

Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday September 16, 2020

Attendance:

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

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

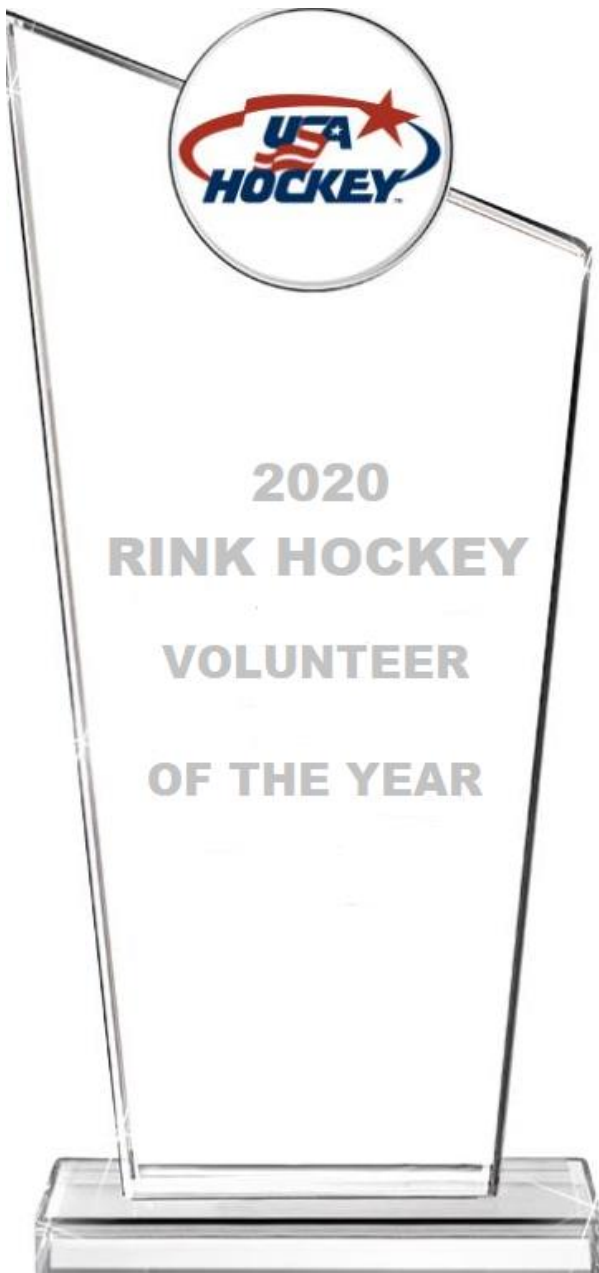
Timekeeper: Scott

1. **Treasurer's Report:** Duane (Time 5 minutes)
 - a. Current Balance: \$7,038.96
 - b. Activity: No new activity.
 - c. **Motion 1** by Rodrigo to approve treasurer's report.
 - i. Seconded by Bryce
 - ii. Passed unanimously
2. **Club Committee Report:** Scott/Rodrigo (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. Discussion on how to increase participation and attendance in subcommittee.
 - i. Start a survey discussing the Club Rep. Sub Committee.
 1. Rodrigo to start a survey regarding the issue.
 - a. Email committee for suggestions before sending.
 - b. Questions regarding Sport80 system.
 - i. Will system show level of membership regarding coach and referee and will the coaches retain their existing level?
 1. Coaches will retain their existing level and be able to see it in their Sport80 account.
 2. USARS also has access to historic data from RSportz.
3. Training camps in Cumberland, Texas, and Merced? Jim T.
 - a. In discussion with Brent Sisson about possible dates for a training camp in Lubbock as regulations allow for playing hockey.
 - i. Participants will be required to have USARS amateur cards.
4. **Referee Committee Report:** Duane (Time 10 Minutes)
 - a. Update on exception to allow aged out U19 athlete's for World Skate (WS) 2021 Championship.
 - i. Do any US players fall into this issue? Scott
 1. Tabled until next committee meeting.
 - b. Restructure of paid referee's for nationals. Duane
 - i. Duane will send a summary of the changes to the community and include current structure for reference.
 - ii. Need to vote on this before fall BOD meeting on Nov. 7th.
 1. Proposal needs to be submitted to the Board for approval by October 7th. Jim will email out proposal for committee vote.
 2. Head referee – Travel and solo hotel.
 3. No per diem referees not playing (with World Class (WC) credentials): Full comp double room. Air, flight, and per diem.
 4. Referees playing any division except WC (with WC credentials): ½ comp. of all: room, flight, and per diem.
 5. Referees (with WC credentials) playing WC: \$15 per game.

