

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

On Call: Brent Benson, Rodrigo, Calvo-Leni, Tom Hughes, Bryce Robinson, Kylie Hughes, Don Allen, Scott Ferguson, Pat Ferguson, Duane McMinn

- 1. Treasurer's Report: Deposit from Go Fund Me U19, 290.00; Deposit from Go Fund Me Senior Men, 145.35; Balance, \$ 9049.04**
- 2. Referee Committee Report: With Duane going to Barcelona for the Seminar January 27, he will not be going to Washington in February. Nic Robinson has planned to do a referee seminar during the February meet in Washington. We are still recruiting anyone interested in becoming as referee. The meet as well as the seminar will have to be sanctioned. Shane has told us he will sanction the meet. All attendees will need an amateur card as well as completing the safe sport program from the USOC.**
- 3. Club Representative Committee Report: The Committee has asked for the power point presentation to be sent out to the Hockey Committee to share with any fundraising suggestions. They have asked about the "Rules of the Game," which are available on the USARS website under "Rink Hockey." The Hockey Committee informed them again that ANY meet they participate in MUST be sanctioned and the meet has to be run under USARS Rink Hockey Technical Rules and the Rules of the Game from World Skate. Rodrigo again announced for volunteers interested in becoming a referee. Their next Conference call is Wednesday, January 16th.**
- 4. Referee and Coach's Seminar Barcelona: Duane McMinn, Pat Ferguson, and Brent Sisson have confirmed they are going to Barcelona this month. Mark Woolfolk was a possibility and we hope he will be able to attend.**
- 5. 2019 Nationals: We are working on getting an opening and closing ceremony together. We are looking into a variety of options from a magician to possibly a marching band. We have announced this during the club representative meeting and will bring it up again at next week's meeting. Adding an opening and a closing ceremony will make our**

National Championships more complete. We have had an opening ceremony in the past, but the performers have cancelled at the last moment in recent years. We will do our best to secure the participants and also plan for backups if needed. Maybe some Clubs from the Northwest can be of some assistance with ideas and possible names for the Ceremonies. Rodrigo mentioned contacting the local Universities to discuss some additions to our opening and closing ceremonies.

6. **Pan American Championships Recap:** It was a good tournament. Our players were out of shape compared to the other Teams. We need conditioning to help us keep up. The Men played a zone defense, which worked well for us. Most of the players performed as they were asked, with very little discipline problems. We wish them the best in Barcelona. We need to work with the U19 more to prepare them for the Men's Division. This is where our future lies. Our U19 men were very young and inexperienced, but they listened and proved they wanted to learn. They co-operated with the staff and showed them that they were interested and devoted to the future. They placed in the top 8 National Teams. Good luck to them in Barcelona. As of now, San Juan, Argentina has bid for the 2021 World Games. The Men's and U19 Men's Team coaches were told that due to the Ladies not qualifying in Bogota, they would not be allowed to participate in Colombia. Tom stated that we were waiting for an official contact letter before we would make any kind of announcement.

7. **New Business:** It was brought up about a possible conflict of interest with the staff. Tom will check this out with Peggy and report on this at the next Conference call. We have been told from Olympia that the February meet is sanctioned through USARS. We will check this out with Brent tomorrow. Duane McMinn wanted to go on record to thank the staff of the two Men's Teams for a job well done. The rest of the Committee also thanked the staff for their success in performing their jobs. We know they are difficult jobs to perform, but they did a good job completing their tasks. Nice job guys. The deadline for all of the players Barcelona World Games deposit is March 1, 2019. The deposits should be sent to Peggy Young at the National Office. This is because the deadline for Team registration is March 31, 2019. The deposit amount has been estimated at \$755 per player.

8. **Next Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019; 9pm EST

Approved 5, No response 1