

**Minutes**  
**Rink Hockey Conference Call**  
**Wednesday August 15, 2018**  
**10:00pm EDT**

**On Call: Tom Hughes, Don Allen, Pat Ferguson, Rodrigo Calvo-Leni, Bryce Robinson, Scott Ferguson, James Jost, Duane McMinn, Brent Benson, Kylie Hughes**

- 1. Treasurer's Report:** Account Total \$ 7531.51, deposits included \$300 from RSE Booth, \$ 242.45 from Camp. Tom deposited today (not included in report), \$1600 from USARS and \$300 from 907 Hockey Booth.
- 2. Referee committee Report :** Duane commended the referees at Nationals. Everyone worked well together, it was nice having Kevin Lemons back. The newest referees, Mark Woolfolk and Kevin Hayes did very good jobs. Bill Dawson did a good job at the N.E. Regionals. It will be nice when Nic Robinson and Mark Brailey come back to Nationals. Hopefully next year in Spokane.
- 3. Coach's Tests:** Don wasn't able to get the #3 Coach's tests administered at Nationals. He is going to send Tom the tests for his 3 candidates. Tom will oversee the testing. We will check the "Heads Up" program on the USARS website pertaining to concussions to see what is required in Washington State. We recommend all coaches take the program for safety purposes. It helps you to recognize possible concussions and the protocol you need to follow per State.
- 4. Club Representative Committee Report:** Rodrigo has e-mailed each registered Club with the information and application for Club Representative. He hopes to have the first call with the Representatives the beginning of September. We hope ALL Clubs participate in this Committee.
- 5. Nationals Recap and Suggestions:** A question was brought up at Nationals regarding Amateur Cards. Although it has been in our rules book almost forever (I know at least from 1980) and in our new Technical Rules since 2013, Amateur Cards must be purchased no later than 30 days before the start of Nationals. Jim made the motion "Amateur Cards must be purchased at least 30 days before the start of the National

Championships.” Pat seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. This rule will remain in effect. Don made the motion “Players holding the League Card may upgrade the card to select all the way up to the start of the National Championships.” Pat seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Tom brought up the situation of the Committee voting on certain rules during our National Championships. He stated that this will not happen again. From now on, a rule is a rule. The Committee agreed with him. He will personally take care of any situations pertaining to the Technical Rules during our National Championships. We are in need of a second compensated official to be scorekeeper/statistician. Tom will bring it up at the Fall USARS Board Meeting. We should have the money in our budget to do this. We need to remind everyone that ALL officials and coach’s, whether they are volunteers or not must pass a background check and the USOC Safe Sport program. Scott requested a shot clock for Nationals. We will look into changing the computer scoreboard program to allow a shot clock to be included. We will need an additional official on the scorer’s table to oversee the shot clock and the technical fouls. Tom brought up the recommendation of having the “Head Referee” be included as a voting member on the Hockey Committee. Don made a motion “For our Head Referee to be added to the Committee as a voting member.” Rodrigo seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The Committee also felt that we should also have a female voting representative on the Committee. Tom asked for Rodrigo and Brent to get the announcement out to the Clubs and on the website. Tom will send the announcement to them so they can get it out on Monday, August 20. The deadline for resumes will be October 15, so we can vote on the member and get the results to the Board meeting. It was also recommended that we get more volunteers to help with the live feed at Nationals. Tom said we need to relocate the camera to the other side of the floor for the presentation of awards.

6. **2018 Pan American Championships:** Tom has had some trouble getting information from South America due to interference from individual(s) in the U.S. He has cleared this up and received an e-mail from the Colombian Federation about the hotels, venues and transportation. At the moment, they are not confirmed on the venues being used because of a change in leadership. We were told we could stay anywhere we like and they will provide transportation. They also guaranteed our security. Tom will keep in touch with them for the information. The Men’s Team and the U20 Men’s Team have committed to going to Colombia. Tom and Don are working on the Ladies Team to try to populate a Team.

- 7. New Business: Rodrigo made a motion: “ When more than one U.S. Rink Hockey Team participates in an International Tournament, all Team’s uniforms will look alike. The decision for uniforms to be agreed upon by each Team Manager.” Don seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. The Team managers may receive photos, quotes and ideas from the players, but the final decision will be agreed upon by the Team managers. Our main objective is to look nice, feel nice and keep the costs down so the players do not have to help pay for the uniforms.**
  
- 8. Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at the regular time.**

**8 Approved, 0 disapprove, 0 abstain**