

Rink Hockey Conference Call Wednesday August 12, 2020

Attendance:

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

Non-Committee Members: Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting).

Timekeeper: Scott

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Duane (Time 5 minutes)
 - a. Current Balance: \$7,038.96
 - b. Activity: None
 - c. **Motion 1** by Pat to approve treasurer's report.
 - i. Seconded by Rodrigo
 - ii. Passed unanimously
2. **Referee Committee Report:** Duane (Time 5 Minutes)
 - a. Discussion regarding tournament points awarded for wins and ties differences between US and overseas during first round games.
 - i. US: win = 2 points, tie = 1 point.
 - ii. International: win = 3 points, tie = 1 point.
 - iii. **Motion 2** by Bryce to change to allow tournament first round points to be consistent with international rules. Wins will be 3 points and ties will be 1 point.
 1. Seconded by Duane.
 2. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Update on exception for allow age out U19 athlete's for World Skate (WS) 2021 Championship:
Brent
 - i. No official decision from WS yet.
 1. Rink hockey committee can provide a proposal/request to allow for an extension for players who will age out due to the postponement of the 2020 Pan Am Rink Hockey Championship.
 - a. U19 Team USA Staff will contact all clubs within the US to see if they have any players who would have qualified by the 2020 Pan Am Rink Hockey Championship and no longer qualify for the 2021 Pan Am Rink Hockey Championship.
 - i. Committee will draft and submit a proposal to WS if at least one interested and eligible player was negatively affected by the postponement of the tournament.
3. **Club Committee Report:** Scott (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. No attendance during the call.
 - b. Training camps club interest: Jim T.
 - i. Merced is interested in hosting a training camp.
 - ii. First training camp will likely be in Cumberland, and Second in Texas.
 - c. Links for easy access to USARS postings: Brent
4. **Committee applications:** Brent

- a. Applications are due Sept. 13th, Rink Hockey Committee should receive the applicant names within 2 weeks of Sept. 13th, and Rink Hockey Committee recommendations will be due within two weeks of receipt.
 - b. USARS Board Athletic Rink Hockey Rep. is voted on by a member in good standing during the 2019/2020 USARS season.
 - i. **Motion 3** by Rodrigo to allow all eligible athletes in good standing during the 2018/2019 season to vote for the USARS Board Rink Hockey Athletic Rep. The 2019/2020 National tournament did not occur, therefore there is no way to know what athlete would have competed in the Ladies, Silver, and World Class divisions.
 - 1. Seconded by Tom.
 - 2. Passed unanimously.
5. **Coach's Report:** **Don/Brent** (Time 10 minutes)
- a. Postponed until next call.
6. **Old Business**
- a. National Rink Hockey Team Development/Training Program Site: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
 - i. Jim and Rachel have recorded over 3 hours of drills.
 - 1. Currently editing the videos before going live.
 - 2. Took a while to obtain permission from the state to use a hockey facility for recordings.
 - b. Team USA selection process motion by Team USA Staff: **Jim J.**
 - i. **Motion 4:** The Team USA recommends that USARS modifies the current posted application/resumes to remove the 2020 Pan Am clause and continues to take applications. Deposits will not be required and submitting an application/resume indicates your interest to be on the team and does not guarantee a spot on the team. Team USA staff will re-evaluate the COVID19 situation and Team USA selection process in January 2021.
 - ii. Suggested new language for review by Team USA staff: Team USA Staff recommends that USARS modifies the current posted application/resumes to remove the 2020 Pan American Rink Hockey Championship clause and continues to take applications. Deposits will not be required with application submission. Application/resume submission indicates your interest to be on Team USA and does not guarantee a spot on the team. Team USA staff will re-evaluate the COVID19 situation and Team USA selection process in January 2021. If national guidelines due to COVID19 change and we can host a physical try out, then only those who have submitted their application/resume will be allowed to try out. The application/resume is open to all eligible athletes.
 - c. Update on Texas Tournament: **Jim J.**
 - i. USARS sanction was offered and no response was received from the host.
 - d. Financing of rink hockey teams through Go Fund Me campaigns and USARS rules: **Brent**
 - i. Finance is still discussing these options as it affects all disciplines.
 - 1. Likely to be discussed at the USARS Fall Board meeting.
7. **New Business:**
- a. Resource Development Committee (Rink Hockey Strategic Plan page 9, 2020/2021 Goal 2): **Rodrigo/Brent**
 - i. Currently on hold until decisions from the USARS Board during the fall meeting.
 - 1. Will there be one committee per sport, or one for all disciplines?
 - b. Volunteer of the Year Award to be presented at Nationals 2021: **Jim J.**
 - i. Discussion on adding a new award.
 - ii. Jim J. will investigate the costs of providing our own award to be discussed at the next committee call.
 - c. World Skate Academy

- i. WS has provided the basic idea of the academy but have not provided specifics yet.
 - 1. Brent will provide specifics to the committee once available.
 - d. Committee Position Applications Update: **Brent**
 - i. When are committee recommendations due?
 - 1. Discussed above.
 - e. Fall board meeting: **Brent**
 - i. Executive Committee Meeting on Sept. 18th
 - ii. Fall Board Meeting on Oct. 31st or Nov. 7th. Brent to check with USARS office on exact date.
 - iii. When are the committee motion proposals due?
 - 1. Due 3 weeks to a month prior to the board meeting.
- 8. **Next Meeting:** September 9th

Approved by: 8 approved, 2 no response