

**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Jim Jost (Chairman, 2021 Team USA Men's Manager – Non-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), Brent Sisson (Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting) and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** William Mihay (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting).

**Timekeeper:** **Scott**

- 1. Welcome new committee member and USARS Board Rink Hockey Representative.**
  - a. Committee member: Brent Sisson.
  - b. USARS Board Rink Hockey Representative: William Mihay.
- 2. Nominations and voting for 2021 Rink Hockey Committee Chairman: Jim J.**
  - a. Pat nominated Jim Jost for Chairman.
    - i. Seconded by Rodrigo.
    - ii. No opposition.
- 3. USARS Office Changes: Brent B.**
  - a. USARS had four full time employees. Eric and Tina are no longer there, leaving two full time employees.
    - i. Board is looking into brining an interim director to replace Eric.
  - b. Duties are split between Brent B. and Megan S.
    - i. System is currently having issues transferring some of the background checks and SafeSport information.
      1. Contact Brent B. and he will upload it manually.
- 4. Fall Board Meeting Update: Jim J. and Tom**
  - a. Rink Hockey Fund
    - i. Rink Hockey is unique in having their own fund, which was grandfathered into when USARS changed their system.
    - ii. It is unclear how the \$50 per nationals team will be collected and dispensed to the Rink Hockey fund.
    - iii. Finance Committee will have to clarify once a new treasurer is in place on how we will handle finances going forward.
  - b. Tentative dates for 2021 Rink Hockey Nationals would be on July 11<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. Waiting on confirmation from the City of Cedar Rapids.
    - ii. Rink Hockey will have their individual arena within the same building as the other disciplines.
    - iii. Rink Hockey will have a new floor for competition.
    - iv. There may be suction cups that can be used with the rink walls to stop the walls from moving.
      1. Tom will investigate the suction cups since we will not be allowed to use Velcro on the new floor.

2. Rink will be placed within an ice hockey rink with existing walls; therefore, one side of the rink hockey will be stopped from moving by the existing ice hockey walls.
5. **Changes to reporting foundation funds: Jim J.**
  - a. Rink hockey no longer has a 501c as it expired.
  - b. Discussion on starting a new 501c
    - i. Jim J. will send Brent S. the current information so that he can review the situation.
6. **Referee Committee Report: Duane** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Report on Kicking and Hooking is attached below.
    - i. Duane received a lot of complaints to the new rules during the Merced tournament.
  - b. Daniel Martinnazzo contacted Jim J. about a referee conference and requested that we include a Spanish or Italian speaking person.
    - i. Rodrigo of Jim T.
7. **Club Committee Report: Scott and Rodrigo** (Time 10 Minutes)
  - a. Survey progress.
    - i. Survey draft has been shared with the committee.
      1. Comments are requested by Wednesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
      2. Survey to be sent out by Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.
8. **Coach's Report: Brent B.** (Time 10 minutes)
  - a. Don is no longer in the committee and unclear if he'll want to continue working on coaching process. Tom will contact Don to clarify his intentions regarding Rink Hockey work.
  - b. Jim T. provided Level 1 and Leve 2 tests to the committee.
    - i. Comments are requested within a couple of weeks.
      1. Aim for Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, although comments afterwards will still be welcomed.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a. Update on training videos through Rink Hockey Facebook page: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
    - i. Trouble getting into the facility to record videos.
    - ii. Jim T. has purchased a whiteboard to be used during the videos.
  - b. Rink Hockey Training Development/Training Site: **Jim T., Rachel, and Rodrigo**
    - i. Are Facebook and Instagram accounts public? **Brent B.**
      1. Could not change private account into public, therefore Brent B. created a new account as public.
        - a. Private account will be closed.
      2. Instagram account has been deactivated as we cannot connect it to a new Facebook account.
        - a. Brent B. will create a new account and link it to the new public Facebook account to be used.
  - c. Scoreboard Software Request: **Bryce**
    - i. Software was not received from Don. Tom is trying to locate his copy.
      1. Copy was not received.
      2. Merced tournament used a different software which included most things.
        - a. Did not include shot clock.
    - ii. Need to decide what scoreboard software will be used for the national tournament.
      1. Tom will talk with Don later this week and will ask about the software.
  - d. USARS Training Webinar for Rink Hockey: **Tom and Jim T.**
    - i. Tom contacted Heidi. Daniel Storm is the new chairman of the training committee. Tom will contact Don to clarify his information on starting a club and leagues.
      1. Webinar will be a presentation to show how to start a club and league.
        - a. Webinars will be a part of membership perks where each discipline will be able to share about their sport.

