

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday January 13, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Brent Sisson (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. Referee Committee Report: Duane** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Updated rules will be posted on USARS site by Brent B.
  - b. Pat would like a referee call to discuss the new rules and how to call them during games.
    - i. A referee meeting was held during the Merced tournament in November.
  - c. Looking for foreign referees to attend Feb. tournament, but COVID restrictions may limit the possibility.
  - d. Potential referee seminars from World Skate.
    - i. Waiting on updates from Daniel Martinazzo.
- 2. Club Committee Report: Scott/Rodrigo** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Progress on Survey:
    - i. Survey is ready to be sent out over the weekend of January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Coach's Report: Jim T.** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Coaching level test progress:
    - i. Tests for levels 1-3 are written.
      1. Jim is requesting comments and suggestions from committee.
      2. There are different requirements for people who have previously been part of Senior men or ladies' national teams.
      3. Current coaching levels will be grandfathered into the new system.
    - ii. There is a movement from World Skate to make a certification process for who would qualify to coach at international tournaments.
      1. Waiting on updates from Daniel Martinazzo.
      2. No official word yet.
      3. Jim T. will add to the criteria that any World Skate requirement must be met by US coaches who want to coach Team USA.
- 4. USARS Office changes: Brent B.**
  - a. Interim Director.
    - i. There's an interim Director for 90's. Board will be making a public announcement soon.
  - b. SafeSport and Background site update.
    - i. Individuals are being asked to re-enter some information after logging in.
      1. There are information migration issues.
      2. Contact Brent B. if you encounter any issues and he can manually upload the information.
      3. Software problem should be fixed later this year.
- 5. Old Business:**
  - a. \$50 per team reimbursement to Rink Hockey for 2021 National Championship.
    - i. How will the money be dispersed? **Tom**

1. Brent will follow up with finance committee which met last night. Brent will report back to the committee.
- b. Update on how dasher boards will be secured for the 2021 National Championships (Suction cups vs. Velcro): **Tom**
  - i. Velcro will likely not be an option as Rink Hockey will be using the newly purchased floor.
    1. We'll need a new solution for attaching the boards.
- c. Scoreboard software and shot clock: **Bryce/Tom**
  - i. Currently do not have shot clocks.
    1. Previously used shot clocks are broken.
    2. Budget for 2021 National Championship will include new shot clocks.
      - a. We can use our own finances to buy the shot clocks if our budget is not approved.
    3. Duane will investigate new shot clocks and provide a list to the committee.
  - ii. How do we certify score keepers for the 2021 National Championship? **Bryce**
    1. People who used the score keeping software during the Merced November tournament will be in Florida and use the same software.
      - a. Bryce will ask Nic to show the software to Jim J.
    2. For other disciplines, USARS has a certification process.
    3. They would need to have SafeSport and Background check.
      - a. They must be a USARS member to do SafeSport.
      - b. Individuals can get membership as an official.
    4. Officials are ratified at the Spring Board meeting.
    5. Suggestion for a committee member to oversee score keepers.
      - a. Make sure we have one software, that multiple people are trained on the software, and create a score keeping schedule for the national championships.
        - i. Bryce has volunteered to oversee score keeping.
        - ii. **Motion 1** by Rodrigo for Bryce to pick a score keeping software to be used by all clubs, train score keepers nationally, and create a score keeper's schedule for the 2021 National Championship.
          1. Seconded by Brent B.
          2. Passed unanimously.
- d. Review of 501c Foundation Paperwork: **Brent S.**
  - i. Documents will be forwarded to Brent's lawyer and will be reviewed on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Brent will update the committee in Feb.'s call.
- e. Rink Hockey Development/Training Site: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
  - i. Training videos:
    1. Videos are being posted on Instagram and Facebook.
    2. Rinks remain closed in UT; therefore, they are waiting for the snow to melt in order to record more videos.
    3. Individual clubs have begun to post their own videos.
  - ii. Facebook and Instagram pages:
    1. New Instagram page is linked to the Facebook page.
      - a. Rachel has uploaded some videos.
      - b. What are the restrictions?
  - iii. We can grant Anna R. temporary access as administrators to the Facebook page so that they can post videos or stream on Facebook live.
  - iv. Brent B. will send the committee the specific Facebook groups and links for members to start inviting individuals throughout the Rink Hockey committee.

1. National Training Facebook page is now public.
  - v. Can Ladies Team USA ladies create their own Instagram page?
    1. Committee is fine with the Team having their own page.
    2. Brent B. will submit a request to the Executive Committee for guidelines that Ladies Team will have to follow and will report back to the committee.
  - f. USARS Training Webinar for Rink Hockey: **Tom/Jim T.**
    - i. Update on Don's information for starting clubs and teams: **Tom**
    - ii. Training video of basics of Rink Hockey: **Jim T.**
      1. Brent B. will check with Heidi to see if she is still interested in having Jim T. join the Star Skate program.
  - g. Volunteer of the Year Award: **Jim J.**
    - i. Award will be tabled until 2021-2022 season.
  - h. Update on Spanish coaches attending the Florida Tournament: **Brent S.**
    - i. There will be some international coaches at the tournament who will be holding training camps, including a first division Spanish goalie and coach.
- 6. New Business:**
- a. Team USA Staff proposal for 2021 Team USA section.
    - i. Proposal attached below.
    - ii. **Motion 2** by Bryce to accept the proposal from the Team USA coaches and staff in team selection for 2021.
      1. Seconded by Duane.
      2. Passed unanimously.
  - b. There may be a sanctioned tournament in Cumberland, MD, in March.
  - c. **Motion 3** by Rodrigo to waive the 3 sanctioned tournament requirements to qualify for the 2021 National Championship.
    - i. Seconded by Brent S.
    - ii. Passed unanimously.
  - d. What COVID requirements will USARS place on attending the 2021 National Championship?
    - i. Will vaccines be required? Will there be temperature checks? Will there be a waiver?
    - ii. USARS has not discussed requirements yet.
    - iii. **Motion 4** by Rodrigo that missing the 2021 National Championship will not negatively affect your coach or referee level.
      1. Seconded by Bryce.
      2. Passed unanimously.
  - e. What equipment will be used for live streaming the 2021 National Championship.
    - i. Has not been decided at this time.
- 7. Next Meeting: February 17<sup>th</sup>.**
- 8. Motion 5** by Rodrigo to adjourn the meeting.
- a. Seconded by Brent S.

**Approved by 7 approved, 3 no response.**

## 2021 Team USA Selection Process

2021 Team USA will be selected at the 2021 Nationals in Cedar Rapids, IA. Team USA coaches are encouraged to host training camps at their discretion. All players must be in good standing with USARS.

Applications to be a member of TEAM USA will continue to be accepted. The Tier system will be suspended for 2021. Should any division not have enough players tryout at the 2021 nationals' players on national team rosters meeting the division requirements can be selected to fill the division. Should the division still not be filled, players can then be selected from the applications received by the USARS office prior to July 9, 2021.

In the unlikely event the 2021 Nationals is canceled Team USA will be selected from applications that have been received by the USARS office prior to July 9, 2021.