

Rink Hockey Committee Call

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Location _ Zoom Meeting

Timekeeper _ Scott Ferguson

Call To Order

Roll Call _ Rodrigo Calvo-Leni

Committee Members: 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), Duane McMinn (Treasurer and Referee Committee - 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: Anna Rabold (Ocala Hockey Club), Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA Ladies' Manager, and Club Representative Sub-Committee Representative), 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 7, 2021

1. Unresolved Business _

Allotted Time: 30 Mins

- a. Scorekeeping System
 - i. Approved Score Keepers?
 1. Two compensated score keepers have been approved.
 2. There are other score keepers interested in helping throughout the tournament.
 3. Anyone else interested in helping with score keeping please email Bryce at sk88er1951@gmail.com or Brent Benson at bbenson@usarollersports.org.
 4. All scorekeepers must be in good standing and have approved background checks.
 5. Main score keeper is open to playing music during stoppage of game play. Request for help with music during higher division games.
 6. Rachel T. will create a playlist and share with community and committee for suggestions and feedback.
- b. Projectors and Screens
 - i. Venue is looking at obtaining projectors and a new screen.
 - ii. If venue cannot provide the necessary projectors and screens, USARS will provide one projector and screen.
- c. Laptops and Software

- i. USARS will provide laptops.
 - ii. The scoreboard is web-based.
- d. Shot Clocks
 - i. Duane has provided shot clocks to USARS.
 - ii. Brent B. will confirm with Finance Committee as to whether shot clocks were approved to be purchased in time for the 2021 National Tournament.
- e. Referees
 - i. Level 3 Referees, Level 3 Referees, and Volunteer Referees
 - 1. All referees are ready.
 - 2. If anybody else is interested in volunteering, please contact Duane at duanemcminncaa@gmail.com.
 - ii. Live Streaming Availability
 - 1. USARS National Committee is working on Live Streaming.
 - 2. USARS is currently looking at purchasing equipment for Speed, Artistic, and Rink Hockey streaming.
 - 3. Live Streaming Proposal from Anna Rabold will be discussed later on the call.
 - 4. Worst case scenario, we will be able to live stream through Facebook Live.

2. Old Business _

Allotted Time: 30 Mins

- a. Covid Issues
 - i. No covid restrictions during the 2021 National Championship.
- b. International Players' Participation in 2021 National Championship.
 - i. As discussed in previous call, international players with active USARS membership, in good standing, and part of an existing rink hockey club will be allowed to participate at the 2021 National Championships.
- c. 2021 Rink Hockey Pan American Championship
 - i. Is championship still on?
 - 1. Unclear on how many nations will participate.
 - 2. Brent S. will follow up with Carlos P.
 - ii. Did they get funding from USARS?
 - 1. USARS president has sent a letter to Carlos showing USARS support of the championship.
 - iii. Do teams have to participate in tournament to qualify for 2022 World Roller Games?
 - 1. 2021 Rink Hockey Pan American Championship will no longer be considered a qualifying tournament for the 2022 World Roller Games.
- d. Team USA Costs
 - i. Team membership payment will be due at the 2021 National Championships once the team is announced.
 - ii. Final costs have not been finalized. Brent B. will confirm with Finance Committee and provide estimated costs as soon as possible.
 - iii. Discussion of possibilities for Team USA to train.

- e. **Motion 1** via Text Conversation on June 10, 2021
 - i. Motion by Tom to extend team registration deadline for 2021 National Championships to June 18th.
 - 1. Seconded by Bryce.
 - 2. Motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. 8 out of the 9 committee members were included in the text conversation. The 9th member does not have texting capabilities and was included via phone calls.

