

## REGULAR MEETING of the USATKD-AAC

March 5, 2022

AAC Chair Carissa Fu called the meeting to order at 12:03PM Eastern.

<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Anastasija Zolotic	X		
Brianna Salinaro	X		
Carissa Fu	X		
Cheyenne Lewis	X		
CJ Nickolas	X		
David Turgeon	X		
Hannah Keck	X		
Jaysen Ishida	X		
Terrence Jennings	X		

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### **Guests**

Steve McNally

Ryan Real (athlete)

### **I. Q&A w/ Steve McNally**

S. McNally shared the current direction of USATKD, balancing grassroots and elite athlete development. The organization is making a concerted effort to bring elite competitions like World Taekwondo Grand Prix and World Championships to the US. The organization is also working on partnering with state associations.

S. McNally took questions from all on the call.

R. Real asked about the plan for budgeting and funding national teams. S. McNally assured all money earned is reinvested into the athletes. Programs are created to develop and invest in elite athletes.

D. Turgeon inquired when the new sparring rules would be implemented? S. McNally said definitely not for Nationals, possibly after that though. It will be announced when that happens.

CJ asked why cancel US Open and have the Pan Am Series? S. McNally said countries were surveyed about their likelihood to attend and they responded no. USATKD wants to preserve the quality and reputation of the US Open. It will return in 2023.

D. Turgeon asked if WT plans to keep everything a G2? Do we know WT's thinking around this. S.McNally says nothing is ever certain.

T.Jennings asked a question around funding for scholarship athletes outside the academy and how to stabilize this moving forward. S.McNally said that rules will be published soon. Currently scholarship athletes who receive funding are attending 1 international trip a year. S.McNally said he'll speak with TJ offline at an upcoming meeting.

B.Salinaro asked if there are plans to bring para athletes to the academy. S.McNally, yes, there will be.

C.Fu asked what is the vision for the regional camps. S. McNally said the goal is to give those the opportunity to train and compete at the level right below the elite level. Each region will have its own team who will compete against one another. The ultimate goal is to expand and have state academies.

D. Turgeon asked if there was a national team for color belts. S.McNally said yes in the sense that this gives those individuals recognition.

R.Real asked if USATKD plans to survey the membership around potential ideas before they implement. S.McNally said that USATKD's successes and failures are based on their decisions. They will start doing Post-event surveys soon.

## **II. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes**

D. Turgeon motions to approve Feb. 2022 meeting minutes. A. Zolotic seconds. No discussion. Feb meeting minutes are approved.

## **III. Chair Report**

On Feb 15, C.Fu attended the monthly Board call, giving an introduction to the members.

On Feb. 16, C.Fu had an email exchange with Beth and Steve outlining the issues AAC heard over the past few months including regionals, states championships, state associations, selection procedures etc.

On Feb. 25, C.Fu received the updated selection procedure from May discussing the inclusion of Pan Am Trials as a major. C.Fu sent this initially to D.Turgeon and J.Ishida for review.

On Feb. 28, C.Fu tried to get everyone's thoughts on the inclusion of Pan Am Trials with GP Finals the same weekend and talked with S. McNally.

On Mar. 1, USAKTD/AAC had a call to discuss the question around the timing of GP Finals and Pan Am Trials. The conclusion of the call was that Pan Am Trials was moved to Saturday and GP Finals for senior athletes moved to Monday.

Over the past week, C.Fu and D.Turgeon received multiple emails from concerned parents of poomsae athletes around the timing of GP Finals and its importance in the pathways.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

There was nothing to report for the following meetings:

- Safe Sport (H.Keck/J.Ishida)
- Board (D.Turgeon, B.Salinaro J. Ishida)
- USOPC (J.Ishida/C.Lewis)

There was no meeting for the following committees:

- Nominating (C.Fu)
- Governance (C.Lewis)
- Litigation (A. Zolotic)
- Sponsorship (CJ Nickolas)

Updates:

- USTAC
  - On Feb 20, the committee discussed membership experiences with the goal of providing actionable recommendations on improving communications with members.
- HAWC
  - On Feb 7, the committee discussed athlete applications and the possibility of partnering with SafeSport.

#### **V. AAC Shared Goals Check-in**

- AAC will discuss **bylaws** offline and review a final edited version.

**NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING:** April 2, 2022 at 12PM Eastern

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 1:03PM Eastern.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Carissa Fu for Council Review

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for posting to the membership on: Saturday, April 16