5. **Coach's Report: Don/Brent/Jim T.** (Time 10 minutes)
 - a. Jim T. will work with Don to update the coaching level tests and training documentation.
 - i. Level 1 test is complete. Work is needed on Level 2 and 3 tests.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. Committee applications were due on Sept. 13th.
 - i. USOC is moving to 33% of athlete representation in all committees.
 1. Athletes must have been part of Team USA within the last 10 years.
 2. New policy is not active yet.
 - ii. Jim Jost will send applicant names to committee members.
 1. Committee member will voice their suggestions to Brent, who will send the committee's suggestions to the Committee on Committees based on majority rule vote.
 - iii. BOD Athlete Representative applications have been received by USARS.
 1. Ballot of two finalists will be sent out to eligible voters later this month.
 - a. Rink Hockey committee's proposal to expand eligible voters to those registered in during the 2018 and 2019 season was rejected.
 2. **Motion 2** by Rodrigo to write a proposal to allow all eligible rink hockey applicants to the USARS Board of Directors Athletic Representative position to appear on the ballot for all eligible rink hockey players to vote on.
 - a. Seconded by Bryce
 - b. Approved unanimously.
 - c. Proposal will be voted via email.
 - iv. Do we want to include one or two more non-voting members? **Jim J./Brent**
 1. Tabled until next committee meeting. No action required at this time.
 - v. Committee recommendations for positions (Due Date) – **Brent**
 1. Due October 7th.
 - vi. Update on Fall Board Meeting date and structure – **Brent**
 1. On line meeting on November 7th.
 - vii. Update on submitted applications – **Brent**
 1. Due October 7th, 30 days before the Board meeting on November 7th.
 2. Seven applications have been received for Rink Hockey Committee positions.
 3. Jim J. will send out the list of applicants to committee members who then must submit their suggestions to Brent B. by Oct. 15th.
 - a. Specify if voting or non-voting positions.
 - viii. Update on when the Rink Hockey Committee proposals are due for the BOD meeting – **Brent**
 - ix. Rink Hockey Team Development/Training Site – **Jim T. Rachel, and Rodrigo**
 1. Facebook page is live.
 - a. A lot of feedback is requesting to be eligible to share the videos but are blocked since the group is private.
 - i. Facebook does not allow to change the group from private to public.
 - ii. Brent will reach out to Facebook and see if they can make the page public.
 2. Can we create an Instagram page linked to the training page?
 - a. Rink hockey Instagram page has been archived by Instagram.
 - i. Brent will request that Instagram re-activate the page.
 - b. Restructured Team USA Selection Process Motion by Team USA Staff was approved as follows;

- i. Team USA Staff recommends that USARS modify the current posted process for Team USA application/resumes to remove the 2020 Pan American Rink Hockey Championship clause and continue 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 tryout, then we will return to the traditional Team USA selection process through physical tryouts where only those who have submitted their application/resumes will be allowed to tryout. Application/resume submission is open to all eligible athletes. If in person tryouts are not possible, then Team USA election process will remain through the outlined application/resume process currently in place.
 - ii. **Motion 3** by Rodrigo to accept the above language on Team USA selection.
 1. Seconded by Bryce.
 2. Approved unanimously.
 - c. Update on rink hockey committee's proposal for voting on USARS Rink Hockey Athletic Representative – **Brent**
 - i. Discussed above.
 - d. Volunteer of the Year Award to be presented at Nationals - **Jim J. (See below)**
 - i. Jim J. will provide other examples that do not include the USA Hockey logo.
 - ii. Committee will have to decide how the person will be selected.
 - e. Update on World Skate Academy versus Star Skate Program – **Brent**
 - i. World Skate has released information on the artistic skating program.
 - ii. Brent will let the committee know once World Skate releases the rink hockey program.
7. New Business
 8. **Next Meeting October 21st**

Approved by: Approved by 7, 3 no response.



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