

Agenda
Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday April 22, 2020

Attendance:

Committee Members: Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager Treasurer - Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Duane McMinn (Chairman of Referee Committee - Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - Voting), Don Allen (Committee Member, Coaches Committee, Non-Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

Non-Committee Members: Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), Megan Schuller (USARS Sports Operations Coordinator – Non-Voting), Carlos Pulido (United Florida Club – Non-Voting), Nic Robinson (2021 Team USA Ladies Coach - Non-Voting), Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA Ladies Coach - Non-Voting), Kevin Lemons (2021 Team USA U19 Manager - Non-Voting).

Timekeeper: Scott

1. **Nationals Status Brent**
 - a. Nationals is still on. Will likely be a big point of discussion at the Board Meeting of the weekend of May 2nd.
2. **Update on plans for the Pan American Championship in Florida Carlos Pulido**
 - a. Tournament is moving forward.
 - b. Concerns regarding stay at home policies within Latin American countries.
 - c. Expected dates of tournament 20-24th of November 2020.
 - d. How will sponsorship finances be dealt with?
 - i. Will USARS help provide tax exemptions?
 1. USARS office will work with Carlos on logistics.
 - e. Discussion on USA team member selection and finances.
 - i. Potential sponsorship opportunities for the teams and uniforms.
3. **Treasurer's Report: Duane (Time 5 minutes)**
 - a. Current Balance: \$7,038.96
 - b. Activity: No activity
 - c. **Motion 1** by Pat to approve treasurer's report.
 - i. Seconded by Bryce
 - ii. Passed unanimously
4. **Referee Committee Report: Duane (Time 10 Minutes)**
 - a. All referees are ready to go to nationals.
 - b. No further new business.
5. **Club Committee Report: Scott (Time 10 Minutes)**
 - a. Opening ceremonies
 - i. Could the teams or clubs be presented on the floor?
 - ii. Can club flags be hung throughout the tournament? Where
 1. Jarrod has a contact for good deals on club flags.
 2. Request for team presentation proposal to be drafted and submitted to the committee for review.
 3. Committee would like to see one club representative for the presentation, not the entire team.
 - b. Pan American Games
 - i. Floor will be laid out by Nov. 18th.

- c. T-shirts for nationals.
 - i. Could they be pre-ordered?
 - ii. Could we have rink hockey specific shirts?
 - 1. Could they have all player's names on them?
 - iii. Brent will check with Cricket Loft
 - d. Questions regarding Rink Hockey bank account
 - i. Historically, there has been one account for all teams, and treasurer keeps track of who's money it is.
 - ii. There is a new finance system in place. Brent will confirm the new process.
 - e. How will national teams be selected if the national tournament is cancelled?
 - i. TBD.
 - ii. Team coaches and managers will discuss and propose an alternative selecting method to be submitted to the committee.
 - f. How can we entice sponsors to support rink hockey?
 - i. Sponsorship logos are allowed on uniforms and able to receive recognition.
6. **Coach's Report: Don** (Time 10 minutes)
- a. Level 1 test for review
 - i. Don provided first portion of Level 1 test to committee.
 - ii. Members will review and provide feedback.
7. **Old Business**
- a. **Nationals Logistics - setup, daily hours, and tear down Brent**
 - i. **Set up and tear down**
 - 1. We have the building from 5:30 am – 11 pm every night.
 - 2. Set up on Friday July 24th and tear down from 12 pm on Friday July 31st.
 - a. Derby will begin setting up on the same day, so all hands-on deck will be needed to tear down quickly.
 - 3. Brent will provide a set up and tear down schedule so that people can sign up and commit ahead of time.
 - ii. **New National's Floor Brent**
 - 1. Floor is 180 ft. x 80 ft.
 - 2. Engineer wood project and covered with an acrylic resin.
 - 3. <https://www.vesmaco.com/en/>
 - iii. **Nationals Live Stream – camera and site to be used Brent**
 - 1. New camera will be purchased.
 - 2. Will be able to include the scoreboard in the stream.
 - 3. Microphone will be provided.
 - 4. USARS has committed technical assistance to help set up the system.
 - iv. **USARS Awards & Honors Brent**
 - 1. Names will be finalized at board meeting next weekend.
 - 2. Discussing no longer having the private ceremony and awards may be handed out during opening ceremonies.
 - v. **Estimate Schedules Provided by USARS Jim J./Pat**
 - 1. Based on three different estimated schedules, tournament is expected to begin midday Saturday with ending on Thursday.
 - a. Would allow time for team USA camps afterwards.
 - b. Opening ceremonies expected on Sunday afternoon.
 - c. Expected to exit venue between 8-10 pm depending on the number of attending teams.
 - vi. **National Team USA Camps Schedule Pat**
 - 1. Thursday afternoon – Ladies, Friday morning – U19 and Men.

- vii. **Scorekeeping – clock and screen set up**
 - 1. See map attached below.
 - 2. We could potentially use the venue’s scoreboard, otherwise, we would need space to project our scoreboard.
 - 3. Projector and screen will be available as well.
 - b. **National Team Development Program Jim T.**
 - i. Development program is on hold until Covid19 policies change.
 - ii. Potential fall camp if possible, otherwise, postpone until after 2020 Pan American Games.
 - c. **Finance Representative – needs for nationals, shot clock, etc. Duane**
 - i. Shot clock – Duane has identified a few different options and sent to Brent.
 - 1. Brent will confirm what we need for authorization from finance team purchase.
 - 2. Carlos knows of rink hockey specific shot clocks and will provide them Jim J. to compare.
 - 3. After discussions with Brent Jim pointed out that the requirement for shot clocks were part of our November minutes and was part of the submitted nationals’ budget.
 - d. **Strategic Plan Brent**
 - i. Holding patter until Covid19 policies change.
8. **New Business**
- a. **Rink Hockey Nationals Due to Covid19**
 - i. Discussion on whether to send a letter to the board in support of postponing the national tournament.
 - ii. **Motion 2** – by Jim T. to send a written letter about the committee’s concerns regarding hosting the national tournament.
 - 1. We have concerns of low turnout for the national tournament due to financial struggles of many job losses from Covid19 policies. Furthermore, we’re concerned of high rate of injury due to lack of practices, and health concerns around a contact sport while no vaccine for Covid19 is available.
 - 2. Seconded by Rodrigo
 - 3. Passed with 7 yes, 1 no, 1 absent.
9. **Next Meeting May 20th.**

Approved by 8 approved 1 abstain