- i. Brent B. will send the website to the committee which show the outline of the program.
  - b. First webinar will be in January.
    - i. Tom will confirm the date and inform the committee.
  - c. Rink Hockey needs to provide a training video of the basic of rink hockey, including how to put on equipment and how to hold a stick.
    - i. Tom will send criteria of the video to Rachel, Jim T., and Rodrigo.
- e. Criteria for Volunteer of the Year Award to be presented at Nationals by the committee: **Jim J.**
  - i. Should we include a question in the survey asking what the community thinks should be the criteria for the award?
  - ii. Send criteria suggestions to Jim J. by Wednesday Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**10. New Business:**

- a. February Florida Hockey Tournament: **Jim J.**
  - i. Tournament flyer stated a “possible Team USA qualifying camp”. This has since been rescinded.
    - 1. Brent S. stated there may be two coaches from Spain that will be attending the tournament and are open to host a training camp.
      - a. Will not be an official Team USA training camp.
    - ii. Team USA staff will meet in January to decide how they will move forward in 2021.
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- b. Rink Hockey Grant Request: **Brent B.**
  - i. Ana Rabold helped with the application.
  - ii. Brent will get an update from Megan this week and will notify the committee.

**11. Next Meeting: January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**12. Motion 1: To adjourn the meeting by Duane**

- a. Seconded by Don.
- b. No opposition.

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

## **KICKING**

**Article 6.2-** The ball can be stopped with the skates or with the body, but never with the hands, except in the following cases:

- a. Attacking player when inside the rival penalty area.
- b. Defending player who, being inside his penalty area, deliberately cuts a pass or a shot from an obvious goal occasion, infraction that must be sanctioned with a penalty.

**Article 21.2.b-** When the ball is stopped or deflected by an involuntary rebound on the body or skates of a defending player. This action is not sanctioned by the Main Referees, as long as it does not prevent the achievement of a goal.

### **Article 15- Technical Fouls**

- b. Immobilize or keep the ball immobilized between the fence and the skates or between the fence and the stick.
- I. Avoid a goal by intercepting the ball with any part of the body.
- J. Defender who, while inside his penalty area, cuts a pass from an obvious goal opportunity with his skate or any part of his body.
- K. Intentionally kicking the ball with the skates.

## **HOOKING**

### **Article 18- Blue Card Fouls**

- 1g. Put the stick, foot, or own leg in front of the foot or leg, or between either feet or both legs of the opponent so that he trips and falls.
- 1h. Hooking the *skate (translation error from Spanish to English edition)* of an opposing player with the stick, *even in the event that it occurs involuntarily*, and the opposing player is not knocked down.
- 1i. Hooking or hitting the stick of an opponent preventing him from making a shot on Goal. *(old rule: 32.1.8- Hook, by means of the stick, the skate of an opposing player, even if done unintentionally and even if the player in question does not end up being knocked over)*

### **Article 19- Red Card Fouls**

1a- Very serious acts of indiscipline, as well as violent actions that can endanger the physical integrity of third parties. *(old rule: 33.1.5- Intentionally hooking an opponent's skate with the stick, making him hit the floor)*

## **HITTING THE STICK**

### **Article 17- Team Fouls**

4. With the match active and in its course, the team fouls are as follows:

- a. Contact fouls practiced without using violence and without serious physical consequences, such as grasping or pushing an opponent, **hitting the stick successively and with intensity**, or hitting him in the shin guards (NOT HOOKING)

## **ADVANTAGE RULE**

### **Article 26- Advantage Law**

5. The Main Referees must know how to correctly differentiate and evaluate all game situations, particularly when there are actions that can be considered punishable and among these, the situations in which the advantage law must be granted. *When a player makes a light "tap" on an opponent's stick, the Main Referees must allow the match to proceed normally, without signaling any foul.*