
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC
December 7, 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 11/2 meeting minutes were not approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

On 11/12, Chair received the 2020 Pathways, a document which details the routes by which senior, junior, cadet sparring athletes will earn a spot on the national team. Chair shared it with N. Abdallah who reviewed it and sent feedback. This feedback was sent to USAT HP:

1. 202 Pathways doc tier funding support section should be much more specific.
2. Resident athletes should be given 6-12 month contracts. This will allow athletes who lose their spot to arrange transition.

During meeting discussion, this feedback was added:

1. What does full funding mean? Is it one trip or multiple trips per year? Are the trips international or domestic?
2. Funding should include detailed information for each athlete tier.
A fund, separate from athlete tier funding, should be created. This fund would be used for athletes facing extenuating circumstances.

III. Committee Reports

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

A report was not provided of the annual BOD meeting on 11/16 in Colorado Springs.

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

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah
N.Abdallah receives committee documents has participated in meetings on a regular basis.
Current expenditure reports are more detailed than past reports.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton
No activity has occurred in November.

Governance Committee Athlete Representative - R. Southwick/L.Gerrick
No report was provided.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi
No activity has occurred in November.

IV. Progress of AAC Shared Goals

Chair Goal: Provide Adequate Number of Holding Area Mats at US Events

-On 10/3 Chair sent email to S. McNally and J. Warwick regarding obtaining adequate holding area mats at the 2020 Nationals and US Open. Chair requested separate holding area mats designated for same day sparring, poomsae, freestyle same day and next day athletes for each group.

On 11/5, I spoke with J. Warwick. He requested the 10/3 message be resent. On 11/5. Chair resent email message.

On 11/9 at Poomsae Grand Slam, Chair discussed topic with S. McNally and J. Warwick. Chair summarized athlete concerns and included ideas from B. Posey suggesting USAT sponsors or supporters donate them and/or provide with advertising banner. McNally said J. Salgado said there is no need to make a change.

Chair suggested that, at very least, USAT supervise and record athlete usage of 2020 US Open mats.

R. Southwick: Increase CEO/USAT Membership Communication

No report was provided on these goals:

CEO monthly direct message to membership

Timeliness of event announcements

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, January 4 at 8 am PDT/11am EDT.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

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