
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC

June 1, 2019

AAC Chair Barbara Brand called the conference call meeting to order at 8:04 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 5/4 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

On 5/23, Chair sent email message from AAC to USAT CEO S. McNally.

On 5/31, Chair and CEO spoke by phone. Here are the responses to AAC points:

1. S.McNally is currently writing Create the Future 2019-2028, USAT's vision/strategic plan/athlete funding criteria and hopes to publish it prior to 2019 National Championships.
2. As a result of executing the new strategic plan, US National Sparring Team will more become competitive in Olympic competition in 2024 and among the best in the world in 2028.
3. USAT hired a data analyst to handle the weekly ranking points update.
4. HP decisions are made by May Spence after seeking opinions of National Coach Paul Green, Dani Sweigard, and Secretary General Jay Warwick.
S.McNally has no issue with AAC representation in HP meetings.

On 5/31, Chair received 2020 Olympic Selection procedures for second review from May Spence. The document was also sent to USOC Ombudsman office, which according to Spence, is currently swamped by other NGBs' selection procedures.

III. Committee Reports

Board of Directors Update -Athlete Representatives: N.Abdallah/S.Lambdin/R.Southwick
N. Abdallah and S. Lambdin did not attend the April meeting.

USOC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.Shahbazi

S. Lambdin participated in a mid-May meeting via conference call.

Meeting Keypoints:

1. USOC reported that NGB members complain that NGBs do not naturally provide information about procedures/policies, nor do they respond to requests for information. USOC will now dictate that NGBs establish criteria for who has access to resources: education, mental health benefits, retirement transition.

2. On 5/30 S.Lambdin participated in a conference call with USOC/USAT HP's M.Spence/D.Sweigard. The purpose of call was to discuss ABC athlete tiers; S.Lambdin advocated for more inclusion. 6/30 is the deadline for all NGB's to publish athlete tiers and resources available for each group.

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah

N.Abdallah attended the May meeting and is current in reviewing the USAT financial documents.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton

There was no activity in April.

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

There was no activity in April.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi

There was no activity in April.

IV. AAC/USAT Communication

Chair will send recap of phone conversation to S.McNally along with follow-up question : Is USAT utilizing a new system that updates the point system with a click of a button?

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, July 6 at 8 am PDT/11am EDT.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for Posting to the Membership on: _____