

# Rink Hockey Conference Call

Wednesday August 14, 2019

## Attendance:

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer, and 2019 Team USA Men's Manager - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, and 2019 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (2019 USA Team Ladies Manager, and At-Large Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative, and 2019 Team USA U19 Manager - Voting)

**Non-Committee Members:** Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting)

## 1. Treasurer's Report: **Jim**

1.1. Current Balance: 8,497.87 As of 08/12/19

1.1.1. Activity:

1.1.1.1. Deposits \$337.74 Juniors, \$19.12 Seniors, \$600 national vendor payment RSE

1.1.1.2. Withdrawals \$535.36 seniors ticket WRG finals, \$283.99 WRG extra uniform screening, \$688.68 WRG extra uniforms Score.

1.1.2. Team Balances: Juniors \$1552.74, Seniors \$1204.11, Ladies \$1202.06 (Junior and Senior team balances will be applied against the balance owed USARS for the WRG attendance.)

1.2. **Motion 1** by Don to approve treasurer report

1.2.1. Seconded by Duane

1.2.2. Passed unanimously

## 2. Referee Committee Report: **Duane**

2.1. Duane provided referee game breakdown via email. Included in last page of minutes.

2.2. Working on 3A test for Scott F.

2.3. Need more referees going forward, specially as we move to having three referees per game.

2.4. Shot clock will need parts replaced. Don will check to see if there are shot clocks with brighter colors such as red in order to help with visibility.

2.4.1. Tougher set up will be needed for next year so that cables are protected.

## 3. Club Representative Committee Report: **Rodrigo**

3.1. Once next meeting is scheduled, Rodrigo will call each individual club representative to inform them of the date and time and confirm their intended participation.

## 4. Coach's Report: **Don**

4.1. Don will meet with Brent B. to review current coaches list and coaches at nationals.

4.1.1. Will update coaches list and will include when new coaches were registered and better track how long they have been at each level.

4.1.2. Will discuss with SafeSport about coaches requirements.

4.1.2.1. There is an appeal process for SafeSport, and USARS does not have the power to override SafeSport background check decisions.

## 5. 2019 Nationals Recap:

5.1. **Opening Ceremonies** We had none this year, need to improve for 2020

5.1.1. Will focus more attention on organizing ceremonies next year.

5.2. **Shot Clock and Referee Communication System** Need to replace brake shot clock or upgrade

5.2.1. Discussed above.

5.3. **Volunteers for Live Streaming** Discussion

5.3.1. Need more volunteers for next year. Few people helped.

5.3.2. Scorekeepers need help as well, and we can offer \$10 per game as long as they pass their SafeSport.

5.3.2.1. Background check is required.

#### 5.4. Rink Assembly walls, nets and floor taping Discussion

5.4.1. Tape machine used for the circles was excellent.

5.4.2. Penalty areas and free shot points needs to be measured off of the mid point of half court. Cannot measure defensive areas based off of the walls since the walls always move.

#### 5.5. Score Sheet Issues Discussion

5.5.1. Can we get team rosters before the half before the first game?

5.5.2. Issue with teams not having the correct roster and numbers early enough.

5.5.3. Program does not allow for spreadsheet inputs and every entry must be made directly into the score sheet program.

5.5.4. Discussion on how to improve input of roster information going forward.

5.5.4.1. Potential solution to have the registered team form handed back to each coach at the coach's meeting so that each coach can correct the form.

5.5.5. Facebook discussion on illegitimate player. Games where the player participated in were forfeited and score sheets represent it.

5.5.5.1. Score sheets to all games from nationals are available for anyone who is interested.

#### 5.6. Promotion and News Coverage Recommended Kevin Lemons

5.6.1. News coverage at nationals was brought because of Kevin. He is interested in taking lead going forward on media coverage of nationals.

