

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Thursday, August 17, 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 @ 507
 - o Committee Members Present: Megann, Kurt, Eric, Shawn, Brandon
 - o Non-Committee members: KT, Don, John, Paul, Carol, Kim, Helene, Eric Straily, Agnes
2. General Assembly/Member Discussion. 15 minutes
3. Approval of Agenda: Moved, seconded, passed.
Approval of [July Minutes](#): Moved, seconded, passed.
4. Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report:
Motion to approve moved, seconded, passed.
CY 2023 \$3510 Dues have been received.
Expenses for year to date \$9857.68.
Current balance is \$33,046.76.
5. Director's Reports
 - o Rules Director - Don Mathews:
Three things. a) Official referee report from worlds coming from Tony Colquhoun. (tournament dir)
22 written reviews of refereeing, mostly positive comments.
Good reports from other teams on playing of US teams.
CMAS improvements to referee program, Don M. has a lot of work to do and is going to need to step back from USOA work. Rosa has offered to take up some of the slack.
 - o Referee Director - John Kulsa:
Met at College of Referees in May. Code of conduct agreed on. Some rule clarifications, including how to handle 3 way ties.

Nationals went well. Level 1 and 2 courses run in conjunction with junior clinic. Refs were able to ref clinic after coursework.

Rosa achieved 2 star at worlds. Wants to get more people involved in reffing to spread the load. Rosa is going to be Tournament Ref at Charleston tournament.

- Nationals Team Coordinator - H  l  ne Soleille:
Masters Men are world champions.
Want to thank Agnes for US team public commentator.
- Youth Development Director - Agnes Debrunner:
Juniors announced to be in Kuala Lumpur in July.
Elsa working on under 23 women's team to try and get people.
Someone doing same with mens under 23.
U19 mens working on mainly San Francisco members.
U19 womens not being worked as well.
Hope to have 3, maybe 4 teams at Jr Worlds.
U19 youth event in Tahoe in September.
- Regional Directors
 - i. Northwest - Kim:
Just started in position. Nothing to report (yet 😊)
Reaching out to all NW teams to see what they would like to see.

New Business:

6. Committee met to finish the proposed policy for Nationals Team Composition. The final draft that will be voted on at the USOA Annual Meeting can be found [here](#).
7. Age Group Worlds Championships in Malaysia (16-27 July 2024): what is the interest of the US? Which teams to send? It will be really cheap onsite.
8. Elites / Masters Worlds Championships in 2027: any US cities interested to host them?
 - Potentially GMU, Minnesota, or Denver were considered for 2025 Qualifiers or 2026 Juniors Worlds

Old Business:

9. Streamography - Fox Sports Net to begin streaming all CMAS major sports events. Probably not entire events, but championship games and highlights. (Hockey, Rugby, Fin Swim, Spear Fishing) Still in negotiation with them, particularly as related to budget. \$3500 needed for Rugby Tournament.
Based in Boston.
Looking at bid for PCC's. - updated quote is \$5000. Current fundraiser for funding this, someone has pledged to match up to \$1000 in donations.
Idea to have PCCs teams pay an additional \$100 to help cover costs.
10. Committee Elections - 3 of 4 nominated individuals accepted their nomination to hold a committee position. Jenny Mohn, Beven McWilliams, and Paul Byrne will be joining the committee as of the September meeting per bylaws.
11. Sports Engine alternatives

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Event - Tahoe - Sept 22-24
- USOA Annual Meeting - Oct 7
- PCCs - LA - Oct 28-29
- Montreal Tournament - Nov 11-12 (Canadian not USOA)
- Not So Hard on Your Body - North Charleston, SC - Nov 11-12
- ACCs - Quebec City - April 19-21

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 5:00 PM PST

Meeting Adjourned: Moved and passed at 8:03.