

USA Pentathlon Multisport Board of Directors
Zoom Meeting
November 9, 2021

Call to Order: 2:00pm PST

Board Members present: Tom Shepard, Blair Driggs, Rob Stull, John Helmick, Jim Ruddock, Emily Hamilton, Melanie Henning, Barry Matchet, Harry Greene, and Will Brady. Also, present Kevin Montford.

Chairman Shepard called the meeting to order.

Chairman Shepard stated that the meeting was initiated due to the announcement of the UIPM regarding Pentathlon Post Paris 2024. A video of Juan Samarach, UIPM Vice President was presented regarding the IOC and the potential decisions by its Executive Board at the February Winter Olympic Games in China dealing with the program of events/sports to be included in L.A. 2028. Specifically, it dealt with the continued use of horses in Pentathlon.

Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss and evaluate the repercussions of the IOC position and UIPM Executive Board's recent actions. The Board moved to go out of Executive Session.

Chairman Shepard stated that while it involved decisions by the UIPM and IOC and not USAPM, it was important to understand any repercussions, timing of any changes and hear from the athletes. It was also pointed out that the riding discipline was still included in Paris 2024 and the new format that was to be used. Members Helmick and Stull discussed the recent history during and since Tokyo 2021 and the extraordinary circumstances that led to the UIPM Executive Board's November 4, 2021 – look for a '5th' discipline to replace riding while maintaining the principles of Modern Pentathlon for the L.A. 2028 Olympics. Board discussion included how USAPM should react and how should it move forward. It was determined that the athletes needed to be contacted and input solicited and USAPM needed to form a statement to the UIPM and athletes.

Recommended procedures for the Board election was discussed and approved including: Chairman Shepard recusing himself from any participation on the Nominating Committee (he will be a candidate), substituting Barry Matchett on to the Nominating Committee in Chairman Shepard's absence, establishing the timeline for the election, and notice of the election.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm PST