
REGULAR MEETING of the USAT-AAC
July 3, 2020

AAC Chair Barbara Brand called the conference call meeting to order at 4 pm 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 6/6 meeting minutes were approved.

II. Chair Report - B. Brand

On 6/18 and 6/26, N.Abdallah and Chair participated in meetings with USAT CEO Steve McNally, HP Director May Spence, National Sparring Coaches Gareth Brown and Paul Green, Secretary General Jay Warwick, and USAT attorney Stephen Hess. The meetings focused on the US Olympic Team selection procedures in the midst of the Olympic postponement. AAC Representatives provided input on proposed procedure modifications, fight offs, point system value, fairness, and athlete trust.

On 6/24, USA Taekwondo CEO Steve McNally contacted Chair to provide information about the 2020 USOPC AAC election guidelines. He subsequently forwarded an email message with the USOPC document, which Chair forwarded to AAC representatives for review.

USAT is in the process of hiring Bob Luckenbill for the position of Ethics Committee Chair.

On 6/25, USAT announced the Summer of Poomsae, an online event, which will run through July and August.

On 6/28 USAT announced the new Poomsae point ranking system and Poomsae Team Selection Pathways, which will serve as the 2021 U.S. National Poomsae Team Selection Procedures.

USA Taekwondo introduced the USA Taekwondo Poomsae Academy, which will begin in 2021. It's designed to provide training and competition opportunities to best US athletes. To be selected to join academy, athletes have to be ranked number one in the US National Poomsae rankings, win any of the Major Events mentioned in the Pathways document, or be identified at any of the Major tournaments by showcasing their exceptional talent.

III. Committee Reports

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

Recent meeting discussion included the announcement of USAT's shift to an event season.

USOPC Representative – S. Lambdin/S.

The current primary focus is USOPC COVID-19 protocols for resident athletes who will slowly return to the training center.

Athletes impacted by mental health issues related to COVID -19 may find support at: Team USA.org /mental health. This support includes sport psychologists, competition psychologists, a sport psychology registry, and mental health task force. Chair will ask that this information be posted on the USAT website.

Audit Committee Representative – N. Abdallah

The committee met on 7/2 to review financial impact of COVID-19 due to the loss of the 2020 National Championships and other events.

Judicial Committee Athlete Representative - O.Burton

No activity occurred in June.

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

No activity occurred in June.

Ethics Committee Athlete Representative - S. Shahbazi

No activity occurred in June.

IV. Progress of AAC Shared Goals

Goal 1: Ensure HP Representation in High Performance Meetings

S.Lambdin contacted USOC AAC leadership to obtain details regarding the level of oversight position vs. advisory position that other NGB AACs have. He will follow up to get info from USOPC upcoming NGB survey.

Goal 4: Plan for AAC Succession

USAT AAC will move forward with the 2020 USAT AAC election as discussed in past AAC meetings and in alignment with 2020 USOPC AAC election guidelines. Guidelines suggest that current AAC members may need to guide new AAC members with particular and specific tasks. Chair stated that N.Abdallah and Chair will be available to new AAC provide guidance with Olympic Selection Procedures and advise on any other specific Sparring, Poomsae, Board of Directors, and Chair responsibilities that arise.

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Attendance

Representative B.Posey did not attend April, May, June 2020 AAC meetings. He provided insight into his recent absences and discussed the issues with representatives. In August AAC meeting, representatives will vote regarding his status.

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, August 1 at 8am PDT/11am EDT.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 am PDT.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Barbara Brand for Council review.

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for Posting to the Membership on: 8/1//20