

# USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 16, 2023

8-9:30pm (EDT), 7-8:30pm (CDT), 6-7:30pm (MDT), 5-6:30pm (PDT)

## Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86002722355>

Meeting ID: 860 0272 2355

## UWH Committee Members:

Megann Largent, Chair 2022-2024

Kurt Allen, Vice Chair/Secretary 2021-2023

- Vacant - Member at Large 2022-2024

Eric Myers, Member at Large 2021-2023

Shawn Berg, Member at Large 2022-2024

Brandon Burr, Member at Large 2021-2023

-Vacant- Member at Large 2023-2025

1. Call Meeting to Order @ 7:20 CDT
  - o Committee Members Present:  
Megann Largent, Kurt Allen, Brandon Burr, Eric Myers
  - o Non-Committee members:  
Carol Rose, Richard Catherina, Agnes Debrunner, John Kulsa, Don Mathews, Karen Thulner, Mike O'Leary
2. General Assembly/Member Discussion. 15 minutes
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved and passed.  
Approval of February Minutes: Moved and passed.
4. Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report:
  - o Q1 as of 2/28/23 - Income: 2080, Fees: 112.65, Total: 41,361.79
  - o 2023 USOA Member Registrations: 276
5. Director's Reports
  - o Rules Director - Don Mathews:
    - i. US Nationals Ref Selection almost complete, hope to have final selection done by Sunday.
    - ii. John and Don working on Ref Training Session.
  - o Referee Director - John Kulsa:
    - i. US Nationals have good number of volunteers.
    - ii. College of Referee meeting this weekend.
  - o Nationals Team Coordinator - Hélène Soleille:
    - i. Not available.
    - ii. Mens Elite and Masters have clinics this weekend, and both teams selected by this weekend. Womens Masters and elite had clinics recently.
    - iii. USOA will pay for shirt, jacket and pants. They can order anything extra

that they want. Uniforms will be distributed at Nationals.

- Youth Development Director - Agnes Debrunner:
  - i. Wants to send out request for coaches and trainers, get network of supporters set up. Change of Junior Venue (not Turkei) required some mods. E-Mail with this info (reworded) will be out shortly.
  - ii. The Tahoe event will be U18.
  - iii. Pre nationals will be U24.

### **New Business:**

6. Juniors Worlds 2024 - Tristan
  - Tristan spoke about US hosting Juniors World 2024.
7. UWH Scholarship presentation - Richard
  - Richard spoke about Developing collegiate Hockey.
  - Create a scholarship to pay for new club fees, and also money as a personal incentive.
  - Anyone who is playing UWH and is looking at college can be a possible candidate.
  - Possible cost: \$1500 total. \$750 for club, \$750 for student to use for education.
8. Minnesota Loons US National Team Player Criteria Rule Change Request.

Mike O'Leary (2023 Nationals Tournament Director) would like to propose the following player criteria clarifications for the upcoming Nationals:

- Players whose home clubs are playing in US Nationals are not eligible to play for other clubs.
- If players need to form a team from multiple clubs because they don't individually have enough players, this is encouraged. Such teams will need to be approved by the Tournament Director, Mike O'Leary. Please email goyalion@gmail.com for approval to form a team from multiple clubs. "Super Teams" will be discouraged, especially if players are coming from clubs who are planning to attend nationals.

This was presented to the committee and no one had any concerns.

9. Committee Changes
  - Megann's news
    - i. Megann will be stepping down in July to go back to grad school. She intends to continue on the committee but not as chair.
  - Expectations for maintaining a committee/director seat
    - i. Every committee member and/or director needs to pay membership dues.
    - ii. Directors need to show up or give a report.
    - iii. Should create directorship descriptions so we can hold them responsible.

### **Old Business:**

10. Battle at Altitude Lessons Learned - notes will be uploaded [here](#) by this weekend.
11. Development Fund Document
  - The UWH Development Fund will be used thoughtfully to support the growth and advancement of underwater hockey in the United States. The intention of this document is to establish guidelines to sustain the longevity of available financial resources and ensure there is a large breadth of recipients who benefit.
12. Quarterly Newsletter will be sent out in April, need story drafts on the following
  - CMAS Rules - key notes on changes:
  - Youth Development - what are successful clubs doing and upcoming events:
  - Worlds 2023 Updates - meet the teams and refs:
  - Nationals club-centric verbiage and Annual Meeting: Megann

**Upcoming Events:**

- U of I Tournament: March 25-26
- ACCs: April 8-9
- Lake Tahoe Youth Clinic: May 27-29
- Pre-Nationals Youth Clinic & Referee Clinic: June 8 (pending)
- Nationals June 9-11

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 8-9:30pm (EDT), 7-8:00pm (CDT), 6-7:30pm (MDT), 5-6:30pm (PDT)

Meeting Adjourned @8:55 CDT

[Minutes from Previous Meeting](#)