
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC
February 1, 2020

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 1/4 meeting minutes approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

On 1/4, a Grand Slam Poomsae Final freestyle athlete issue was resolved. Because of National Center of Excellence small mat size, freestyle team competition was moved to the Colorado Springs Downtown Arena.

On 1/14, N.Abdallah traveled to Colorado Springs to represent AAC in selecting Pan Am Qualifier sparring athletes. In text report, Abdallah stated that she engaged in the dialogue about each athlete, felt having AAC voice in the room was very helpful to the process, and was satisfied with the selections.

On 1/6, Chair sent an email message to Dani Sweigard to request a copy of the USA Taekwondo Athlete Agreement. Sweigard responded to say that the document was being reviewed by the USAT legal department.

On 1/7, Chair signed the Cadet and Junior Pathways documents.

On 1/7, Chair spoke with Ethics Committee Chair, Reed Wainwright. He stated that no Ethics Committee cases have been heard in approx. 2 years that he offered to write policies/procedures for USAT ethic cases, and that a selection procedure matter needed to be resolved by 1/9.

On 1/7, Chair received request for AAC rep to serve on Para Selection Committee to choose athletes going to Olympic Qualifier. Since R. Southwick served in the past, he was tapped to do

it again. He participated in 1/10 conference call during which one male and one female were selected.

On 1/13, Chair received copy of USAT Poomsae Rules and request for comment. Chair requested that the document state that color belt poomsae competitors are allowed a coach at all USAT events.

On 1/24, I received email message from Dani Sweigard informing AAC that PATU announced a Youth, Cadet, and Ultra Pan Am Championships in conjunction with the President's Cup in May in Spokane. USAT decided to name Youth/Cadet/Ultra sparring teams and a Youth Poomsae team and will use US Open as the qualifier.

III. Committee Reports

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

The 2/3 BOD meeting should include USA Taekwondo financial reports.

USOC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.Shahbazi

Sanaz Shahbazi has agreed to attend the USOC AAC meeting on 1/28-29.

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah

A report was not submitted.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton

No activity occurred in December.

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

R. Southwick has been participating in email discussions focused on amending USA Taekwondo bylaws to include processes for staggered terms and vice chairs.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi

No activity occurred in December.

IV. Progress of AAC Shared Goals

S. Lambdin led discussion that focused on these action items:

R. Southwick/S. Lambdin/Nia Abdallah: Advocate for AAC representation at HP meetings.

R. Southwick; Increase CEO to membership communication

Posey: Contact Gunny Kang regarding bringing extra holding area mats for USAT National Championships and US Open.

Chair: Request that USA Taekwondo post announcements to website and Facebook at the same time.

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

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for Posting to the Membership on: _____