

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday January 22, 2020**

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

**Non-Committee Members:** Kevin Hayes (Team USA Ladies Manager – Non-Voting), Nic Robinson (Team USA Ladies Coach) and Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting).

**Time Keeper: Scott**

1. **Team USA Camps: Jim J.**
  - a. Need a list of players interested in participating, locations, and dates for three camps.
    - i. Hopefully camps are coordinated.
    - ii. Coaches from other clubs could help during training camps if needed.
  - b. Team USA coaches and managers will meet to discuss a plan and report back to the committee.
  - c. All athletes who are interested in participating must be active members of USARS and in good standing.
  - d. Where are the Pan American Games happening?
    - i. No news from World Skate.
  - e. Could national team selection camp be during the 2020 national competition?
    - i. Would allow for training camps to focus on training instead of trying out.
    - ii. There is a roller rink near the 2020 national tournament venue, which we could see if we could host camps in during the tournament.
2. **Treasurer's Report: Jim J.** (Time 5 minutes)
  - a. **Current Balance:** \$7,038.39
  - b. **Activity:** None
  - c. Jim has not been able to send the treasurer's information to Duane. Jim will pass information to Duane by next committee call.
  - d. **Motion 1** by Duane to accept treasurer's report.
    - i. Seconded by Bryce.
    - ii. Passed unanimously.
3. **Referee Committee Report: Duane** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Nick and Duane will be at Ocala tournament in Feb.
  - b. April tournament in Lubbock will be sanctioned by USARS
    - i. Sanction application has not been received yet, but Lucas informed Duane that tournament will be sanctioned.

4. **Club Representative Committee Report: Scott** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Meeting last week.
    - i. Most of the discussion revolved around amateur cards. Hoping to encourage all clubs to get their cards early.
    - ii. Discussion on proposal of multi-year amateur card.
    - iii. Questions regarding team USA camps.
    - iv. Is there any organized fundraising happening? Is there something specific for team USA? Could we start a rink hockey fundraising committee?
      1. Fundraising rules must be clear. Will fundraiser be for specific teams, all teams, or all of rink hockey?
      2. Sub committee is welcome to start a fundraising committee. A proposal should be written up describing the fundraising committee and sent to the rink hockey committee for approval. All funds collected must go through USARS. Brent will provide information on how funds will come to USARS and be disbursed to the TEAM USA members.
    - v. Carlos from United Florida is interested in hosting the Pan American Games in Orlando.
      1. Carlos sent a proposal to Brent Benson.
      2. Discussion on requirements for bidding for the Pan American Games.
      3. Brent Benson will provide what USARS has received to the Rink Hockey Committee for review.
  - b. Next call is on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Brent to report rules/expectations on duties of these positions. Liaisons, director, other?
    - i. Club representative sub-committee chair will be Chris Dugas. Chris will be in charge of the committee and will run the calls. Scott will continue to attend and report back to the committee.
5. **Coach's Report: Don/Jim T.** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Don Level 1 test completion.
    - i. Postponed until Feb.
  - b. CPR requirement for level 3 coaches?
    - i. Other disciplines do not required coaches to have CPR requirements.
  - c. Brent to provide coach breakdowns used in other disciplines so rink hockey can update our system.
    - i. Will discuss at next call.
6. **Update on the 2020 Nationals Championship floor: Jim**
  - a. Will be skating on sport court.
    - i. Floor may be roller court since it is coming from a derby team. Jim J. will confirm if the floor is sport court or roller court.
    - ii. USARS is in the process of purchasing another wood floor. If that happens, rink hockey will play on a wood floor.

