Rink Hockey Committee Call

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Location _ Zoom Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call _ Brent Sisson

Committee Members: Committee Members: Mark Brailey (Referee Committee – Voting), Kevin Hayes (2021 Team USA Ladies’ Manager, and Club Representative Sub-Committee Representative – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), Rachel Trussell (Female Representative - Voting), and Brent Sisson (Voting).

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

Previous Meeting Minute _ Approved  Wednesday, November 10, 2021

1. Unresolved Business _ Allotted Time: 30 Mins
   a. Meet Director Testing Program:
      i. Jim T. will outline a testing program and submit it to the committee.
      ii. Testing program must be finished by Sept. 2022.
   b. Discussed Officials Testing Program:
      i. Mark Brailey will review and updating the existing tests.
      ii. Mark will reach out to Duane for historic information.

2. New Business _ Allotted Time: 60 Mins
   a. Discussed international referees’ assistance at U.S. National Championships.
   b. Discussed quality referees in the U.S. and how to improve and prepare them to qualify as level 3 officials to participate in international competition.
   c. Creation of technical Sub Committees:
      i. Discussed the creation of a Referee Sub Committee and holding re-occuring meetings with Mark.
      ii. Discussed the creation of a Coaches Sub Committee in which Scott may currently lead.
   d. 2022 U.S. National Championship discussion - dates, location, and floor arrangements:
      i. Conflict with Artistic World Championships with U.S. National Championships.
      ii. Scoreboard discussion.
      iii. Referee discussion.
      iv. Meet director and or assistant meet director.
         1. Bryce is not sure he will be at the 2022 National Championships.
   v. Wall set-up and tear-down.
      1. Should be easier.
      2. Looking into new dasher boards.
      3. Organization help for set-up and tear-down is needed.
vi. Organization of practice times for team on Saturday prior to the beginning of the tournament.

vii. Discussed sponsorship packets.
    1. Video advertising.
    2. Streaming and supporting Rink Hockey games during National Championship.
    3. More work is needed to decide how stream our games.
    4. Discussed ideas to create revenue for organization.
       a. Entry fee charge at National Championships.
       b. Open to ideas.

e. Rink Hockey Non-Profit Organization:
   i. Brent created a new non-profit organization to manage and protect Rink Hockey Funds.
      1. Old 501c3 organization is in default and was closed.
      2. Brent may open a new 501c3 later if needed.
      3. Tabled nominee for 501c# organization.
   ii. New account for fund located at Wells Fargo.
   iii. Jim Trussell, Rodrigo Calvo-Leni, and Brent Sisson are on the account as managers.

f. Discussion focused on growing Ladies and Youth programs:
   i. Contact ladies to discuss improvements.
   ii. Improve referees.
   iii. Better game time placement for Ladies division games during tournaments.
   iv. Discussed overlooked issues when ladies are asking or needing help.

g. San Diego Practice Event:
   i. Event was sanctioned.
   ii. Will be casual and non-competitive in nature.

h. World Team Training:
   i. Jan/Fed training did not happen due to COVID and other concerns.
   ii. Invited Spanish coaches will host trainings on April 7-14 in Lubbock, TX.
      1. Ladies’ teams are invited to participate in the training and tournament.
      2. Preferred for training to occur before tournament begins.

i. Discussion regarding inviting European team to participate in U.S. National Championship.

j. Hockey Dash Boards:
   i. Brent and Heidi are working on getting new hockey dash boards.

k. Wood floor for Rink Hockey at National Championships:
   i. Negotiations are on their way regarding use of wood floor.
   ii. Would it be possible to use wood floor in place of blur floor?

l. National Championship Broadcasting:
   i. Miguel would be a good option for Rink Hockey broadcasting.
   ii. Miguel would improve our sport’s image with better streaming and broadcasting.
m. Heidi is looking to host a tournament in Las Vegas for all skating sports in January 2023.

3. **Other Business**  
   Allotted Time: 30 Mins
   a. Organizer needer for a World Team coaches call.
   b. Awards for clubs at National Championships for most teams and placements.
   c. Discussed the possibility of creating a 45+ division for the 2022 U.S. National Championships.

4. **Next Meeting**  
   February 9, 2022 @ 8:00 pm CST depending on schedule.

5. **Meeting adjourned.**

**Minutes Approval:** Approved by 4, 6 no response.