills and accomplishing Drills
 - i. Rules and referee
2. All Content and narratives will be organized, followed, and censored by Jim Trussell, Rodrigo Leni, and Rachel Trussell.
 3. Hockey Committee will can oversee and advise, add-too, and give direction of content as needed.
 4. Appropriate feedback will be allowed by group members on this format to promote involvement and activity that will teach, educate, and inform players and coaches of proper training and skills development.
 5. No Financial Budget is needed to support this social media Training and Development Campaign.