

Minutes
Rink Hockey Conference Call
Wednesday May 23, 2018
10:00pm EDT

On Call: Tom Hughes, Bryce Robinson, Pat Ferguson, Jim Jost, Kylie Hughes, Don Allen, Scott Ferguson. Rodrigo was absent

- 1. Treasurer's Report: \$5736.85, will deposit \$300 from Cumberland Camp and \$450 from Olympia Camp**
- 2. Referee committee Report : Compensated and Volunteer Officials We will not have a schedule and an idea of how many Teams will sign up for the International tournament until after the June 15th deadline. We hope to have the schedule for the next call. ANY volunteer officials please contact Duane McMinn at Duanemcminncaa@gmail.com All referees need to have black pants, black shoes, blue, white and black shirts. Teams should be aware that the referee's primary combination will be all black in any case of uniform conflicts. Tom has contacted John Fearnow from Cricket Loft to purchase some new shirts for our referees. The referees on the committee recommended (2) 2XL, (2) XL, and (1) L. We need some other sizes for our volunteers. If you know of possible sizes, please let us know. Two level 1 written tests were given to Gary Hendrickson for 2 new officials in the NE Region. Tom has requested 3 tests for Alaska. If you have anyone wishing to referee, please contact Duane and he will send them out. ALL REFEREES must pass the USOC "Safe Sport Program" and a background check BEFORE they will be issued their credentials or be allowed on the floor to referee.**
- 3. Coach's Report: Tests and applications are at the National Office. We have some wishing to test for level 2 and some for level 3. Level 3 tests will be given at Nationals. ALL COACHES must pass the USOC "Safe Sport Program" and a background check BEFORE they will be issued credentials.**
- 4. Club Representative Committee Report: The Club Representative Committee has finished the application for Club representative. The Committee must approve the application before it will be sent out to the Clubs.**

5. **Selection Camps: April 28-29 in Cumberland; May 19-20 in Olympia: Results and future camps.** The staff reported that both camps went very well. They felt like the fundamentals are not being addressed seriously to our players. The fundamentals are very important to the quality of our sport. They need to be taught and practiced continuously. We had 1 senior goalie and 3 U20 goalies tryout. Jim will send Tom a list of participants to be sent in and posted on the website and face book page.

6. **International Tournament: The deadline for registration is coming up quickly. ANY Senior, Ladies or U20 Team playing Nationals is allowed to play the International Tournament at no cost, if you play with the same roster used at Nationals. If you add players or put together an all-star Team, you will be required to pay the \$250 registration fee. The players from the camps will be allowed to play together for the International Tournament at no charge.**

7. **2019 WRG Requirements: As of now, World Skate is trying to require our 3 Teams to qualify through the Pan American Championships December 5-9 in Medellin, Colombia. We are in the process of having Danny Brown write a letter of appeal to excuse us from having to spend the extra money to go to Colombia and then turn around 6 months later and go to Spain. We understand Brazil and Uruguay are also asking to be excused from this unnecessary trip. Tom will keep us informed as soon as he and Danny hear back from World Skate.**

8. **New Business: Responses: New Communications Committee Jim Jost volunteered to represent rink hockey on the new USARS Communications Committee. Jim also recommended a newsletter to be sent out to all of the Clubs to keep them updated on our progress, if they don't read our minutes. We decided that quarterly would be frequent enough to keep everyone in the know. We passed this job on to Rodrigo Calvo-Leni and Kylie Hughes, our Club representative Committee. Scott brought up the fact that his goalies will have to play in different Divisions other than their required official division at Nationals. We voted unanimously to allow his goalies to skate his needed divisions at Nationals so all of his teams can compete. Scott also wanted us to consider doing away with this rule for the future. We tabled this issue until the next conference call. Scott also brought up the 3 sanctioned meet requirement we have for Clubs to attend Nationals. He wanted to know if we could allow Teams without 3 sanctioned meets to attend Nationals. Tom will contact each committee member by e-mail to receive their vote and keep us informed. He also brought up the Ladies game time. He thought the Ladies World Class games should be reduced to (2) 15 minute halves. This was tabled until the next conference call. Pat and Jim brought up the need for training**

camps for players and goalies 16 and under to teach the fundamentals of our sport to our youth. Jim and Pat will ask for input as to the program the camps will follow. We feel that the fundamentals are getting overlooked and not treated as important as they should. These Sanctioned camps could be setup throughout the Country at different times through the year. We could also hold Sanctioned advanced camps at a later date for other players. The amount we would charge the skaters for the camp will be decided at a later time. Brent is contacting the University of Nebraska for someone in the Arts, visual Department for camera people to video our Nationals for Face Book. USARS is supplying the camera(s) for us. This will be our live feed for Face book. Tom will contact Rodrigo and Brent to send out the notice that: ALL COACHES AND OFFICIALS MUST COMPLETE THE USOC SAFE SPORT PROGRAM AND A BACKGROUND CHECK BEFORE THEY WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR AT NATIONALS. IF YOU WANT TO BECOME A NEW COACH, YOU MUST DO SO BEFORE NATIONALS.

9. Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 20, 10pm EDT.