

## **Rink Hockey Committee Call**

**Wednesday, May 11, 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 (2022 Team USA Ladies’ Manager, and Club Representative Sub-Committee Representative – Non-Voting), Bryce Robinson (Regional Rep. - Voting), Jim Trussell (Committee Member – Voting), Brent Sisson (Voting), and Rodrigo Calvo-Leni (Secretary, Athletic Representative - Voting).

**Non-Committee Members:** Brent Benson (USARS Staff Advisor – Non-Voting), Kevin Lemons (2022 Team USA U19 Manager), William Mihay (2022 Team USA Men’s Manager, and Rink Hockey Athlete Representative to the Board of Directors – Non-Voting) Nic Robinson (2022 Team USA Ladies’ Coach).

**Previous Meeting Minute** \_ TBD

Kevin Hayes will be considered a voting member for this meeting since multiple voting members are absent.

### **1. Unresolved Business** \_

**Allotted Time: 30 Mins**

- a. April’s Meeting Notes:
  - i. Have not been finalized;
  - ii. Rodrigo will review meeting recording.
- b. Rink Hockey 501c Account is set up:
  - i. Brent will provide more information to the committee regarding how to use the account;
  - ii. Will close the old account.

### **2. Old Business** \_

**Allotted Time: 30 Mins**

- a. World Team Tryouts 2022 (What to call it):
  - i. How to name the event?
    1. We’ve already had a World Team Tryout, so should this be brand new process and named something else?
      - a. We must know how many original players are still planning to participate in the 2022 roster, which will allow to communicate to how many spots will be available in each team.
    2. Have the coaches and managers heard from players?

- a. Ladies Team;
  - i. Most have continued to play except for an injury.
- 3. Currently, World Roller Games is requiring vaccination for participants;
- 4. Tournament will be held shortly after the 2022 National Championship;
  - a. Forcing attendance to the National Championship could negatively affect availability at the 2022 World Roller Games.
  - b. Discussion regarding a waiver of attendance to the 2022 National Championships for players who attended the 2021 National Championship and Team USA Tryouts;
  - c. **Motion 1** by Rodrigo to request a waiver of attendance to the 2022 National Championships for players who participated in the 2021 National Championship and Team USA Tryouts. The waiver will allow the player to continue to be eligible to participate in the 2022 World Roller Games;
    - i. Seconded by Pat;
    - ii. Motion carries unanimously.
- 5. Current team players who do not participate in the event are still eligible for Team USA, but risk losing their spot to a new participant;
  - a. Plan follows what had been previously discussed and agreed to on Motion 2 from June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 6. 2022 Team USA Challenge;
  - a. Event will allow players to challenge spots on current Team USA rosters as well as open vacancies;
  - b. \$25 per participant;
  - c. Discussion regarding doing one event for all three teams;
    - i. Jim Trussell has offered his help in running the event for any of the coaches.
- b. Rework Kids' Divisions:
  - i. Current clubs with kids teams are Cumberland, Bedford, and Lubbock;
    - 1. Decater may have some kids teams, but many parents are considering not attending due to high gas prices;
    - 2. Changing kids' division ages may destroy the Bedford teams;
      - a. Discussion regarding division ages for the 2022 National Championship;
      - b. Brent S. proposes to return to previous age divisions of 8U, 10U, 12U, 15U, & 18U
      - c. **Motion 2** by Kevin Hayes to postpone Motion 2 from February 9, 2022, until the beginning of the next season;
        - i. Motion 2, 2/9/2022 called for the following division changes to kids: 9U, 12U, 15U, 19U, and the additions of the Masters division.
        - ii. Seconded by Mark;
        - iii. Motion carries unanimously.

- d. **Motion 3** by Kevin Hayes for the 2022 National Championship to include the following divisions: 8U, 10U, 12U, 15U, 18U, and a Masters. The Masters division allows men of 40 years of age or older, Women of 35 years of age or older, and goalies of 30 years of age or older.
  - i. Seconded by Mark;
  - ii. Motion carries unanimously.

**3. New Business \_**

**Allotted Time: 30 Mins**

- a. World Class Division Participation:
    - i. World Division currently has four teams;
    - ii. We have a limited number of qualified referees
    - iii. There is a chance for Nic Robinson (one of the qualified international referees) to be able to build a World Class team for the 2022 National Championship, however, as World Division Referee, Nic is currently not allowed to play the division;
      - 1. Could Nic be the third ref on the score table for all of the World Division games? This may remove potential issues regarding bias;
        - a. Nic refereed his own division during the April tournament in TX.
      - 2. Alternatively, allow Nic referee World Class division games up until the playoffs.
    - iv. Will table discussion;
  - b. Budget currently allows for 5 paid referees for the 2022 National Championships.
  - c. Brent B. will send list of approved vendors to Brent S.;
  - d. National Team Development Camp by Jim Trussell was held in Cumberland, which included 27 participants;
    - i. Discussion regarding t-shirts for the camp.
  - e. We have been approved for streaming for the 2022 National Championships;
    - i. Brent S. will reach out to Miguel to discuss the budget.
4. **Next Meeting \_ June 8, 2022 @ @ 8:00 pm CST** depending on schedule.
5. **Motion 4** by Pat to end Meeting.
  - a. Seconded by Rodrigo;
  - b. Motion carries with no opposition.

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