
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC
August 10, 2019

AAC Chair Barbara Brand called the conference call meeting to order at 8:02 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 6/1 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

In June, N.Abdallah and Chair completed the second review of the 2020 Olympic Selection Procedures. Nia provided input in the section detailing the #1 athlete time request before fight off due to injury. Changes were made to the procedures due to this input and Chair input regarding clarity of document.

Chair asked USAT CEO S. McNally if USAT is utilizing a new system that updates the point system with a click of a button but did not receive a response.

Chair met with S. McNally at National Championships on 6/28 and 7/2. These were the key points:

1. S.McNally has drafted Create the Future 2019-2028, USAT's vision/strategic plan/athlete funding criteria, and hopes to publish it in August.
2. USAT's move toward funding individual tier 1/2/3 athletes will impact poomsae athletes in addition to sparring athletes.
3. Money earned from national team fundraisers may be used for the organization's other needs rather than solely used to fund teams.
4. If included the annual budget, poomsae detail will be found in the High Performance section.

In July, Chair completed survey of CEO's effectiveness.

Chair spoke with S.McNally on 8/1. This was the key discussion point: Sometime in August or September modifications to 2020 national sparring team selection will be posted. The modifications will reflect/assuage the point system concerns that members have expressed.

III. Committee Reports

Board of Directors Update -Athlete Representatives: N.Abdallah/S.Lambdin/R.Southwick
While no BOD meetings have taken place since April, some subcommittees are working on specific tasks. For example: R.Southwick is serving on the CEO evaluation sub-committee.

USOC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.Shahbazi

The next meeting will include a discussion about the recently unionized German athlete association. It won a case regarding the athlete self-promotion rule because the governing body created the rule without athlete representation.

Additional discussions may focus on whether or not all athletes should unionize and if the AAC should be independent of USOC.

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah

N.Abdallah is current in reviewing the USAT financial documents and will take a deeper look at budget line items if available.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton

There was no activity in June/July.

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

There was no activity in June/July. The next meeting is on 8/14.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi

No report was provided.

IV. AAC Action Items:

1. Before the next BOD meeting, N.Abdallah, R. Southwick, S. Lambdin will discuss requesting AAC Representation at High Performance meetings and USAT budget review.

2.Representatives will contribute to the list of AAC 9/2019-9/2020 goals and succession planning.

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, September 7 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: _____