

Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday November 20, 2019

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, Treasurer - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Coaches Committee, Non-Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

Non-Committee Members: Kylie Hughes (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting)

Time Keeper: Scott

Rink Hockey Committee Changes: Jim Trussell is a new voting member. Tom Hughes is now a voting member. Don Allen is now a non-voting member. Pat and Duane remain as voting members.

1. Committee members

1.1. Must be in good standing.

1.2. Some members are waiting on background check to go through, but should be ok.

2. Treasurer's Report: Jim (5 mins)

2.1. Current Balance: \$7,038.39

2.2. Activity: None

2.3. New Treasure Requirement

2.3.1. If Jim remains as chair after January's election, committee will need a new treasurer.

2.4. **Motion 1** Tom: to accept treasurer's report

2.4.1. Seconded by Rodrigo

2.4.2. Passes – 7 yes, 2 absent during vote

3. Referee Committee Report: Duane (10 mins)

3.1. What are the requirements for extra referee to be in charge of shot clock?

3.1.1. What divisions will the shot clock be used for?

3.1.1.1. Discussion on whether or not we can expand shot clock to all divisions. Staff limitations.

3.1.1.2. **Motion 2** by Rodrigo: Use shot clock at national competitions for divisions starting with U14 all the way up to Ladies and World Class. This allows all Team USA eligible players to play with a shot clock.

3.1.1.2.1. Seconded by Tom

3.1.1.2.2. Passes – 7 yes, 2 absent during vote

3.1.1.3. Will require help with the shot clock during nationals. Discussion as to whom can help with the shot clock.

3.1.1.3.1. Can volunteers help or only compensated officials as it was in 2019 nationals?

3.1.1.3.2. **Motion 3** by Don: Compensate shot clock officials \$10 per game and use local referees that cannot ref during the national tournament.

3.1.1.3.2.1. Seconded by Tom

3.1.1.3.2.2. Passes – 7 yes, 2 absent during vote

4. Club Representative Committee Report: Scott (10 mins)

4.1. Chris Dugas was elected to Vice Chair

4.1.1. Scott and Chris are beginning to discuss the role.

4.2. Nick R. has a cameraman contact that is interested in streaming the national competition.

4.2.1. Nick will provide further information.

4.2.2. USARS Board has a videographer who may be coming to film the national tournament. Board will provide further information to committee to confirm that rink hockey is included.

4.2.2.1. USOC representatives or facilities staff will man cameras.

4.3. Is there a family USARS card for attendance the national tournament? Weekly pass.

4.3.1. Many families paid more for attendance to the view the tournament than their children paid for their USARS armature card.

4.4. Will there be a late fee if people obtain their USARS card after the deadline?

4.4.1. Waiting on proposal before voting. Proposal will be provided before next committee call.

4.5. Brent Sisson offered to host national team training camps or try outs at the Lubbock rink.

4.6. Concerns about the floor for the 2020 national tournament.

4.6.1. Will we put a floor on top of the facilities' floor?

4.6.1.1. Jim is going to see and skate on the floor next week. Will provide pictures and feedback to the committee to discuss in the next call.

4.7. Next call – Dec. 11th, 9pm EST.

5. **Coach's Report: Don** (10 mins)

5.1. Starting 2020/2021 seasons, coaches will be given tests in order to advance levels.

5.1.1. Don will be writing and provided test booklet for coaches.

5.1.2. Don will write new tests as well since previous tests are outdated.

5.1.2.1. Would like a defined timeline for booklet and test drafts before drafts.

5.1.2.1.1. Would like final drafts by the 2020 national tournament for committee to approve.

5.1.2.1.2. All three tests must be ready by September 2020.

5.1.2.1.3. Don will commit to have Test 1 ready by February.

6. **Old Business**

6.1. Motion for multiple years USARS card for all disciplines

6.1.1. Board liked the idea of multiple year armature card, but would require it to be include all USARS disciplines.

6.1.2. Will reach out to Brent Sisson to update his proposal to include all disciplines. USARS Finance will review the proposal before going to the Board, therefore the proposal must include a spreadsheet for Finance to review.

6.1.2.1. May be hard to include coaches and referees due to annual Safe Sport requirements

6.2. Team USA Coaches and Managers

6.2.1. Committee members will provide their picks for coaches and managers to Brent Benson by Nov. 30th.

6.2.1.1. Jim will provide the committee with the updated list of eligible coaches and managers that was approved during the Fall USARS Board meeting.

6.2.1.2. Exec. Committee Meeting is in early Dec. and they'll approve our choices.

6.2.1.3. Committee will be notified by the Dec. committee call.

6.3. Live Streaming for nationals

6.3.1. Some discussion during Section 4.2.

6.3.2. Board is still discussing streaming decision for 2020 national tournament.

6.3.2.1. We may not be allowed to use the USARS Facebook page to live stream going forward.

6.4. Red Card Challenge Proposal

6.4.1. Does it have to be the entire committee to review or just a quorum?

6.4.2. Can committee members that are referees, who may have potentially been refereeing the game in question, participate in the decision of the challenge?

6.4.2.1. Those involved should excuse themselves from the discussion and decision.

6.4.3. How quickly will we receive the official video will depend on the company in charge of the live stream if it's not directly controlled by us.

6.4.4. Few terms must be defined in the proposal such to answer the above comments.

6.5. Star Skate Program (inclusive of WRG program)

6.5.1. Can we get financial help to translate WRG program to English?

6.5.1.1. Rodrigo can review the document post translation to make sure that the rink hockey technicalities were translated correctly.

6.5.2. Can we get the advanced coaches test used in Europe?

6.6. New online membership registration program selection

6.6.1. USARS is looking into potentially having a new company to run on line registrations.

7. New Business

7.1. Rink Hockey Pan Am Bid

7.1.1. Florida and Lubbock are interested in hosting.

7.1.1.1. Carlos from Florida is having trouble getting information from World Skate

7.1.1.1.1. Looking at three locations.

7.1.1.2. Brent S. is taking the lead in Lubbock.

7.1.1.2.1. Brent will be meeting with the City of Lubbock to discuss venues and finances.

7.1.2. Discussion on exact information needed for World Skate and what costs hosting the Pan Am games would mean.

8. Next Committee Meeting: December 18th

Approved by: 1 approved, 1 no response