

Minutes
Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday June 20, 2018
10:00pm EDT

On Call: Don Allen, Tom Hughes, Bryce Robinson, Brent Benson, Jim Jost, Kylie Hughes, Rodrigo Calvo-Leni, Scott Ferguson, Pat Ferguson.

- 1. Treasurer's Report: \$ 6486.85 after camp deposits. Jim made a motion to make the money charged for the tryout camps be earmarked for their respective Divisions (Men's, U20 and Ladies). Motion 2nd by Pat, passed unanimously. Jim made motion to earmark any funds raised by specific divisions for their division. 2nd by Don, passed unanimously.**
- 2. Referee committee report : Duane was not on the call and no report was sent in. Mark Brailey advised us that he will not be in attendance at the 2018 National Championships. Pat stated he thought we could handle the load with the 4 compensated referees we have and the volunteers coming to play.**
- 3. Coaches and Officials Requirement: To be on the team box and official's side of the floor, you must possess a coach's card and pass a background check. You also must take and pass the USOC safe sport program. You will not be able to do so at Nationals. We are to be 100% compliant by June 26, 2018. Anyone not in compliance will be dropped from the list of coaches and officials. If you do not satisfy the requirements for a coach or official, you will not be allowed in the Team box or on the official's side of the floor outside the walls.**
- 4. Club Representative Committee Report: The Club representative application and the information requiring the background check and the safe sport program for coaches and officials will be sent to the Clubs this week.**
- 5. Nationals: Tom will arrive in Lincoln on Wednesday, July 11th to start putting the walls and safety nets in position. If anyone is arriving a day or so early, your help would be greatly appreciated. Duane was scheduled to be in on Friday to line the floor but has**

stated that he will not get in until Saturday. Practice on the floor for ALL teams will run Saturday from 12:00 – 5:00pm. Each Club will receive 30 minutes on the official floor. The Open/coaches meeting and the referee meeting will take place on Saturday evening. The times will be determined when the schedule is finished and the Awards Reception is finalized. We will also schedule 2 exhibition games between the U20 and Ladies National Teams. We hope to have the schedule done by Monday, June 25th.

6. **International Tournament:** Postponed due to troubles with the State Dept. Tom has sent four letters to the Embassy in India and two letters to the Embassy in Mexico City to try to help the Teams with their Visas, but they have not co-operated with us and have pushed the interviews past the starting date of our Tournament, making it impossible for them to attend. We will get more information from the State Department and try to make sure we can get everything in place for next time.
7. **2019 WRG Requirements:** As of now, we have not received a definite yes or no on us having to go to Colombia in December. We have been waiting on a response from World Skate, but have received nothing. Tom will contact various National Organizations on different Continents and World Skate to get a ruling on seeding and our request to not be required to attend the Pan American Championships. He will inform the Committee and the players as soon as he receives word.
8. **Old Business:** Ladies game time; Division requirement; Because the official “Rules of the Game of Rink Hockey” state for the Ladies, Men and U20 game length to be 2 halves of 25 minutes each and be reduced by Continental or Country Organizations to 2 halves of 20 minutes each, the Ladies game time will remain at 2 halves of 20 minutes each. As far as the rule requiring a skater on the National Team to skate his official division the Nationals before the World Championships, this rule will also remain in effect. It was discussed that if we need to amend the rule for a skater(s) in regards to participating and helping out their own Club, then we can do so.
9. **New Business:** We need some volunteer announcers for the scorer’s table. Anyone interested in announcing, please contact a Committee member. We are looking for someone to help out.
10. **Next Committee Meeting:** During Nationals