**Rink Hockey Committee Meeting Minutes – November 29th 2023**

Time: 6pm Central

Chairman, President:  Brent Sisson

Minutes:  Jim Trussell

Meeting called to order:  Brent Sisson

Roller Call:  Brent Sisson, Jim Trussell, Kevin Hayes, Scott Ferguson, Pat Ferguson (Voting in Place of Carlos Palido) Rachel Trussell, Lucas Thompson, Shawn Schmelcher, Justin Bradford, Brent Benson,

(USARS Rep) Absent: Carlos Palido

Welcome to Committee new Members: Shawn Schmelcher and Lucas Thompson

Order of Business:

1. **Vote on Committee Chairman/President**
2. Motion Lucas to re-elect Brent Benson, 2nd Pat Ferguson
3. Vote 9-0
4. **Vote on Assistant Chairman/Vice President**
5. Motion: Lucas to have Jim Trussell as Vice Chairman 2nd Brent Sisson
6. Vote 9-0
7. **Vote Rink Hockey National Championship Dates**
8. Discussion of options and time frames
9. Dates suggested 6-12 of July together with Speed Skating on 2nd Floor
10. Motion to approve dates Kevin H, 2nd Lucas Thompson
11. Vote 9-0
12. **Vote on International Rule Changes for Hockey, to be applied to 2024 National Championship and Tournaments**.
13. Motion Lucas to accept and add new World Skate Rules to our National Rule book, while still including the standard exceptions as outlined in our National Rulebook.
14. Major Changes include allowing kicking the ball in all areas except goal crease, whistle of free shots rather than a count-down, ect.
15. Motion Lucas to accept new rules,  Lucas T, 2nd Shawn
16. Vote 8-0-1 absent
17. **Discussion and Vote of new Rule allow 1 player age 45 Gold Player, to roster and play for 1 Silver Team having his 45th birthday after Jan. 1st 2024.  This one player may play in both the Gold the Division and the Silver Division**.
18. Discussion as to how this would apply effect the Silver Division, thought to help promote the lesser teams.  To give older Gold player options to play more in Silver, and still help a Gold Team. Should help both divisions.  One year rule to reevaluate in 2025.
19. Motion: Pat Ferguson, 2nd Justin Bradford
20. Vote 8-0-1 absent
21. **Vote Regarding Referee Manager and Assistant for 2024 Nationals**
22. Jim Trussell Nominated Pat Ferguson, and Kevin Hayes as Assistant 2nd Lucas Thompson
23. Vote 8-0-1 absent
24. **Discussion and Vote on National Meet Director and Assistant Director:  Brent Sisson as President is the Nationals Meet Director, and assistant Director was discussed and decided needed**.
25. Lucas Thompson Nominated himself for position of Assistant Meet Director, Justin Bradford Nominated himself for same position:
26. Vote 6-2-1 absent in favor of **Lucas Thompson**
27. **Apprentice Meet Director Suggested for Justin Bradford**
28. Motion to approve this by Lucas Thompson, 2nd Pat Ferguson
29. Vote 8-0-1
30. **Discussion on the Rink Hockey National League sights and Dates**
31. It was decided that we use the Carlos’s Tournament in Florida in as the February Tournament, and Lucas’s April Tournament as the 2nd location for our league states.
32. The hope of this league to promote more play, keep stats and and give awards out during our National Championship.  The to get Amateur card purchased sooner, and sanction all meets.

**Topics of the Next Rink Hockey Committee Meeting**:

* Election and Established Regional Representatives for our Sport
* How many Regions?
* Who will represent
* National Championship Needs for 2024
* Metals,
* Special Awards
* Live Stream Needs
* Bleachers for Hockey Nationals
* Any request that might help our sport
* Shawn Schmelcher’s request to implement more Officials Training and Testing
* The possibility of a Sub Committee to administrate this
* The Selection of Scoreboard leadership for Nationals
* Better Announcements or having an announcer
* Music between games
* Opening Ceremonies

Lucas Thompson question regarding Training of US Team.  He may arrange training as coaches would like, but should let the committee know of training dates decided upon.  There were no restrictions on what coaches could do for training of their team.

Meeting Adjourned:  Motion by Pat Ferguson, 2nd by Lucas Thompson