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## REGULAR MEETING of the USATKD-AAC

August 14, 2021

AAC Chair Carissa Fu called the meeting to order at 11:08AM 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

None

### I. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes

C. Lewis moved to approve the meeting minutes. D. Turgeon seconded the motion. No discussion and none opposed. Meeting minutes of July 10, 2021 were passed unanimously.

### II. Chair Report

C. Fu provided the chair report.

On July 12, C. Fu emailed M. Spence and E. Winger to connect them with Eric Gilson who is a Referee Vice Chair for USATKD and co-owner of Vaztic, a company that runs virtual taekwondo tournaments and has been used for many international events such as the G-2 Oceania Poomsae Championships. The reason C. Fu connected them is to help provide the expertise and additional resources for updating ranking points. The process of getting this off the ground has been slow. E. Winger emailed back on July 15 stating that now is not a good time to discuss, given all the upcoming events. C. Fu spoke with S. McNally at Nationals on August 7 about E. Gilson's ability to assist in this matter and S. McNally stated he would connect with E. Gilson. C.Fu plans to follow-up on that connection to ensure the conversation continues.

Also on July 12, C. Fu sent Jose our June meeting minutes for posting.

On July 14, M. Gorman-Shore contacted C.Fu about resigning from the AAC and Board positions. After some back and forth, C. Fu accepted M. Gorman-Shore's notice of resignation. On July 22, C.Fu emailed AAC, S. McNally, and Chairperson B. Pinkney about the resignation. On August 7, C.Fu discussed with S. McNally and B. Pinkney about next steps to fill the position. This discussion with AAC to take place later in the AAC meeting.

On July 20, C. Fu spoke with J. Warwick advocating for puzzle mats for recongized poomsae and Dollamur mats for freestyle and sparring. J. Warwick said he'll work on this. At Nationals, that was the mat arrangement.

On July 29, C. Fu sent the GP Series Feedback to S. McNally.

On July 30, C. Fu emailed E. Winger asking about the calculations for the Oceania Poomsae Championships ranking points. They appear to be missing it's G-2 rating. On August 14, C. Fu followed-up again asking about the calculations and pointed out that a few athletes are missing their points from the latest rankings update. This issue is not yet resolved at the time of the AAC meeting.

On August 5, D. Turgeon and C. Fu received an email inquiring about the eligibility of an athlete to compete in a division at Nationals that they did not compete in at GP Series. D. Turgeon resolved the issue with the coach. D. Turgeon, was there follow-up directly with the athlete. D. Turgeon talked with J. Warwick to resolve the situation with the coach.

A discussion around the qualification process for Nationals stemmed from the Chair report. Each AAC member voiced their opinion and there was an overwhelming consensus that the qualification process needs to be improved and better articulated. The current policy states that an athlete can compete in any division at the qualification tournament and be able to compete in any division at National Championships. The AAC would like to amend the current policy. C.Fu to draft a proposal to share with AAC and USATKD leadership to clarify the qualification process.

### **III. Committee Reports**

There was no meeting for the following committees:

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

Board (D.Turgeon, J. Ishida)

- There was nothing to report.

USOPC (J.Ishida/C.Lewis)

- C. Lewis reported there was a meeting on Thursday. USOPC is hoping to host an in-person meeting in October in COS. C. Lewis needs to touch base with J. Ishida to see who is attending.

- Thursday's meeting reviewed avenues for people in Tokyo to reach out, which Paige and Ana received.

#### Sponsorship (C. Nickolas)

- There was nothing to report.

#### Safe Sport (H. Keck/J. Ishida)

- H.Keck had a meeting with the lawyer. There was some activity but nothing to report at this time. Currently awaiting for some material from a hearing committee member to move forward.

#### **IV. Nationals/Fiesta Feedback**

The AAC discussed feedback to provide USATKD leadership around National Championships/Fiesta. C.Fu to write up a report to share with AAC, then USATKD leadership.

#### **V. Voting in M. Gorman-Shore's replacement**

M. Gorman-Shore officially stepped down from the AAC mid-July due to scheduling conflicts. The AAC discussed the process for her replacement on the board of directors and audit committee. Current AAC bylaws state that the AAC has 9 members. AAC originally had 10 which means that now, the AAC is in compliance with the current bylaws. AAC discussed the options and will move forward offline with voting in a new board member and audit committee member to replace M. Gorman-Shore and maintain a 9-person AAC.

**NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING:** September 4, 2021 at 12PM Eastern

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 12:09PM Eastern.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Carissa Fu for Council Review

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for posting to the membership on: September 4, 2021