Minutes
Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday February 27, 2019
9:00pm EDT

On Call: Brent Benson, Tom, Bryce, Don, Rachel, Pat, Scott, Duane, Rodrigo, Kylie, Rebecca

1. Welcome to New Members: Rebecca Guyer and Rachel Trussell

2. Treasurer’s Report: $9049.04 Balance; Juniors have $1215.00, Seniors have $1420.35, Tom asked about the Ladies balance, Jim had no idea because of the different deposits made and would research this.

3. Referee Committee Report: Barcelona Duane has an electronic copy of the rule book with the changes highlighted. He will e-mail it to the committee members. Power plays, verbal warnings being recorded, and penalties are handled differently. We will require another official at the score table. We already have a second compensated score keeper approved. Looking at different shot clock options. We will get a list of items needed together for Brent for Spokane. In Olympia, there were 4 people interested in the referee program. We need 16-18 year olds to train and get them to referee our younger games.

4. Club Representative Committee Report: Tom suggested the Club Representative conference call be held before our call each month so we can go over their concerns. It was suggested to be the same each month, the first Wednesday of each month. They have been discussing fundraising. We will tweek the PPP for our fundraising to include levels of sponsorship. The scorekeeping software will be sent to Rodrigo.

5. Coach’s Report: Coaching upgrades should be automatic if the coach’s Teams achieve a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Place. Don is working on changing the coaching levels a little each year. You MUST have a coach’s card every year to be eligible for a coaching level upgrade.

6. 2019 Nationals: Nationals are July 28- August 3 in Spokane. Setup is on the 27th. Registration has gone up 10% to $545 per Team. The $50 will still be donated to the Foundation. USARS is working on garage parking passes for our skaters. A possible both
for ALL the World Teams is being considered. Kylie will send out vendor prices to the committee. All of the vendors will be located in 1 area. Rebecca and Kylie have contacted a magician, a dance group and a karate group for possible entertainment during our opening Ceremonies. We will send out to the Club Rep meeting questions about having closing ceremonies. USARS is contemplating an increase in the amateur card prices to go up $10. Almost everyone on the Committee said they should not and disagreed with their plan. The 2 Cities for 2020 Nationals are Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Wichita, Kansas. The cities will be visited by our National planning group in the near future. Kylie and Brent will contact Gypsy concerning booth rental amounts.

7. New Business: Tom was upset in discovering that 5 of the 20 players in Bogota didn’t have amateur cards. This could have been a big liability for USARS. We need for everyone in the Country playing sanctioned meets to have amateur cards. NO EXCUSES. We held our elections. Jim Jost was elected Chairman and Rodrigo was elected Secretary. We will discuss the need for a Co-Chairman next month, as well as the Treasurer position. Duane volunteered to attend the RSA Convention in Las Vegas for USARS.

8. Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday March 20, 2019

8 Approved
1 no response