

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Sunday, November 17, 2024

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

Zoom Meeting:

<https://meet.google.com/wjm-isyo-gvp>

UWH Committee Members:

Beven McWilliams, Chair(2023-2025)

Jacqui West, Vice Chair (2023-2025)

Molly Banks, Secretary(2024-2026)

Eric Myers, Financial Secretary (2023-2025)

Jesse Hocking, Member at Large (2024-2026)

Paul Byrne, Member at Large (2023-2025)

Michael Riccitelli, Member at Large (2024-2026)

1. Call to order 5:00
 - a. Committee members present: Beven, Paul, Jacqui, Michael, Molly, Eric, Jesse
 - b. Non-committee members present: Eric Straily, John Kulsa
 - c. Approval of agenda (1 min) Moved + Approved
2. Discussion and approval of October minutes (1 min) Moved + Approved
3. Financial secretary/Treasurer's report - Eric Myers/Wendy Okafuji (3 min):
 - a. Total balance: Dev Fund Summary as of September 30 \$37,566.87
 - i. Took ~ \$600 out for development tournaments.
4. Directors reports (max 30 min):
 - a. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min): not present
 - b. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. Working with Eric to get first wave of refs for Denver set.
 - ii. Reaching out for interest for USA Worlds refs.
 1. Need to be prequalified before the tournament.
 - iii. Addressed new rule: electronic communication from coaches to players is not allowed. Voting in progress – then to national federations.
 - c. **Nationals Team Coordinator** - Helene Soleille (5 min): not present

- i. Women's Masters appointed Darryl Brambilla from Canada to coach masters women
 - d. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes Debrunner (5 min): not present
 - i. under 24 boys are working on making a questionnaire for interest for players and coaches for Quebec city
 - e. **Competitions Director** - Eric Straily (5 min):
 - i. Inter-Regional survey report
 - 1. Discuss next meeting: winning teams need to decide if they're sending 1 or 2 teams next year.
 - ii. OCC's in March
 - iii. Florida Cup (just Florida teams)
 - iv. National bids
 - 1. MIT bid - uwh information package for pool (going to reach out to Timmy).
 - a. Dates?
 - 2. Denver - back-up location
 - a. June 20-22
 - f. **Regional Directors:**
 - i. Northwest - Kim Riccitelli (0 min):
 - 1. Local small events with Canada
 - 2. Sebastopol has a Thanksgiving tournament coming up
 - ii. Southwest- Casey Nakamura (2 min):
 - 1. PCCS open for bids. In September- October
 - 2. "The OC Cup"(Irvine, CA) tournament set for March 8-9.
 - 3. LA has new pool actually in LA(Echo Park)
 - 4. San Diego planning Pre-Nationals potluck at the Plunge (May 2025)
 - iii. Inland - Cheryl Russell (2 min): not present
 - 1. Milwaukee will be hosting a team tournament on Nov. 2 which is Halloween themed / costumes encouraged at the banquet. It will be a team tournament, but all orphans are welcome to attend and a team will be found for them. Event info:
 - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1136025014362014?ref=newsfeed>)

- iv. Northeast - Jenny Biener (2 min): not present
 - 1. Region needs help with player involvement
 - 2. Assisting prospective club leader in Baltimore
 - v. Southeast- Nicole Mazouch (2 min): not present
 - 1. Lucky's Florida State Championship. Pure club. Orlando April 26-27
5. Regional Director positions with term limits?
- a. Potential options:
 - i. Two 2 year term limits... but if there still is a vacancy, the term can continue.
 - b. Define "regional director" to make it easier to fill vacancies.
 - i. In progress (get write ups from current regional directors– outlining what they do). Kim will get write up to committee by next meeting in December.
 - ii. Regional director call potentially happening or subcommittee.
6. Call for Nationals bids (2 min)
- a. Boston have expressed interest in submitting a bid. MIT wants a full bid package by December.
 - b. May send out call for bids for 2025 ACCs and PCCs also
7. CMAS 2025 World Qualifiers Update (5 min)
- a. Bogota, Columbia in August. Canada submitting another protest
 - b. If anyone is interested in possibly submitting a bid for the US, please contact Creedon and Beven.
 - c. Discussion to host worlds 2027. Needs tremendous support. What is timeline for bids? Jesse will find out. What makes a good city?
 - i. Jesse will send out bid forms he found
 - ii. Need to confirm that hosting worlds 2027 will guarantee a spot in the tournament.
 - d. Redefine what the National teams coordinator does.
 - i. Still in progress
8. Old business (3 min):
- a. Directors position updates (2 min)
 - b. Development, Coaching, Events positions need to be filled at CMAS level
9. Question about how we can define what is a club, what is a club player, etc.

- a. UWH Committee can write things up and then send the proposed changes to USOA for an official vote for the 2025 Annual Meeting
- b. Needs to get proposed changes before September 2025. Unless a special meeting can be called.
- c. Michael, Jesse, Beven, Molly, see if special meeting can be called to get criteria for nationals 2025. Do the research and legwork for proposal.
- d. Big picture hockey events, competition standards, club rules, criteria for high level events. What are the issues we can solve.

10. Next meeting will be discussed

Action Items:

- *Continue discussion in the subcommittee for definition of clubs/players.*
- *Confirm with CMAS that hosting Worlds 2027 will guarantee a spot in the tournament.*
- *Put on hold - Set up "Nitty Gritty Subcommittee" for defining Regional Directors & what they do until "club" sub-committee defines roles further as needed.*
- *Put on hold - Redefine what the National teams coordinator does.*

Upcoming Events:

- BAA- Denver- January 24-26
- Lucky Meisenheimer Florida Cup- Orlando- April 26-27
- Orange County Cup, Irvine, Ca - March 8-9
- Nationals Proposed weekend June 20th-22

Meeting Adjourned: 6:27 pm (PST)