

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

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

*****NEW*****

Participant Instructions

1. Call your dial-in number: **(605) 468-8757**
2. Enter the access code: **796706**

UWH Committee Members:

Karen Thullner, Chair	2016-2020
Paul Byrne, Vice Chair	2017-2020
Diana Madden, Secretary	2016-2020
Kurt Allen, Member at Large	2017-2021
Jon Paden, Member at Large	2018-2020
Andrei Savu, Member at Large	2017-2021
Position Vacant, Member at Large	

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

October 22, 2019 November 26, 2019 December 24, 2019
(subject to change)

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Committee Members Present: **KT, Paul, Andrei, Paden**
 - b. Non-Committee members: **Kulsa, Jenny**
2. Election of Officers.
 - . **Ticket ran unopposed. Paul - Chair. KT - Vice-chair. Secretary - vacant.**
3. Approval of Agenda. - **approved**
4. Approval of July 23rd Minutes. There was no meeting on August 27 due to lack of quorum.
- approved
5. Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Eric Straily - **no reports at this time**
6. Director's Reports
 - . Rules Director - Don Mathews
 - a. Referee Director – John Kulsa - **working on PCCs. Andrei Savu will be Chief Ref. Junior Worlds went well. Only 2 protests.**
 - i. Referee Training Coordinator - Position Vacant
 - b. Development Director – Position Vacant
 - . Regional Directors
 1. Northeast – Jennifer Biener - George Mason hosting tournament over Columbus Day weekend.
 2. Northwest - Position Vacant
 3. Southeast – Patrick Partington
 4. Inland – Damir Djidic
 5. Southwest – Position Vacant
 6. Women's – Brigit Grimm
 7. Men's – Position Vacant

- 8. Collegiate – Ben Holtzman
 - 9. Juniors – Gustavo Pesce
 - c. National Teams Coordinator – Dave Boucher
 - d. Competitions Director – Jennifer Whitman (Jen would like to relinquish her duties)
 - e. Safety Director – Position Vacant
- Data is needed. There are a couple of issues with pool safety issues.

Old Business:

- 7. Athlete of the Year and Team of the Year awards- KT and Andrei
 - a. Development based, 1st quarter submission for announcement at nationals.
 - b. Awards focused on teams, i.e. number of new players, number of tournaments.
 - c. Awards could engraved pucks, sticks or USOA membership.
 - d. Regional directors can lead a committee to select individuals, teams.
- 9. CMAS UWH Commission positions. Deadline is June 23, 2019. John Kulsa was submitted for the Referee Committee. Coaching Committee and Development Committee are still needed.
- 10. Sexual harassment policy request sent to USOA.
 - a. Sports Engine has available a sexual harassment and training that can be made available through the USOA website. The background checks are about \$20 per person payable at the time of checkout.
- 11. Jai Umraiya, from MN, is working to take over the Underwater Hockey portion of the USOA website.

New Business:

- 12. Brigit Grimm has requested a video to promote UWH be made and posted on the website. A video is also needed for the booths USOA puts in at DEMA and BTS. - **KT to share UWR video as an example.**
- 13. How do we ensure that teams that use USOA insurance have all their players registered to ensure validity of pool insurance? - **Paul to reach out to Carol for clarification.**
- 14. Nationals 2020 - **(Minnesota in 2021 - application forthcoming)**
- 15. Appointment of Board Members and Directors - **Discuss and debrief in October.**

Adjournment:

H Budget and Development Fund Summary			
BALANCE FORWARD			29,052.07
Income			
Tournament Fees			3,000.00
	CMCs	600.00	
	Battle of Altitude		
	ACCs	400.00	
	Nationals	1,100.00	
	PCCs	900.00	
USA Dues Add-on/Donations - \$10 per person			0.00
	Q1	0.00	
	Q2	0.00	
	Q3	0.00	
	Q4	0.00	
Net Income			0.00
		0.00	

20 October 2019
USA Underwater Hockey
Attention: Karen Thullner,
Dear Karen

Referees Assessment- 2019 World Age Group Underwater Hockey Championships.

I would like to express my gratitude for the support provided by your federation to train and provide referees for the 5 th World Age Group Underwater Hockey Championship. The referees were arranged into four teams of 7 referees and successfully completed scoring, timekeeping, 3-way water refereeing and Chief Refereeing tasks. The referees generally worked 12 hours per day for the duration of the championship and deserve recognition for the assistance they provided to ensure a successful event for the players. The refereeing standards set by the attending referees continue to improve. Your referees' ratings are as follows:

Referee Name Star Rating
John Kulsa 3 star
Steven Kars 3 star minus

Star ratings are provided at CMAS World Championships. The ratings guidelines are attached along with the documented assessment process. We would encourage the American Federation

to select and support the following referees to attend the 2020 World Championship and 2021 World Age Group Championship.

Referee Name Star Rating

John Kulsa 3 star

Philip Hickey 3 star

Steven Kars 3 star minus

Andrei Savu 2 star plus

For the players benefit and to enhance your Federation's reputation, we must encourage the best referees to officiate at international championships.

Yours Sincerely

Tristan Reynard Event Director

CMAS Underwater Hockey Commission