

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Thursday, March 21, 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>

Meeting ID: 860 0272 2355

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 (2024-2026)

Jacqui West, Member at large (2024-2026)

1. Call to order
 - a. Committee members present: Michael, Eric, Paul, Megann, Jenny
 - b. Non-committee members present: Don, John, Kim, Agnes, Eric Straily
 - c. Approval of agenda (1 min)
2. Discussion and approval of February minutes (1 min)
3. Welcome Michael and Jacqui & Eric Straily (Tournament Director)
4. General membership input (10 min)
 - a. Email from Darryl re: concerns about policy changes
5. Financial secretary/Treasurer's report - Eric Myers/Wendy Okafuji (3 min):
 - a. Total balance: \$37,545.⁶⁷
 - i. \$800 contribution from B@A to the development fund
 - b. Request from Eugene River Otters about possible support for potluck tournament (4/27)
 - i. Pool time: \$340/hr x 4.5 hrs = \$1,530
 - ii. Eric will clarify with Kristen about the exact amount of \$ they are asking for.
 - iii. Eugene requested half of the pool time fees: \$765
 1. Motion to approve use of Development fees, seconded. Approved.
Eric Myers abstained due to COI.
6. Directors reports (max 30 min):

- a. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min):
 - i. Have been working to make the UWH Database accessible to USOA, CMAS, Atlantis s.t. It is functional for them.
- b. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. CMAS COR is meeting the upcoming Saturday
 - 1. Will vote in deputy director(s)
 - 2. Then reviewing potential rule changes
 - ii. Rosa is working on slides for referee slides
 - iii. ACCs and Canadian Nationals are upcoming and recruited a few US refs for that tournament.
 - iv. US nationals also upcoming, referees have been selected
 - v. Juan will be a dedicated ref for US nationals to prep for Age Group Worlds. Rosa is also helping him prepare for what he needs to know for his first worlds reffing experience
 - vi.
- c. **Nationals Team Coordinator** - Helene Soleille (0 min):
 - i. Checked in via email, no news. Deferring to Agnes for Age group worlds so that it's not confusing with too many people trying to do the same job.
- d. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes Debrunner (5 min):
 - i.
- e. **Competitions Director** - Eric Straily (5 min):
 - i. This weekend will be a youth event in Guelph, a few US youth players will be present
 - ii. August 31st/Sep 1 will be a youth potluck with US/Canadian players
 - iii. Refs have been selected for ACCs/US Nationals
 - iv. Suggestion about adding a questionnaire to the nationals invite acceptance to poll additional topics from all members attending nationals
 - v. Inter-regional tournaments Oct 4-6 or Oct 11-13 in Cincinnati, pending NCAA swimming schedule (released April 1). Backup option in Denver, but hoping to do Cincinnati.
 - 1. Question re: what the plan of an inter-regional tournament is
 - a. Tournament for each USOA region and Canada to have an Open and a women's division.

- b. If can get all of the divisions filled, will not open to other teams, if cannot would open to other groups

f. **Regional Directors:**

- i. Northwest - Kim Riccitelli (2 min):
 1. Victoria, BC: Potluck Tournament = Saturday March 30th (All levels welcome, registration is full)
 2. Eugene, OR: Potluck Tournament = Saturday, April 27th, 12-4 pm (All levels are welcome, the tournament will cater to first time competitors and newer players. Details and registration here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScpJodrMPt4GsRiDizN2Y5gaAOidB-b5d9a-ZrDR8yGg-XRiA/viewform>)
 3. Portland, OR: Nationals tune-up event = Sunday June 2nd, 11am-3pm (Tournament style, club team scrimmages to prepare NW clubs for Nationals. Contact Rachel Carrington for details: rachoface@gmail.com)
 - ii. Southwest- Casey Nakamura (0 min):
 1. No report
 - iii. Inland - Steve Kars (0 min):
 1. No report
 - iv. Northeast - Jenny Biener (2 min):
 1. Hampton Roads hosted a great mini-scrimmage on February 24 in which more than 20 people showed up.
 2. GMU announced 2 mini-scrimmages on 3/24 and 4/21 in order to drive recruitment
 - v. Southeast- Nicole Mazouch (0 min):
 1. No report
7. Sending 3 referees to worlds: Rosa Zhang, John Kulsa, Juan Diego (1 min)
 8. Eric Straily has been unanimously voted in as Competitions Director, and approved by the USOA lawyer (1 min)
 9. Directors position updates (5 min)
 - a. Document is in progress for definition and clarification of duties and expectations for these positions.

- i. We will send out a draft of these expectations to directors for offline comment/discussion this month. With plan to discuss in the April meeting and then apply after we finalize.
- 10. CMAS National Representative and College of Events Meeting updates (10 min)
 - a.
- 11. Old business (3 min):
 - a. Development, Coaching, ~~Events Director~~, positions need to be filled at CMAS level
 - i. Danny Agren has accepted the position of Events Director
 - ii. *Jenny will start working on Coaching/Development positions*
 - b. America's Cup (2 min)
 - i. Asked the US to host 2025, but want to have commitment to dates by April 2024.
 - ii. KT is working on talking to the U of MN pool about possibly setting dates, though with the fall NCAA Swimming schedule not being set until the spring for each year, it could prove difficult.
 - iii. Will start contacting other folks about the potential for hosting this.
 - c. Bringing the website up to date
 - i. Meet your committee section (photos, brief bio or at least club?)
 - d. *Jenny has started putting together a 2024 budget for UWH going through previous budgets/actuals (2017-2020). Will finish up and have ready for discussion in April.*
 - e. 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*
 - f. 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.

12. Next meeting will be 2024-04-18

Action Items:

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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