

Athlete Advisory Committee Call
Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 2:30 pm, Mountain Time

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

Present: Veronica Carlson, Mallory Velte, Johnny Stefanowicz, Nate Engel, Adeline Gray, Macey Kiltey, Max Nowry

Others: Bruce Baumgartner, Rich Bender, Cody Bickley, Megan Ball, Shannon Daugherty

Absent: Vitali Arujau, Michael Macchiavello

II. Establish Quorum

Carlson called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm

III. Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No members disclosed any conflicts.

IV. Approve August Minutes – August 24, 2022

Motion to approve: Engel

2nd: Stefanowicz

Motion passes unanimously

V. World Championship Recap

Cody Bickley and Rich Bender provided an overview of the successes from the Senior World Championships. Both congratulated Mallory Velte on her performance. Cody explained that USAW staff is already setting up meetings to review feedback from athletes and support staff.

Cody also shared that while in Paris, Coach Steiner and Nuwanee Kirihennedige (USOPC Nutritionist) went to tour a state-of-the-art training center to be used as an acclimation facility in Normandy, France for Worlds next year as well as before the Paris games in 2024.

Now, National Teams staff and age groups are preparing for U23 World Championships and U15 Pan-American Championships as well as gearing up for the World Cup in December.

There was further discussion regarding training partners, support staff availability for all three teams, successful hospitality in Belgrade, and the Living the Dream Medal Fund.

Cody also added that there is an error on the UWW qualification procedures for the Paris Olympic Games. Corrections are being made and shared.

Adeline shared how helpful the UWW app was for following along with matches and has provided feedback to Taylor on areas it could improve. It is recommended that the app be shared with national team members, family, fans, and sponsors for a good way to follow US athletes at UWW events.

VI. USOPC AAC Update

Mallory provided an update including that there is a new athlete services director at the USOPC based out of Colorado Springs. The next meeting is in November, if Mallory or Johnny are unable to attend, they can send an alternative athlete, but the only individuals who can vote are Mallory and Johnny.

VII. Follow up: NT/Coaches Onboarding Packets

Veronica requested an update on the status of the packets. President Baumgartner requested the athletes put together what should belong in the packet and then staff can work to execute the concept. The item will remain open for now.

VIII. AAC/Athlete Resource Google Doc

This subject is in conjunction with the previous agenda item. Any website or living document concepts. It will be tabled until AAC reps can talk with David Matthews regarding the website updates.

IX. Follow up: Athlete Stipend

Johnny would like to sit down with Don Reynolds, Les Gutches, and Cody Bickley, however it was paused for Senior World Championships. Cody shared that it will be fully buttoned up and finalized before Team Trials next year. President Baumgartner shared that he spoke with Les about the topic and

on the USAW staff side early January would be the best time to fully discuss and review the plan.

X. New Business

Veronica will be vacating her position as chair but will remain on the AAC through her term in 2024. As the bylaws state – Johnny Stefanowicz will assume the position and further details will follow if a vote is required to decide the new Vice-Chair.

Veronica met with a therapeutic research center in Boulder, Sage Elite Healing, that focuses on post-concussion and other treatments. She suggested a potential partnership or further meetings to see the value of their offerings.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting entered executive session at 3:22 pm.

XII. Executive Session