USA/RS Rink Hockey Committee Minutes

Wednesday October 11, 2023 at 7pm Mountain Time

President: Brent Sisson

Minutes: Jim Trussell

Non-Voting: Brent Benson, Bill Mihey

Roll Call & Attendance: Carlos Palidio, Pat Ferguson, Scott Ferguson, Justin Bradford, Kevin Hayes,

Absent: Rachel Trussell

Topic A) **National Championship Evaluation**

Discussion on Positives: Tournament went well, no major issues, Foreign

Official were positive. Many Committee & Club Members helped out with Nationals.

Discussion on Negatives: A few issues with Referees, comments by Pat Ferguson on what could be better and issues that we had and should resolve.

Topic B & C) **Need to Update Meet (National Tournament) and Official Rule Book**

Discussion on responsibility. Kevin and Pat will head that work up. Jim T

will help with writing if needed. New rules were added, rules were sent by Brent Benson to review and update hopefully by November Board Meeting.

Topic D) **Two open Committee Seats:**  These are available now to apply.

Application deadline date is October 23.

Discussion as to who might apply: we need to make sure the information get

out to players and coaches.

Brent Benson, Posted this on Facebook and sent emails to members.

Topic E) **National Championship Location for 2024:**

Discussion: Options are as follows: ***Lincoln Nebraska***: Heidi has promised

to allow us to use the main floor. We could have two floors if needed. Concer that we will need to sets of boards, and if we have enough referees to facility two arenas. Other Locations: ***Tacoma, Washington*** ( Christina ) is willing to host the Nationals. Good Facility, but distance and travel is a concern for

Clubs and younger players that are mostly from the east coast and Texas. Christina is willing to do a lot of promoting to increase exposure.

***Bedford Penn***. is another location that is willing to host Nationals. This location would bring youth divisions, but the location is more difficult to travel too. Airports are 2 to 3 hours away. Skating rink is older, but has hosted Nationals in 1980’s. No walls or floor would be needed for either facilities. Plenty of Hotels at all Locations.

Some concerns about the cost of doing our own Nationals outside of Lincoln NE. Cost is about

$50,000. It is late to find a bigger facility and a community to donate money to our organization. The Rink Hockey Committee will make a selection will make Nationals at 1 on the 3 facilities in our next meeting in November before the USA/rs Board meeting.

Topic F) **Location and Time Frame of Pan American Game:**

Discussion: Frustration as to not hearing any information regarding when

and where the Pan Ams will be held. We suspect it will be held in Feb. March with little notice. Carlos also believes also that it may be held in Bogotá

Columbia during that same time period. Seems that Argentina may not be a location for this event.

Additional Topic: **US National Hockey League – USA Champions Cup Proposal**

See Description Outline for detail.

Proposal by Jim Trussell

Discussion on whether the committee wanted to proceed with idea.

Idea was discussed. Concerns might be whether to have play-offs at our National Championships as some players may only play in the League games

and not attend Nationals..

Vote to Move forward with Idea in vote:

Motion by Pat Ferguson, 2nd Scott Ferguson

Vote 7-0 in favor.

2 Tournament League will begin in 2024, possible a Feb. and April tournament. A web-site will display standing and statistics.

See proposal for further information. Idea is to promote attendance at tournaments and build club participation.

Meeting adjourned, Motion by Pat Ferguson, 2nd Justin Bradford