

1. Call to order

Miki Osherow called to order the regular meeting of the USA Field Hockey Club Advisory Task Force at 9:00 PM EST on August 19, 2014.

2. Roll call

The following members were present: Simon Hoskins, Emily Thomas, Karen Collins, Tyler Parthemer, Tony Gulotta, Plunket Beirne, Yasser Hayat, Miki Osherow and Lynn Hoepfner. The following members were not present: Steve Locke, Joan Johnson, and Lauren Powley.

3. Agenda

- RCC/NCC Wrap-Up
 - Review survey feedback
 - Overall USAFH and committee members happy with the NCC and RCCs. Overall the value received for participation increased from last year. Areas to work on: vendor merchandise, hotel selection and parking. All committee members agreed.
 - 2015 Plans
 - RCC host applications out later this month
 - U14 NCC qualification to be U14 RCCs
USAFH is pressing forward with this initiative and if needed, will fall back on last year qualification system.
 - U12 co-ed NCC, viable?
USAFH asked committee members if a U-12, 7v7, co-ed NCC in 2016 was a viable event. Members had positive feedback however discussed the timing being a challenge due to their players already attending Disney Jr during July as well as a qualification system.
 - National Club Challenge
USAFH asked committee members if a National Club Challenge (teams finishing 3rd or 4th at RCCs) was a viable event in 2015. Members agreed there is a need for this type of event (some teams go to private tournaments if they don't qualify for NCC). Timing was discussed with NJ suggesting an early August date and OH, NC and VA suggesting a late July date.
- Disney Jr Wrap-Up
 - Review survey feedback
 - Although ranking points still remain in the high 3s and 4s (5 being best) nearly all items took a negative fall in 2014. 3 areas to work on: hotels, umpiring and shade for spectators. New tournament format was discussed with positive feedback given to USAFH.
 - 2015 Plans
 - USAFH advised the committee that Disney plans to increase the Disney Jr event by one day thus allowing for more teams into the tournament. The committee discussed this not being a great option. There was concern that would max-out the young players especially with the heat. The cost factor was also discussed saying their parents already were out a lot of money for the tournament. USAFH said they would bring their comments back to Disney.
 - USAFH advised the committee that Disney plans to create a Disney Showcase qualifier in the fall of 2015. Committee members discussed their concern: 1) state high schools run their FH tournaments in that timeframe 2) that would be more than a week off of school

for the players and 3) players may have to decide between the qualifier and Festival which would be a detriment to Festival.

- 2015 NITQs/NITs Plans
 - Qualifier host applications out later this month
 - Feb 20-22 – U16 girls @ Nook
 - Feb 27-March 1 – U10 co-ed, U12 co-ed, Boys, Adults @ Nook
 - Feb 27-March 1 – U19 girls @ Richmond Convention Center
 - March 6-8 – U14 girls @ Nook
 - These were just FYI. Only discussion was on the U10 and U12 co-ed division's qualification which USAFH advised it would be first come, first serve registration by application.

4. Any Other Business

5. Next Meeting

None scheduled.

6. Adjournment

Miki Osherow adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Emily Thomas