

## **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-occurring 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.