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## REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC

January 4, 2020

AAC Chair Barbara Brand called the conference call meeting to order at 8:05 am PDT.

<b>Roll Call of USAT-AAC Members</b>	Present	Absent	Comments
Barbara Brand, Chair	✓		
Nia Abdallah	✓		
Olie Burton	✓		
Logan Gerrick	✓		
Stephen Lambdin		✓	
Bernard Posey		✓	
La Shondra Rawls	✓		
Sanaz Shahbazi	✓		
Corbin Stacey		✓	
Ron Southwick	✓		

### **Guests**

None

### **I. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes**

The 11/2, 12/7 meeting minutes were approved.

### **II. Chair Report - B. Brand**

On 12/7, Chair shared with reps N.Abdallah/O.Burton/R. Southwick, the 2020 Cadet and Juniors Pathways, a document which details the routes by which junior, cadet sparring athletes will earn a spot on the national team. The reps provided feedback and requests for clarification. USAT HP responded with satisfactory clarification.

On 1/3, Chair was contacted by S. McNally and discussed:

- Pathways documents
- Resolution of Poomsae athlete issue with Grand Slam Final venue mat size, ceiling height
- Request for Athlete Rep to participate in Olympic Selection Conference
- Forming commissions on Grassroots Sparring and Poomsae

During report discussion, N.Abdallah agreed to attend Olympic Selection Conference, and L.Gerrick volunteered to serve on the Grassroots Sparring Commission.

### **III. Committee Reports**

Board of Directors - N.Abdallah/S.Lambdin/R.Southwick

R. Southwick provided a report of the annual USAT BOD meeting, 11/16, at Center of Excellence:

BOD observed a sparring training session.

In the formal meeting, R.Southwick advocated for:

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Timely selection procedures announcements

Timely (2-3yr prior) national championship date/schedule announcements

-Increase in recognition of national championship Black Belt division winners

-All American title awards to only those athletes who win all of these events: nationals/US Open/Grand Slam

In a conversation with S. McNally, R.Southwick advocated for:

-Increase in CEO NGB Membership communication

-An AAC/NGB relationship, outlined in a written agreement, which could become the gold standard for all US NGBs

USOC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.Shahbazi

S.Shahbazi reported that currently, there is no meeting on calendar.

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah

The 2019 financial report will be reviewed soon.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton

No activity occurred in December.

Governance Committee Athlete Representative - R. Southwick/L.Gerrick

R.Southwick provided 11/16 committee meeting key points:

-Bylaw amendments are needed to address the addition of a vice chair position and BOD member contributions made to USAT.

- To increase future attendance, annual BOD meetings may be done electronically.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi

No activity occurred in December.

#### **IV. Progress of AAC Shared Goals**

See R.Southwick BOD report above.

**NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING:** Saturday, February 1 at 8 am PDT/11am EDT.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for Posting to the Membership on: \_\_\_\_\_