

Rink Hockey Committee Call

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Location _ Zoom Meeting

Timekeeper _ Scott Ferguson

Call To Order

Roll Call _ Rodrigo Calvo-Leni

Committee Members: Mark Brailey (Referee Committee – Voting), Pat Ferguson (Committee Member, 2021 Team USA Men’s Coach - Voting), Scott Ferguson (Athlete Representative, 2021 Team USA U19 Coach - 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), Brent Sisson (Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

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

Previous Meeting Minute _ Approved February 18th, 2022.

1. **Unresolved Business _** **Allotted Time: 15 Mins**
 - a. Approve previous meeting minutes:
 - i. Committee to review and approve prior to Friday, Feb. 18th.

2. **Old Business _** **Allotted Time: 30 Mins**
 - a. World Team Training:
 - i. There are Spanish coach and five players (2 goalies and 3 floor players) confirmed to attend the April tournament in Lubbock, TX.
 1. April 8-10.
 - ii. Invitation for all three national teams to train during the tournament with the Spanish coach.
 - iii. Spanish female team may attend the tournament if enough ladies’ teams register for competition, which includes one of the Spanish national team goalies.
 - iv. Training dates are flexible but suggested to occur a few days prior to the tournament.
 1. Training camp could be open to anyone, with a focus on the national team.
 2. **NOBODY WILL BE TURNED AWAY FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT.**
 - v. Brent will see if training can occur on a secondary location, which would provide a larger floor for exercises.

- vi. Brent will confirm training dates and provide them to the national team coaches and managers to order to check availability with national team players.
- vii. Discussion regarding other potential training camps or tournaments.
 - 1. Could we host a training camp after the completion of the 2022 National Championships?
 - a. Hard to predict the length of the tournament without knowing how many teams will register.
 - 2. Could the teams travel overseas to play in other tournaments or training?
- b. Signing up responsibilities for Nationals:
 - i. Will need someone new to oversee score keepers.
 - 1. Brent is hoping to include a bigger budget for score keepers during the 2022 national championship.
 - 2. Bryce suggests no less than 6 people to be registered and ready to assist with score keeping.
 - ii. Discussion regarding streaming for nationals.
 - 1. Kevin Hayes is interested in organizing streaming services.
 - 2. Could the streaming provider obtain sponsors to show during broadcast?
 - a. Sponsors would most likely have to be cleared with USARS prior to airing.
 - iii. USARS is working on a vendor package for the 2022 national championships.
 - 1. Packet will be provided to the committee once ready.
- c. Referees zoom calls:
 - i. Mark has been collecting a list of people interested in participating within a referee call.
 - 1. Mark is connecting with each individual directly prior to stating the call.
 - ii. Brent will work on including funds for two international referees to participate at the 2022 national championships.
 - 1. Brent B. will confirm the due date for the rink hockey budget to the Board and will provide the date to the committee.

3. New Business _

Allotted Time: 60-120 Mins

- a. U.S. Rink Hockey Association account:
 - i. Brent has applied for a 501c3.
 - 1. Cannot open a bank account until the 501c3 has been created.
 - a. Account will be within Bank of America.
 - 2. 501c3 status will help obtain sponsors and donors to rink hockey.
 - ii. Old account will be dissolved.
- b. Town Hall:
 - i. Discussion regarding April tournament, which has been discussed above.
 - ii. Discussion regarding national team trainings, which has been discussed above.
 - iii. Carlos Pulido is organizing a tournament in Bogota, Colombia with a tentative date of June 15th.

1. Could U.S. national teams participate?
 - a. Coaches and managers should discuss during their upcoming call.
- c. Men's, Ladies, U19 training;
 - i. Discussed above.
- d. National's budget;
 - i. **Motion 1** by Jim Trussell to increase team registration fee to \$550 for the national championship to help with the USARS budget.
 1. Seconded by Kevin.
 2. Motion passes unanimously.
- e. National schedule;
 - i. Status of discussion regarding changing the schedule to separate the younger games with the adult games proposed by Christina Stang.
 1. Need full proposal from Cristina discussed in earlier committee call.
 2. Colby Moyer and Raleigh Bamer are hosting an Instagram Live discussion on Feb. 10th. Rachel T. will reach out to Colby and Raleigh to see if they would be interested in asking this question to the community during the broadcast.
- f. Creation of a Masters' division for 45+:
 - i. Most other countries already have a Masters' division and host tournaments.
 - ii. May bring in more money as more international teams would be interested in participating.
 - iii. Likely to allow Masters' division players to also play in Silver, Bronze, or Ladies division.
 1. Following current rules of each division that allows for play in double division.
 - iv. We could try the division for one tournament before deciding whether to create a permanent division.
 - v. Discussion regarding whether we should consider eliminating division if there are too few teams.
 1. In-Season division changes must be cleared by the BOD.
 2. Motion 2 by Kevin to propose the following divisions changes to 9U, 12U, 15U, 19U, and Masters.
 - a. Seconded by Jim T.
 - b. **Motion 2** passes unanimously.
 - i. Jim T. will draft the proposal and will provide it to Brent B. by Friday Feb 11th, to be presented to the BOD for their Sunday Feb. 13th.
 3. We have had rules in prior tournaments where each team is guaranteed a minimum of four games, which is greatly affected if there are only two teams in the division.
 - vi. Coach's Call:
 1. Jim will assist in organizing the coach's call.

2. Call will be for all coaches within the U.S.
4. **Next Meeting** _ March 9, 2022 @ @ 8:00 pm CST depending on schedule.
5. **Motion 3** by Pat to end Meeting.

Minutes Approval: Approved by 5, no response from 5.