

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Minutes

Sunday, December 21st

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

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9292420957?omn=84410082334>

Meeting ID: 929 242 0957

UWH Committee Members:

Beven McWilliams, Chair (2023-2027)

Jacqui West, Vice Chair (2024-2026)

Molly Banks, Secretary (2024-2026)

Jesse Hocking, Member at Large (2024-2026)

Michael Riccitelli, Member at Large (2024-2026)

Aaron Star Schwartz-Duval, Member at Large (2025-2027)

Glenn Terry, Member at Large (2025-2027)

1. Call to order: 7:05 PM (CST)

- a. Committee members present: Beven, Michael, Molly, Aaron, Glenn
- b. Non-committee members present: Don, Kim, Shal, John
- c. Approval of December Agenda:

2. Previous Meeting's Action Items Update:

Action Items	Status
ALL: Confirm club formation approval process & how to approve 1st year of insurance.	In Progress ▾
JESSE: Set meeting with Atlantis & USA Committee to understand the different roles & duties.	In Progress ▾
ALL: Write committee roles documents (BY END OF YEAR).	In Progress ▾

3. Monthly meeting format going forward:

- a. Regional directors only have to attend meetings when they have something to be reported/discussed.

- b. UWH Committee recommends Regional Directors schedule a meeting in the beginning of 2026 to discuss roles & updates within each region.
- c. Starting in 2026, we as a committee will be updating the USOA calendar to make meetings more accessible for UWH members to join.

4. Requesting funds process (development fund):

- a. Form is ready (and tested) and will be linked on our USOA website. We ask Regional Directors to distribute the link & spread the word.
- b. UWH Committee will work on setting a clear timeline of communication to those that send in a request during the first couple months of opening the form to the general UWH community.

5. Women's tournament (Kim)

- We have selected our scholarship and stipend winners
- As requested, a list of the volunteer/give-back tasks that we are asking award winners to select from to help with the event:
 - o Court Set-up Friday night
 - o On-going Food Room maintenance
 - o Photo taking (for future social media)
 - o Court take-down Sunday afternoon
- Aaron will request the transfer from Melody early next year to Kim's tournament account.

6. Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report - Melody (3 min):

- a. Development Fund Balance: ? (No response from Melody)

Directors Updates:

- b. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min):
 - i. Proposal for level 1 + 2 ref clinic + basic rules course at women's tournament-looking at ~\$1,800. The official proposal is almost done. Will be sent out to tournament organizers + committee for approval once finalized.
 - ii. Ref uniforms - received prototype & is looking into funding through USOA vs UWH Committee (development fund). Looking like around \$1,100 to purchase shirts – if all are sold it will be around \$1,500 back.
 - Would like to get a USOA storefront set up to make it easier to sell/distribute. Potentially make these uniforms the same across all USOA sports.
- c. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. BAA refs course (level 2)

- ii. Women's clinic - Phil is going as chief ref
- iii. College ref meeting - discussing ref selection process next year will not involve the committee (key dates + cost equation sent to Beven).

d. **Nationals Team Coordinator** – POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

e. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes Debrunner (5 min):
i.

f. **Competitions Director** - Eric Straily (5 min):
i.

g. **Social Media Director** - Kristen Lee (5 min):
i.

Regional Directors:

1. **Northwest** - Kim Riccitelli (2 min):
 - a. There is a new NW Club, the "Santa Cruz Sculpins". They have been practicing regularly for about 6 months and have ~20 active members. I have asked Beven to get them added to the USOA Registration system so they can register under their club name for 2026 events. Please let me know when this is done or if you need anything else from me.
 - b. NW Cup Sanctioning Request. I have requested USOA Sanctioning for the 2026 NW Cup. **APPROVED**
 - i. On a related note, I need a Tournament Ref for this event. It could be a good event for a Level 2 or someone looking to grow their experience.
2. **Southwest** - Casey Nakamura (2 min):
 - a.
3. **Inland** - Shal (2 min):
 - a. Is it possible to get partial or full payment for USOA fees for 1st year students - MSU, UIUC etc?
4. **Northeast** - David Limberg (2 min):
 - a.

5. Southeast - Kiernan Wood (2 min):

- a. Waiting to confirm dates for an all-levels-welcome training camp in Orlando in early summer, either the last weekend of May or first weekend of June. This is in addition to the August camp that is higher level and tryouts for SE interregionals teams. There are very early talks about trying to get a youth-focused component at the early summer camp, but nothing concrete yet.

Action Items:

- ★ Update USOA calendar with UWH Committee meetings to make it accessible.
- ★ Kim to reach out to Regional Directors to discuss Regional Directors meeting + what meetings will look like going forward.
- ★ Aaron will request the transfer from Melody early next year to Kim's tournament account for women's tournament.
- ★ Beven or Molly - send out email to uwh community about open National Team Coordinator position Beginning of Jan.
- ★ Beven - reach out to Eric to sanction the women's tournament.
- ★ Offline meeting to discuss funds request form/procedures (WhatsApp)

Upcoming Events:

- BAA (January)
- Women's Tournament (February)
- OC Cup (March)
- Northwest Cup (April)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:38pm (PST)