

Rink Hockey Committee Call

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Location _ Zoom Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call _ Rodrigo Calvo-Leni

Committee Members: Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men's Coach - Voting), Tom Hughes (At-Large Board of Directors – Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), Brent Sisson (Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

Non-Committee Members: Christina Stang (San Diego Hockey Club), Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA Ladies' Manager, and Club Representative Sub-Committee Representative), Kevin Lemons (2021 Team USA U19 Manager), William Mihay (Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting), and Nic Robinson (2021 Team USA Ladies' Coach).

Previous Meeting Minute _ Approved Monday, June 28, 2021

1. New Business _

Allotted Time: 30 Mins

- a. Discussion Regarding 2021 National Championship.
 - i. Discussion about bringing international referees.
 1. Could potentially be included in the tournament's budget.
 2. Could be used as a training opportunity as well.
 3. Brent Sisson will work on a proposal to bring at least two international representatives.
 - a. Looking for other proposals that we can bring up to the Board to make the 2022 Rink Hockey National Championships.
 - b. International referees would be on top of domestic referees.
 - c. There were many complaints regarding consistency of referees.
 - i. International referees may help uniform domestic referees.
 4. **Motion 1** by Jim Trussell to allow by Brent S. to begin work on a proposal to bring international referees to the 2022 Rink Hockey National Championship.
 - a. Seconded by Tom.
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
 5. Discussion regarding ongoing referee and coaching training.
 - a. Outside of in person trainings, monthly or bimonthly sessions online seminars could be had.
 - b. Directive from committee was decided during the May 19, 2021 minutes.

- ii. Other budget and requests should include budget for announcers, ample seating, software and hardware needed for score keeping and live streaming, and photographer.
 - 1. Will aim to live stream every game.
 - a. If manpower or budget is limiting, we could focus on streaming and announcing all playoff games for every division.
 - 2. Will continue to discuss in ongoing meetings with a goal to submit a proposal for the fall USARS Board meeting for early approval.
- b. ARHA agenda.
 - i. ARHA is working on taking some teams to the America's tournament in Argentina this fall, as well as recruiting some members from the ladies and men's Team USA.
 - 1. Letter from USARS described that there are two organizations and players can choose to participate in either or both organizations.
 - a. Official Team USA for World Skate tournaments will come from USARS.
 - ii. Challenge for us to improve tournament management, execution, and entertainment.
 - 1. Further discussion of ideas of issues and potential steps forward.
- c. Team USA packets are due ASAP.
 - i. Due date was July 23rd.
 - ii. Payments will be do once budgets are finalized.
 - iii. Discussion regarding arrival and departure times for Florida.
 - 1. Team managers will discuss with athletes.
 - iv. Brent S. and Bill M. are discussing uniforms and warm-up suits.
- d. New Rink Hockey National Scheduling Proposal by Christina Stang.
 - i. Discussion regarding the proposal which will be attached to the minutes.
 - ii. **Motion 2** by Rachel T. for Christina S. to move forward on separating the kid divisions from the adult divisions schedule for the 2022 national championship as well as a team ranking system.
 - 1. Seconded by Rodrigo
 - 2. Motion carries: 5 yes, 2 abstain.
- e. Pan American Rink Hockey Championship & Schedule (Carlos Pulido).
 - i. What floor will be used?
 - 1. Required to have a wood floor.
 - a. May be able to use the floor which was used at the 2021 National Championship.
 - b. Carlos has walls for the rink and the funding to transport the floor.
 - i. USARS is responsible for floor assembly.
 - ii. 4 teams are currently confirmed for the tournament.
 - iii. Kevin Hayes to write a memo to provide information to all three Team USA.
 - 1. Brent B. and Brent S. will confirm the information prior to being sent to the athletes.

- f. **Motion 4** by Pat to accept Bill Mihay as Men's Team USA Manager.
 - i. Seconded by Rodrigo
 - ii. Motion carries: 6 yes. (1 member left the call prior to vote).
 1. Rodrigo will send motion to Brent B. for Executive Committee to approve Bill as the team manager.

2. Open Floor for New Business _

- a. Rodrigo to participate in international call for "America Hockey Patin" with delegates throughout the Americas.
 - i. Will report back to the committee as to what the meeting discusses and future goals.

Next Meeting _ August 25, 2021.

1. **Motion 5** by Pat to end Meeting.
 - a. Seconded by Jim.
 - b. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: