
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC
November 2, 2019

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

Roll Call of USAT-AAC Members	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 9/7 meeting minutes were approved.

The 10/5 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

On 10/16, a USAT athlete's parent contacted Chair to request announcement of Poomsae Grand Slam Phase 3 event details. Chair contacted USAT director of Operations, J. Warwick, to request that the Poomsae Grand Slam Phase 3 event info be posted well before the Phase 2 registration deadline. Chair followed up with Warwick, and the announcement was posted just 10 hours before Phase 2 registration closed.

During report, Chair mentioned the Grand Slam Poomsae Phase 2 event will be held at Chapel Hill Mall, Colorado Springs. Reps questioned the location because the stated purpose of USAT's Athlete Center is to hold all team trial type events. R. Southwick said he would ask USAT CEO S. McNally for information at November USAT BOD meeting.

Chair set to work on items listed on the AAC 9/2019-9/2020 Goals and Succession Planning Google Doc:

-On October 15, Chair contacted Para Head Coach, Jason Poos regarding C. Stacey's concern about para-athlete communication and para-athlete exposure. Poos stated that communication will continue as requested by C. Stacey in that information from WT goes directly to individual athletes, and USAT's Dani Sweigard serves as a support.

Also Poos stated that he will move to increase exposure for para-athletes to level of able-bodied athletes.

-On 10/3 Chair sent email to S. McNally and Jay Warwick regarding obtaining/utilizing mats adequate holding area mats at the 2020 Nationals and US Open. Chair requested mats designated as such:

Current Day Competitors

Mat Area 1: Sparring Athletes

Mat Area 2: Poomsae Athletes

Mat Area 3: Freestyle athletes

Next Day Competitors

Mat Area 4: Sparring Athletes

Mat Area 5: Poomsae Athletes

Mat Area 6: Freestyle Athletes

In addition, Chair requested that mats be monitored by USAT staff, so athletes may prepare for competition in a frustration free environment.

During report, B. Posey suggested that USAT sponsor Vision donate them. He also suggested that additional sponsors could donate mats and receive advertisement space on the mats or nearby banner.

III. Committee Reports

Board of Directors Update -Athlete Representatives: N.Abdallah/S.Lambdin/R.Southwick
The next Board meeting is November 16 in Colorado Springs.

USOC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.Shahbazi
A report was not provided.

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah
A report was not provided.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton
A report was not provided.

Governance Committee Athlete Representative - R. Southwick/L.Gerrick
There was no activity in October.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi
There was no activity in October.

IV. AAC Action Item Progress

Some representatives have contributed to a shared document that tracks AAC 9/2019-9/2020 goals and succession planning. On October 8, Chair sent athletes who had not yet contributed to Google doc a request provide input. B.Posey added that USAT announcements should be made on a routine quad basis.

S.Lambdin summarized the rest of the AAC goals:

O. Burton: Detail the judicial committee role/activity.

S. Lambdin:

Succession planning. Create a description of each rep committee role.

Provide athletes with free USAT athlete services.

See that USAT updates Facebook when procedures get changed. Currently, announcements are made on only the USAT website.

R.Southwick:

See that CEO makes monthly direct message to membership.

S.Shahbazi:

See that 2020 World Cup selection criteria be announced early.

V. R. Southwick Action Items

At November USAT Board of Directors meeting:

Follow up with USAT CEO S. McNally about Chapel Hills Mall being utilized instead of Athlete Center.

Follow up with McNally about monthly direct message to membership.

Request that event announcements are made in timely fashion.

V. S. Shahbazi and S.Lambdin Action Item

Draft a query about World Cup selection procedure.

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, December 7 at 8 am PDT/11am EDT.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for Posting to the Membership on: 1/4/2020