

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Thursday, April 18, 2024

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

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

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UWH Committee Members:

Jenny Mohn, Chair (2023-2025)

Beven McWilliams, Vice Chair (2023-2025)

Megann Largent, Secretary (2022-2024)

Eric Myers, Financial Secretary (2023-2025)

Paul Byrne, Member at large (2023-2025)

Michael Riccitelli, Member at large (2022-2024)

Jacqui West, Member at large (2022-2024)

1. Call to order
 - a. Committee members present: Jenny Mohn, Megann Largent, Michael Riccitelli, Paul, Beven, Eric, Jacqui
 - b. Non-committee members present: Carol, John, Kim, Eric Straily
 - c. Approval of agenda (1 min) Moved and Approved
2. Discussion and approval of March minutes (1 min) Moved and Approved
3. Financial secretary/Treasurer's report - Eric Myers/Wendy Okafuji (3 min):
 - a. Total balance: \$ 37,545.67
 - b. Approximately \$4000 of this allocated for Youth Worlds referee travel reimbursement
 - c. Budget is in progress
4. Directors reports (max 30 min):
 - a. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min):
 - i. CMAS working on updating the Referee Standards. All federations are being asked to elect/appoint a training coordinator.
 - b. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. Meeting with good attendance. Vote on Rules Deputy Director (Great Britain) and Referee Deputy Director (Colombia)
 - ii. 18 May 2024 meeting will review the proposed rule changes

- iii. ACCs this weekend, but unsure if any international referees will be brought in for that
 - iv. Canadian Nationals in May that will be used as additional referee training
 - v. U.S. Nationals - currently no real updates, working with Eric Straily to schedule referee training events the Thursday prior to Nationals
 - vi. 3 months to Youth Worlds - our referees are training hard to be prepared. John has been selected as a referee coach.
- c. **Nationals Team Coordinator** - Helene Soleille (5 min):
- i. No report
- d. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes Debrunner (0 min):
- i. US Women's U24, Men's U19, and Men's U24 teams have been selected! Congratulations to the athletes.
 - ii. US Youth team swim suits have been approved for Worlds
 - iii. Training event in Guelph
- e. **Competitions Director** - Eric Straily (5 min):
- i. There are more teams (2 as of the deadline) signed up for Nationals than there are spaces available. Non-club teams and clubs that have multiple teams are at risk for being cut.
 - 1. Tournament Organizer(s) will check team rosters and confirm with regional directors with any questions about rosters regarding compliance with the club policy for Nationals.
 - ii. Glenn from LA has reached out inquiring about hosting a tournament September 14-15 "Southern California Plunge"
 - iii. Timmy Burke from Boston inquired about hosting 2025 Nationals, but looking for assistance on coordinating this with their pool
- f. **Regional Directors:**
- i. Northwest - Kim Riccitelli (2 min):
 - 1. Reaching out to teams in region to confirm rosters are checked and ready to be submitted for Nationals.
 - 2. NW Region would like an update on the logistics of the regional tournament to help with planning and selection process.
 - a. 3 potential locations being assessed, likely first or second weekend of October
 - ii. Southwest- Casey Nakamura (0 min):

1. No report
 - iii. Inland - Steve Kars (0 min):
 1. No report
 - iv. Northeast - Jenny Biener (0 min):
 1. GMU will have another scrimmage on Sunday, April 21
 - v. Southeast- Nicole Mazouch (0 min):
 1. No report
5. Directors position updates (2 min)
 - a. *Document sent to directors for comment this month*
 - i. Jenny will send a reminder closer to deadline for comments
 - b. CMAS changes to training program - potential transitioning Rules Director into this new Referee Training Coordinator
6. Kristen is doing an awesome job with our UWH Social media. Several comments approving the new style of posting. KT working to get a USOA Social Media Director to help organize all the sports, teams, clubs etc. We need to ensure that the association between the sports and USOA is present. This will show that each club/sport is a part of a larger organization to help us gain sponsorship.
7. Annual Meeting (3 min)
 - a. Due to lack of attendance when scheduled in the middle of the day during the tournament, the meeting time might be better at another time. We are considering holding the meeting at the banquet (very brief) to see if there is better reception.
 - i. Jenny to notify Tyera and look at rules regarding meeting announcement.
8. America's Cup (2 min)
 - a. Diego Leon Rodriguez (USOA Finswimming Chair) assisting with the organization of the America's Cup which will occur in Colombia September 18-22, 2024. An interest survey was sent out to club leaders to gauge level of interest and how many potential teams.
 - i. Competitions Director requests a meeting to get more information
9. Old business (3 min):
 - a. Development, Coaching, positions need to be filled at CMAS level
 - i. *Jenny will work on Coaching/Development positions*
 - b. Bringing the website up to date

- i. Has been put on a brief hold for uploading things to sportsEngine.
Discussion at USOA level about switching platforms
- c. *Jenny has started putting together a 2024 budget for UWH going through previous budgets/actuals (2017-2020).*
- d. Further defining the appropriate use of “development funds” *Eric and Jenny are working on drafting a document. In the meantime, have added dev fund document to the USOA website*
- e. CMAS has asked that the US host an international UWH event. Discussion is about either 2025 Worlds qualifiers or 2027 Worlds? Would cost ~\$150k to host.

10. Next meeting will be 2024-05-16

Action Items:

- *Directors to review the Director Expectations document that was sent out and should send comments to Jenny no later than May 1st*
- *Decision on which team will be cut to keep Nationals to 24 teams needs to be discussed and finalized?*
- *Megann to confirm that the UWH Tournament Regulations document that Don Mathews started is clear to be put onto the Google Drive.*
- *Jenny to set up a meeting with Diego, UWH Committee and/or Competitions Director, and USOA*

Upcoming Events:

- ACCs - Quebec City - April 19-21
- Lucky Meisenheimer Florida Cup - Orlando, FL - April 27-28
- Nationals - CO - June 21-23
- Age Group Worlds 2024 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia - July 17-29
- III Copa América de Clubes - Medellín, Colombia - September 18-22 2024

Meeting Adjourned 6:08 pm PDT