

Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday February 17, 2021

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-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), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

Non-Committee Members: Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), Nic Robinson (2021 Team USA Ladies Coach), Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA U19 Manager), Kevin Lemons (2021 Team USA Ladies Coach), and William Mihay (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting).

Timekeeper: **Scott**

1. Discussion on World Skate Requirements for World Team Referee's & Coaches: **Jim J. & Brent B.**

- a. <http://www.worldskate.org/about/world-skate-academy.html>
- b. Seminars for World Skate Academy will eventually be required to participate as a coach or referee in world tournaments.
 - i. Jim J. has questioned the seminars due to pricing, and time availability as they are based on European times.
 1. Costs will be per person.
 - ii. Seminars do not seem viable for U.S. officials.
 - iii. Once a U.S. member has participated in the seminars, they will be allowed to provide the seminars to other people in the U.S.
- c. World Skate bulletin describes that international referees will be required to renew their certification every two years based on these seminars.
 - i. <http://www.worldskate.org/component/phocadownload/category/786-2021-courses.html>
- d. Seminars will be in English.
 - i. Brent Benson will confirm how English translation will occur.
- e. Individual seminar registration must go through USARS.
 - i. Contact Brent B. if interested.
- f. Referees need to register by Thursday Feb. 25th, 2021.
 - i. All B3 officials qualify to participate.
 1. Brent B. will contact all B3 officials.
- g. Coach seminars will be in March/April.
 - i. All U.S. Level 3 coaches are qualified to participate.
 1. Brent B. will be contacting all Level 3 coaches.

2. Verbal report on checking account balance: **Duane**

3. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

- a. No updates until World Skate Academy seminars are figured out.
- b. Names must be submitted for the Spring Board meeting: **Brent B.**
 - i. Names must be submitted to USARS office prior to April 2nd.
 1. Brent B. will post a form for all interested in being officials during the 2021 National Championships can sign up.
 - a. Application will be sent to all card holding members as well.
- c. All score keepers must have a USARS card, Safe Sport, and background checks.

4. Club Committee Report: **Scott & Rodrigo**

- a. Survey progress.
 - i. Survey has been sent out.
 - ii. Survey will end on March 6th, prior to March committee call.
 - iii. Survey was sent to 415 who have been USARS members in any seasons from 2018 through Feb. 16th, 2021.
- 5. Coach's Report: Jim T.**
 - a. Lever tests progress.
 - i. Final copy of the test will be ready in the next few weeks.
 - ii. Send any feedback to Jim T.
 - b. Discussion between U.S. coach levels vs. World Skate levels.
- 6. USARS office changes and interim Director: Brent B.**
 - a. Ricci Porter-Knetz is the Interim Executive Director
- 7. Score Keeping System Report: Bryce**
 - a. Same scorekeeping system used in Merced tournament will be used in Florida.
 - b. Shot clocks: Duane
 - i. Has sent a few options to Brent B.
 - ii. Will we have access to use the venue's scoreboard?
 - 1. Yes, however, the scoreboard would not be visible to us, therefore it will not be useful.
- 8. Report on primary & substitute score keepers for National Championship: Bryce**
 - a. Names must be submitted for the Spring Board Meeting. Brent B.
 - i. Date: April 2nd
 - 1. Brent B. will post a form for all interested in being score keepers during the 2021 National Championships can sign up.
 - a. Application will be sent to all card holding members as well.
 - b. All score keepers must have a USARS card, Safe Sport, and background checks.
- 9. COVID-19 requirements for attending 2021 National Championships: Brent B.**
 - a. Ex: Masks, temperature checks, social distancing in the stands, shot immunization records?
 - b. No determination currently. USARS will be discussing requirements with Cedar Rapids in March.
- 10. Live stream for 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
 - a. USARS is putting a COVID RFP together for photography and live streaming, which will be released the week of Feb. 22nd.
 - i. Proposal could be discipline specific.
 - 1. Contact Brent B. for further questions.
- 11. Old Business:**
 - a. \$50 per team reimbursement to rink hockey from 2020 National Championship – How will it be dispersed? Brent B.
 - i. Finance committee will determine the process on their next meeting of March 9th.
 - b. How will dasher boards be secured for the 2021 National Championships (suction cups vs Velcro): Tom/Brent B.
 - i. Tom is following leads on suction cups.
 - 1. Difficult to find as it is an old system.
 - c. Review of the 501c foundation paperwork: Brent S.
 - i. Nothing has been filed since 2007.
 - ii. 501c can be reinstated but would require fees and penalties.
 - 1. Total costs are unknown until we look deeper into the problem.
 - d. Rink hockey team development/training site: Jim J., Rachel, & Rodrigo
 - i. Are videos being posted?
 - 1. Have not been able to film due to access issues to facility.

2. Jim T. will be at the Florida tournament and will plan on making videos there.
- ii. Has Anna R. agreed to help and receive access to post?
 1. Brent S. spoke with Anna and Jarrod who are interested in helping with videos.
- e. Guidelines for Ladies Team USA Instagram page. **Brent B.**
 - i. Page has been created and Nic has login information.
- f. USARS training webinar for rink hockey: **Jim T./Tom**
 - i. Star Skate program will begin in March which includes information on starting rink hockey clubs.
 1. Once Star Skate program is completed, individual discipline training programs will begin.
- g. Information for starting clubs and teams from Don: **Tom/Bryce**
 - i. Tom updated this information and sent it to the Star Skate program.

12. New Business:

- a. Discussion regarding National Championship rosters.
 - i. Brent B. will provide rosters two weeks prior to the championship to begin data entry.
 1. Rosters can be updated up until the first game played.
 2. Entries will then be updated at the championship.

13. Next Meeting:

- a. **March 24th**

14. Motion 1: To adjourn the meeting by **Duane**

- a. Seconded by **Bryce**

Approved by: 6 approved, 4 no response.