## Old Business:

1. **Multiple year amateur card proposal**
  - a. Must include all disciplines and will have to be presented at the spring board meeting. Executive board cannot approve this proposal.
  - b. Brent B. will reach out to Brent S. to help update the proposal for all disciplines.
  - c. Jim J. was notified that the Spring Board meeting will be held the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup>. All rink hockey proposals must be into the office 14 days prior or March 13<sup>th</sup> in order to be added to the agenda.
2. **Live stream at 2020 Nationals Brent B./Bryce**
  - a. Free entry for streaming volunteers?
    - i. We need to set up guidelines and parameters on how volunteers will get credit.
    - ii. Bryce will work with Brent B. on parameters.
    - iii. Could free entry be for the following day, as payment for work done the previous day?
3. **New online membership registration program selection Jim J.**
  - a. Still in progress with goal to have a decision by Feb.
  - b. Down to two software options.
4. **2020 National site floor**
  - a. Discussed above.
5. **Players National Late Fee proposal Rachel**
  - a. Tabled until Feb.

## New Business:

1. **National Rink Hockey Development Program dates and locations? Jim J.**
  - a. Lubbock, Olympia, and Cumberland are offering to host camps.
  - b. Will plan out a payment system for the camps.
    - i. USARS has a Square account.
    - ii. Could we set up a PayPal or Venmo account?
    - iii. Brent B. will confirm on the finance rules.
      1. All money will go to rink hockey.
  - c. All participants will be required to have current USARS membership and be in good standing.
  - d. Costs may be a limiting factor for many participants.
    - i. Have to get the program started. Maybe we start more affordable to lay down the structure, and then raise prices as we invited trainers from overseas.
  - e. Would like the program to ultimately be self-funded.
2. **Team USA Camps Jim J.**
  - a. Discussed above.
3. **U-19 Team Manager – Jim J.**
  - a. Brian Stallman declined positions.
  - b. Jim J. received emails from Brian and Brent Sisson regarding the subject.

- c. **Motion 2** by Pat to nominate Kevin Lemons for team manager.
  - i. Seconded by Bryce.
  - ii. Approved: 8 yes, 1 abstain.
- 4. 90-Day Final Notice for Money Owed**
  - a. 90-day final notice sent to players on USARS accounts receivable list.
  - b. Players on this list will not be eligible to compete at national competition, training camps or international competition until account has been settled.
  - c. If caught skating at a sanctioned event, athlete will face suspension that could be up to two years.
  - d. Players who owe money will be considered not to be in good standing with USARS.
  - e. Threat of going to collection agencies if needed.
  - f. Suggestion of Team Managers sending out emails **Brent**
  - g. Full list of names will not be published. Athletes will be contacted directly.
- 5. Motion to adjourn the meeting by Scott.**
  - a. Seconded by Duane.
  - b. Passed unanimously.

**Next Committee Meeting: February 19th**

**Approved by:** 8 approved, 2 no response



## Reoccurring Membership Proposal

August 9, 2019

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Project: Hockey Athlete Card on membership dues basis.

We are proposing to offer Rink Hockey the opportunity to purchase a reoccurring amateur card membership. This will motivate some members to purchase cards ahead of time, and not wait to last minute. Now is the time to start thinking ahead to create income and motivate player participation. This will only help grow in numbers and volume. I believe if we offer them an opportunity to get 2 - 5 years worth of amateur cards, that our participation numbers will inflate. This will also encourage players to attend nationals, which creates more teams, which brings in more revenue. The reasoning for the discount is to encourage members to purchase multiple years worth of amateur cards. I think we will make up the difference in the discounts by the few members that purchase the multiple years that do not show up. This will balance the budget for amateur cards.

The second phase of this proposal is that we offer the parents, wives, husbands, etc. participation badges. So for instance, my wife paid \$75.00 for the week to attend the games. How about we offer a weekly badge and charge them \$55.00 - \$65.00 to create income for rink hockey. This will also give the families to feel like they are a part of our organization ( which they truly are).

	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total
Standard Membership	1	Year	\$75.00	\$75.00
Late membership (30 day before )	1	Years	\$115.00	\$115.00
2 Year Membership	2	Years	\$70.00	\$140.00
3 Year Membership	3	Years	\$67.50	\$202.50
5 Year Membership	5	Years	\$65.00	\$325.00
Participation cards	1	EACH	\$60.00	\$60.00