

Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday May 19, 2021

Attendance:

Committee Members: Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-Voting), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

Non-Committee Members: Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), and Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA Ladies' Manager, and Club Representative Sub-Committee Representative).

Timekeeper: **Scott**

1. Rink Hockey Pan American Championship: Brent

- a. Update on letter of intent due through Brent B. to World Skate America (WSA) before June 30th, regarding how many teams will participate.
 - i. Letter will be ready next week, informing WSA that USA will have three teams.
- b. Update on Finance Committee's requirements for Team USA payments.
 - i. Brent will ask for an estimate of the costs for the team.
 1. Hopes to have the estimate within the next week or two.
 2. Players will be required to pay the full amount once selected for Team USA.
 - a. There may be a possibility for a few days extension, but a formal request from each player would be required.
 3. Payments will be accepted via checks or credit card.
 - a. USARS has a Square account and PayPal, but not Venmo.
 - b. Brent to confirm whether players can pay via PayPal and will ask Finance committee if they can create a Venmo account.
 - c. Carlos is in conversation with Finance Committee and requested an itemized cost list for using the floor for the tournament.

2. Referee Committee Report: Duane

- a. Has officials list for nationals been approved? **Brent**
 - i. Three officials have been confirmed, one is pending.
 - ii. All score keepers have been confirmed.
 - iii. Form inviting officials will be sent out by the end of the week.
- b. Shot clocks: **Duane**
 - i. Duane has a projector to try at the Colorado tournament that uses an app on phones or iPads.
 1. One projector for the tournament. If it works, then we will have two projectors at nationals.

3. Club Committee Report: Scott and Kevin

- a. USARS's Town Hall Meeting
- b. Club call report
 - i. Minutes will be discussed below under New Business.

4. Coach's Report: Jim T.

- a. Have test been submitted to Brent? **Rodrigo**
 - i. Tests were sent last week. Rodrigo will resend the tests to Brent.
- b. Tests were approved by the Board.

- i. Committee must now figure out how we will administer and score the tests, and how or who will provide feedback to the coaches to take the tests.
 - 1. Jim T. to coordinate with Brent B. to see what is required.
- 5. Score Keeping Report: Bryce**
 - a. USARS has assured the Rink Hockey Committee that the equipment needed will be available and that they will have their own Wi-Fi network.
 - i. Equipped required:
 - 1. Two laptops.
 - 2. Printer.
 - 3. Working and stable Wi-Fi.
 - 4. May be able to hardwire into the internet if wi-fi is unstable.
 - b. Score-keeper schedule.
 - i. Bryce will require a game schedule for the 2021 National Championship before being able to schedule the score-keepers.
 - ii. Brent will notify the approved score-keepers on Friday and will contact the other folks who applied to be score-keepers to check interested in score-keeping per game.
 - 1. Bryce will use the above information for the score-keeping scheduled.
- 6. COVID-19 Requirements for 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
 - a. Heidi will have a call with the city Cedar Rapids and venue next week to discuss COVID-19 requirements.
- 7. Updates on live stream for 2021 National Championship: Brent B.**
 - a. Will streaming be discipline specific?
 - i. Brent provided the contact information of the speed and artistic folks who oversee their respective live stream to Bryce so that they can discuss their set up.
 - ii. Bryce brought up that more efficient equipment has been suggested to be used for the live stream. This would require possible rental of the equipment and would also require and update of the budget for board re-approval.
- 8. Was revised national championship budget submitted to the Board for approval? Brent B.**
 - a. The USARS Board has changed how officials will be compensated for travel. Compensated officials will now receive a maximum of \$400 for travel to and from the National Championship.
 - i. Does not include score-keepers.
 - ii. No changes to hotel and per diem.
 - 1. Per diem of \$100 per day during competition, and \$20 per travel day.
 - b. Board is requesting a rough estimate of attending teams.
 - i. Committee will ask around and provide estimates to Jim J. from each region to then provide one estimate to the Board.
- 9. Old Business:**
 - a. Has compliance committee acted on the letters received by the community? Brent B.
 - i. There are a few investigating steps in the USARS bylaws that need to be worked out before letters move onto the compliance committee.
 - 1. Bylaws can be found in the USARS website under the governance and rules pages.
 - a. <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-roller-sports/resources/governance>
 - 2. 1-2 weeks before it goes to the compliance committee, followed by 1-2 under the compliance committee.
 - 3. Pending referee's case will be treated as priority and investigated first. USARS has promised the Rink Hockey Committee an answer on this question by their June meeting.
 - ii. Brent will check with compliance committee to confirm whether a statement can be made public confirming that the letters are under and investigative stage.