3. New Business _

Allotted Time: 30 Mins

- a. Questions regarding 2021 National Championship floor assembly.
 - i. Are volunteers needed to assemble the floor?
 - 1. No volunteers needed. USARS will assemble the floor prior to Rink Hockey's arrival.
 - 2. Rink Hockey Committee is responsible for setting up the rink's walls and nets.
 - a. Need as many people as possible on Friday, July 9th to help with set up.
 - 3. Referees will place official lines.
 - 4. USARS will provide more water barrels than previous years to keep walls in place.
- b. Will 2022 World Team be selected during the 2021 National Championships?
 - i. Team UA being selected at the 2021 National Championship will be for the 2021 Pan American Championship.
 - 1. https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Roller-Sports/2020/2021-Rink-Hockey-Pan-American-Nation?fbclid=IwAR29z4DeoTjHW3NjTOB6dSC-X8F3cCSXbXJph77qoVzZQ7zQt7oA_J8C
 - ii. Date for 2022 World Roller Games has not been finalized, therefore picking the final team roster during the 2022 National Championship may be too late for training.
 - iii. **Motion 2** by Jim T. to select Team USA roster for the 2021 Pan American Championships and the 2022 World Roller Games during the 2021 National Championship. The final roster for Team USA will be selected during an open tryout camp which will be held in early 2022. Date TBD.
 - 1. Seconded by Rodrigo.
 - 2. Motion passes unanimously.
- c. 2021 National Championship Schedule
 - i. Start times and last game.
 - 1. Teams have until Friday, June 18th to register.
 - 2. Currently expecting 33 teams.
 - 3. Competition days are Sunday July 11th, through Friday July 16th.
 - ii. World Team Tryouts
 - 1. Tryout times will be known by early next week once tournament schedule has been finalized.
 - 2. Teams would like to have tryouts on Friday, July 16th.

3. Discussion on length of tryouts. Each team will likely receive two hours of floor times.
 - a. Ladies coach has requested 1 hour.
4. 10-15 minutes prior to the tryouts will be required for presentation on team expectations.
5. Rink tare down will occur after tryouts.
 - a. Athletes are encouraged to help with tare down.
6. All interested in trying out for Team USA must sign up through the only registration.
 - a. Application will be available until tryouts begin.
 - b. Application form: <https://form.jotform.com/201566591133049>
- iii. World Team Expectation Presentation.
 1. Presentation will be held before the beginning of tryouts during the 2021 National Championships to discuss expectations, process, and answer any questions that may arise.
- iv. World Team Tryout Fees of \$25.
 1. A fee of \$25 will be collected from each player.
 - a. Fees are used as fundraisers for Team USA.
 2. Fees collected by each team remain with that team. Examples, fees collected by the Ladies Team USA will be sent to the Ladies Team USA.
- v. Team USA Uniforms.
 1. Bill M. has volunteered to help with team uniforms for all three teams, and will provide estimated costs.
- vi. Anna Rabold Live Streaming Proposal.
 1. Proposal is attached below.
 2. **Motion 2** by Rachel for a budget of \$1,500 to fund Anna's Proposal Option #2, which would cover professional streaming for the last 3 days of rink hockey at the 2021 National Tournament.
 - a. Seconded by Rodrigo .
 - b. Motion passes unanimously.
 - i. Anna's Proposal Option #2: Professional Live Streaming for the final games (last three days) of the tournament. This would include team graphics, starting rosters, half time announcements, graphic overlays, sponsor highlights and live score box. Videos would be shared on professional YouTube channel and remain secured on the site after the event.
Investment: \$1,5000 – Flight and hotel coverage 1 day set up and 3 days of 12 hours streaming.
- vii. Anna and Jarrod Rabold ideas for kids' entertainment.
 1. Suggestion to include skills competitions for different age groups, to add further entertainment to kids throughout the week.
 - a. Could be used as a fund raiser with small fee, such as \$5.
 2. Discussion on using the extra space next to the rink for events.

- a. All skating events would require helmets, otherwise, USARS should not have a problem.
- b. Volunteers can be picked to run events.
- c. Budget allows for another plaque to be created for skills competition.
- d. Pat will include time within the schedule to allow Anna and Jarrod Rabold to lead the events.
- e. Brent B. will confirm with the facility to see if a bounce house could be brought in.

4. Open Floor for New Business _

- a. Are there times available to host a clinic led by international trainers during the 2021 National Championship?
 - i. Alan Karam is looking at bringing a couple of international trainers to run camps at the 2021 National Championship.
 - ii. Training clinic would be for floor players and goalies.
 - iii. Expected cost of \$20.
 - iv. Training would be open to all levels and genders.
 - 1. Potential of having two or three sessions to cover various groups.
 - 2. Each session would last about 1.5 hours, as the priority of the week is the tournament.
 - v. Clinics would be more informational than hands out, so that players can keep their energy for games.
 - vi. Timing cannot be confirmed until team registration has been completed, and tournament schedule has been finalized.
- b. Canva Access
 - i. Brent B. will add Rachel T. as a team member to USARS' Canva account to use for marketing and development material for Rink Hockey.

Next Meeting _ July 12, 2021 during the 2021 National Tournament. Time will be decided once tournament schedule has been finalized.

- 1. **Motion 3** by Pat to end Meeting.
 - a. Seconded by Scott.
 - b. Motion passed.

Minutes Approval: 7 approved, 2 no response.