
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC
March 7, 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 2/1 meeting minutes were not approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

On 2/4, Chair completed evaluation of USAT CEO S. McNally.

On 3/6, Chair followed up on a request for a copy of the Athlete Agreement; the request was sent via email to USAT HP's Dani Sweigard. Sweigard responded that the document was being reviewed by USAT legal department and has not updated the Chair since.

On 3/3, S.McNally informed Chair that a new Ethics Committee chairperson will be announced soon.

III. Committee Reports

Board of Directors - N.Abdallah/S.Lambdin/R.Southwick
A new USAT Finance Director has been hired.

USOC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.Shahbazi
On 1/28-29, Sanaz Shahbazi attended the USOC AAC meeting.
Following the meeting, she sent Chair a screenshot of Rule 40, which requires Olympic athletes to register personal sponsors.

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

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

Governance Committee Athlete Representative - R. Southwick/L.Gerrick
Proposed amendments to USA Taekwondo bylaws (including processes for staggered terms and vice chairs) were posted on USAT's website for member review. On March 9, the BOD will vote on adoption.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi
A new USAT Ethics Committee Chair, Bob Luckenbill, was hired.

IV. Progress of AAC Shared Goals

Goal 1: HP Representation in High Performance Meetings

R. Southwick/S.Lambdin/N.Abdallah discussed strategies for advocating for AAC representation at HP meetings. A March meeting was scheduled to continue discussion.

Goal 2: Increase Holding Area Mat Space

On 2/1, B. Posey contacted Vision to request holding area mat sponsorship at large US events. Vision stated that USAT has plenty of mats.

Posey suggested possible solutions:

- During member renewal period, ask individuals for donations.
- Schedule Poomsae competition during first two days of events to reduce holding area space conflict with sparring.

Goal 3: Create a one-page club friendly resource info sheet that includes contact information for SafeSport, AAC Reps, USOC Ombudsman, etc.

S. Lambdin reported that the sheet should be done by Wednesday, March 11.

Goal 4: USA Taekwondo post announcements to website and Facebook at the same time.

On 2/3, Chair discussed issue with USAT media director, Jose Villapando. He said announcements have always been posted to USAT's website before Facebook.

On 3/3, J.Villapando stated that users may sign up for RSS feed by clicking More button next to latest news feed. If fans have push notifications turned on, they will receive all updates in most efficient fashion.

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

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for Posting to the Membership on: _____