
REGULAR MEETING of the USATKD-AAC

May 1, 2021

AAC Chair Carissa Fu called the meeting to order at 11:05AM Eastern.

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Comments
Anastasija Zolotic	X		
Brianna Salinaro		X	Work Conflict
Carissa Fu	X		
Cheyenne Lewis	X		
CJ Nickolas		X	Sick
David Turgeon	X		
Hannah Keck	X		
Jaysen Ishida	X		
Madelyn Gorman-Shore		X	Work Conflict
Terrence Jennings	X		

Guests

None

I. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes

D. Turgeon motioned to approve the 4/03 meeting minutes. C. Lewis seconded the motion. No discussion or objections. Minutes of 4/03 passed.

II. Chair Report

C.Fu provided the chair report. Immediately following our last AAC meeting, C.Fu emailed High Performance with AAC's thoughts on GP Series.

C.Fu also followed up on the World Pathways on April 3. On April 27, C.Fu received the Senior World Championships Pathways and qualifications for the Cadet World Championships. After some back and forth, C.Fu signed off on the Senior World Championships pathway on April 29. C.Fu also said the cadet procedure looks good and was anticipating receiving a more formal document to sign. Both pathways were posted on April 30 to the membership.

On April 12, C.Fu and D.Turgeon received a question from an athlete around noncitizens earning ranking points. We emailed May and Eric questions to help provide answers to the athlete. D. Turgeon followed up directly with athlete's coach. D.Turgeon reported the follow-up.

On April 13, C.Fu sent Jose March Meeting minutes on April 13 but they have not been posted yet.

On April 29, C.Fu emailed Eric about updating the GP Series event page with event packets and a map of the designated regions to help make it easier for athletes, coaches, etc to navigate.

C.Fu asked AAC for their opinion around the use of the term "pathways" when the selection process for a national team event is limited to just a single qualifier event and essentially a team trial tournament versus a process which involves multiple competitions, rankings points, seeking dominant athlete status etc. A discussion ensued around the topic of the use of the word "pathways." AAC came to the consensus that pathways should be understood as a term meaning there are multiple ways to potentially earn a spot on the national team for every national team event. It was noted that education to the membership around what the pathways are, especially for upcoming national team events, is very important and a continued goal of the AAC.

T. Jennings raised a question about winning "Major Tournaments" in the Pathways essentially wondering if it's fair to equate winning gold at international events like the Pan American Championships and winning gold at domestic major tournaments like Nationals. Discussion ensued with a general consensus that medaling, and especially winning gold, at international events like Pan American Championships should bear more recognition or weight in the pathways process than it currently does. However, the AAC recognized that there needs to be a way for athletes who cannot travel internationally for any reason also to be able to fully participate in the pathways and feel there is a fair opportunity for everyone to earn a spot on the national team for an event. The discussion was taken offline once this sentiment was reached to think about potential solutions to this question of fairness.

III. Committee Reports

There was no meeting for the following committees:

- Board (D.Turgeon, M. Gorman-Shore, J. Ishida)
- Litigation (A. Zolotic)
- Nominating (C.Fu)
- Audit (M. Gorman-Shore)
- Governance (C.Lewis): C. Lewis reported that no one has reached out about the governance committee and she contacted S. McNally to make sure nothing has been missed.
- Safe Sport (H. Keck/J. Ishida)

USOPC (J.Ishida/C.Lewis)

C. Lewis reported the main message of the meeting is that Team USA is going to Tokyo.

Sponsorship (C. Nickolas)

No report was given.

IV. Shared AAC Goals

1. Update AAC bylaws.
 - AAC members involved in this process will continue discussion offline
 - Set deadline of updated bylaws posted by Nationals
2. Articulate Pathways in different ways to increase membership's understanding of the process.
 - C. Fu reminded AAC members to help populate FAQ document.
3. Increase frequency of communication between USA TKD leadership and membership around COVID-19 and current events
 - No discussion on this goal.
4. Increase membership benefits by providing athletes and coaches with access to resources like health professionals or webinars
 - C.Fu will reach back out to S.McNally about USATKD's timeline on this.
5. Update website and highlight on social media more about Para Taekwondo which includes links about classification, qualification, news, a section for ParaTKD under coaches etc.
 - C.Fu will reach back out to S.McNally about who to contact to work with on this goal.
6. Create and disseminate Para national team Pathways
 - C.Fu will reach back out to S.McNally about who to contact to work with on this goal.
7. Educate membership on what the AAC is, who the members are, how the AAC works for them. A subgoal is to provide easier access to AAC to allow for greater communication and quick resolution of questions before they reach USA TKD leadership.
 - Everyone supported C.Fu's proposal of an AAC designated email address. C.Fu will reach out to S.McNally with the idea to create one so membership can contact this address as well if they have questions.

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: Saturday, June 5 at 8am PST/11am EST.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 11:58AM EST.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Carissa Fu for Council Review

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for posting to the membership on: June 30, 2021