#### 5.7. Hockey Balls USARS to purchase

5.7.1. Tom will donate some hockey balls for tournaments.

#### 5.8. Schedule Changes

5.8.1. Many on line viewers were upset to miss games due to schedule being ahead of time and lack of communications.

5.8.1.1. Discussion on daily tournament schedule.

5.8.1.1.1. Should we stick to the schedule or adjust schedule when forfeits occur?

5.8.1.1.2. Will focus on better communication on line and at the venue so all teams and spectators can be aware of changes.

### 6. Old Business:

#### 6.1. Committee on Committees Brent to report on rink hockey at large position. Discussion on program of application.

6.1.1. At-Large positions are specified by the Board. They do not have to be discipline based. For example, there can be a Safe Sport Expertise At-Large position.

6.1.2. Discipline committees can have multiple non-voting positions, but are limited to 9 voting positions.

6.1.2.1. Brent will confirm if there is a limit on non-voting positions.

#### 6.2. Update on hockey card list being accurate Brent

6.2.1. Brent is meeting with USARS Membership Director tomorrow and will update committee via email.

6.2.2. Ineligible members will not show up in active membership list on USARS website and will be notified by USARS office individually about their ineligible.

#### 6.3. Development Camps Jimmy/Pat

6.3.1. Jimmy was unable to attend the call. Postponed until next call.

#### 6.4. Pan Am Club Tournament San Juan, Argentina

6.4.1. Currently no team or people interested. Kylie will send out a mail blast asking for interested people and teams.

#### 6.5. International and Multiple year USARS cards Brent – Scott, Brent Sisson Proposal

6.5.1. Agreement on idea of proposal.

6.5.1.1. Numbers may need to be updated to match current USARS costs more

6.5.2. Discussion on coach's costs.

6.5.2.1. Rink hockey coaches are volunteers unlike coaches from other disciplines.

6.5.2.2. Tom will follow up with the board.

## **6.6. Late Amateur Card Purchase Fee Rachel**

**6.6.1.** Included in Brent's proposal.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1. 2020 Nationals Tom**

**7.1.1.** 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USA Rink Hockey Nationals.

**7.1.2.** Tom proposes to change the 1<sup>st</sup> plaque to a cup, such as the "Bill Sisson Cup".

**7.1.2.1.** Can get sponsors if needed.

**7.1.2.2.** USARS may be able to cover the price since the plaque will be replaced.

**7.1.3.** Need to have a better floor for next year.

**7.1.3.1.** Jim will visit Cedar Rapids in November when they'll have the floor on to cover the ice rink.

**7.1.3.2.** Floor will be covering ice hockey rink.

### **7.2. Possibility of looking at live-streaming to review possible serious in-fractions after the game is over Bryce**

**7.2.1.** Can we begin to review excessive actions, which occurred during a game afterwards?

**7.2.1.1.** Discussion on topic.

**7.2.1.1.1.** What happens if the camera doesn't catch the infraction clearly?

**7.2.1.1.2.** International rules currently do not allow for play/call reviews.

**7.2.1.1.3.** Would the reviews be only for infractions that appear to have intent to injure?

**7.2.2.** Bryce will write up a proposal for review and vote.

### **7.3. U19 Division Age Requirements**

**7.3.1.** Should clear up age requirements for USA vs. World Skate International Tournaments since they currently differ and some eligible to play in U19 USA do not qualify for U19 World Skate International Play.

**7.3.1.1.** Should we change USA U19 age requirements to match World Skate?

**7.3.1.1.1.** Tom will write up proposed language to discuss at the next committee call.

## **8. Next Committee Meeting: September 18th (Need to review Team USA Apps)**

**Minutes Approved By** – 5 approved, 4 no response.

**2019 US Rink Hockey Championships- Spokane- 144 games Scheduled**

<b>Referee</b>	<b>Floor</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Total</b>
Duane McMinn	36	24	60
Gary McNeely	34	13	47
Pat Ferguson	36	8	44
Kevin Lemons	34	10	44
Mark Brailey	30	10	40
Nic Robinson	34	0	34
Jeff Rabold	18	3	21
Mark Woolfork	18	0	18
Scott Ferguson	13	0	13
Adam Armbruster	8	0	8