1. Would be a public statement form USARS, not Rink Hockey Committee.
- b. International players playing in the USARS 2021 National Championship: **Brent B.**
 - i. USARS is confirming with legal counsel to see if they are legally allowed to request confirmation that an individual is a permanent resident of citizen in order to qualify for the 2021 National Championship.
 - ii. Discussion regarding allowing international players to participate in the 2021 National Championship.
 1. **Motion 1** by Jim T. to limit number of international, non-USA resident players to 2 per team. Teams with more than 2 non-USA residents will be allowed to participate in the tournament as exhibition games and will forfeit all wins and ties.
 - a. Seconded by Pat.
 - b. Passed: Motion carried with 4 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain.
 - c. **Motion 2** by Rodrigo to make a request for immediate attention by the Board on Motion 1.
 - i. Seconded by Pat.
 - ii. Passed: No opposition, the motion carries.
 - d. Brent to send motion directly to the Board for urgent consideration.
Please note this motion was discussed and a vote was held to approve or deny this motion in a Special Board of Director meeting, and the results of the vote will be released after the Rink Hockey Committee call tomorrow 6/2/2021

10. New Business:

- c. Discussion regarding USARS Town Hall from Sunday, May 16th and Club Representative Sub-Committee presented by Kevin Hayes.
 - i. **Sub-Committee Motion 1:** Rink Hockey Committee should create a yearly tournament calendar of all sanctioned tournaments and make it easily accessible to the public.
 1. Motion passed by sub-committee.
 - a. Discussion regarding how we would need early notification from the clubs to be able to announce a tournament.
 - b. Clubs and rinks must decide when they will host tournaments, to which the committee can then promote.
 - c. Committee could start a shared file, such as Google Doc., where clubs can sign up and register their tournaments, which the committee can then promote.
 2. **Directive:** The Rink Hockey Committee suggest for the sub-committee to organize, and pick tournaments dates, to which the committee will promote and attend.
 - a. Suggestion to create a shared document that can be accessed by all clubs, such as a Google Doc.
 - b. Rachel T. can provide assistance to a volunteer from the sub-committee who would like to oversee the shared document.
 - ii. **Sub-Committee Motion 2:** Rink Hockey Committee should have weekly/biweekly updates on training, tournaments, skill videos, etc. on all social medial platforms. USARS President Heidi Permatteo requested that a Rink Hockey member be added to the Communications and Technology committee, as there is currently not a Rink Hockey representative on that committee.
 1. Motion passed by sub-committee.
 2. Colby Moyer nominated by club representative and accepted nomination.
 3. Rink Hockey Committee is increasing posts to @usarsrinkhockey as more content is developed.
 - a. Committee is limited in what it can share and cannot publish information regarding non-sanctioned tournaments.

4. **Motion 3** by Scott to accept Colby Moyer's nomination to the Communications and Technology committee and add Rachel T. to the committee as further support.
 - a. Seconded by Pat.
 - b. Passed: No opposition, the motion carries.
5. **Motion 4** by Rachel T. to promote USA Rink Hockey through the social media platform Tik Tok.
 - a. Seconded by Rodrigo.
 - b. Passed: No opposition, the motion carries.
- iii. **Sub-Committee Motion 3:** To create a Referee Committee meeting, via Zoom, to be held monthly or bimonthly with USARS publicity.
 1. Motion passed by sub-committee.
 - a. Duane nominated as Rink Hockey Committee Representative – Response pending.
 2. **Directive:** For the referee committee to hold bi-monthly meetings, with the option to meet more regularly as needed. Duane has requested help for this project. Committee suggested he tap into some of the new referees to help.
- iv. **Sub-Committee Motion 4:** Request for Sub-Committee to meet June 1st at 9 pm EST and Rink Hockey Committee to meet June 2nd. Meetings should be pushed up due to open questions about 2021 National Championship and need clarification before registration deadlines.
 1. Committee agrees and will meet on June 2nd.
- v. **Sub-Committee Motion 5:** Request for the committee minutes to be reviewed and responded to within 72 hours after submission due to national deadline being so close. If notes are not reviewed and responded to within allotted time frame, then all motions are automatically approved by the Rink Hockey Committee.
 1. Motion passed by sub-committee.
 2. Committee agrees for the minutes of this call.
- vi. **Sub-Committee Motion 6:** Carlos P. would like to meet with Team USA staff as soon as possible to discuss upcoming 2021 Pan American Championship.
 1. Jim J. will contact Team USA staff.
- b. Skills Competition for 2021 National Championships.
 - i. Tabled for the next committee call.

11. Next Meeting: June 2nd

12. Following Meeting: June 16th

13. Motion 5 by Rodrigo to adjourn the meeting.

- a. Seconded by Pat.
- b. Motion carries unanimously.

Minutes Approval: Approved by 6, 4 no response.