

# Underwater Society of America

## 2022 Sports Commission Meeting Agenda

7 October 2022

9am CST-10:30am CST

*The Sports Commission is composed of the Executive Committee and Elected Sport Directors (USOA By-laws Section 3.4.1).*

1. Call to Order and Attendance: (5 minutes)
  - a. Officers:
  - b. Directors:
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the Minutes from 1 October 2022.
4. Director Reports (Complete Director Reports can be found at [www.underwater-society.org](http://www.underwater-society.org) in the Documents/Annual Reports 2023 tab.
  - a. Apnea - Diego Rodriguez
  - b. Fin Swimming – Diego Rodriguez (10 minutes)
  - c. Mermaiding - Anatoliy Pak
  - d. Skin Spearfishing – Scott Turgeon (10 minutes)
  - e. Underwater Hockey – Jenny Mohn (10 minutes)
  - f. Underwater Rugby – Cristian Parra (10 minutes)
  - g. Visual - Anatoliy Pak and Evan Frost (10 minutes)
5. Approval of USOA Competitive Sports Commission Changes.
6. Social Media accounts
  - a. All sport directors should have the PWs to their individual sports accounts
  - b. USOA has created a generic social media email account.
    - i. [socialmedia@uwsociety.org](mailto:socialmedia@uwsociety.org)
    - ii. Please ask for a password.
  - c. USOA can use some assistance with the Facebook account. Please let me know if you have knowledge in this area.
7. Live-Streaming
8. Fundraising
  - a. Sustainable Giving
  - b. Patreon
    - i. <https://www.patreon.com/>
    - ii. How can we best utilize this?
9. Adjournment

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10. Call to Order and Attendance: 10:01 a.m. CT (5 minutes)
  - a. Officers: Karen Thullner, Wendy Okafuji, Diana Madden
  - b. Directors: Timmy Burke, Scott Turgeon, Megann Largent
11. Approval of the Agenda. MS Approved
12. Approval of the Minutes from 20 March 2021. MS Approved
13. Director Reports (Complete Director Reports can be found at [www.underwater-society.org](http://www.underwater-society.org) in the Documents/Annual Reports 2022 tab.
  - a. Fin Swimming – Mike Gower (10 minutes)
  - b. Skin Spearfishing – Scott Turgeon (10 minutes)
  - c. Underwater Hockey – Megann Largent (10 minutes)
  - d. Underwater Rugby – Timmy Burke (10 minutes)
14. Approval of USOA Competitive Sports Commission Changes.
  - a. Major changes: cleaning up repetitive language, making Nationals a sanctioned event, defining a sanctioned event.
  - b. Changes (minor/cosmetic)
    - i. Take out editing
    - ii. Update formatting
    - iii. 5.4.2 “All USOA members” instead of designating the separate sports.
  - c. MS Approved
15. USOA Uniforms
  - a. USOA Provided the Finswimming team with jackets and shorts for World Games.
  - b. USOA has a discount arrangement with Finis
  - c. USOA also worked with Podium to get the Finswimming uniforms (jacket & shorts)
    - i. Design is intended to be standardized across all sports.
    - ii. Athletes can purchase extra jackets if desired
    - iii. USOA will ask athletes to use the uniforms for 2 cycles.
  - d. USOA would like to provide all National teams apparel depending on budget
    - i. The goal is jackets at a minimum.
    - ii. USOA would like to ask the sports dev funds to help fund a portion.
    - iii. Swimsuits. Working on a design.
      1. USOA probably cannot fund the swimsuits in addition to the jackets/shorts.
      2. Suggestion that National Director of each sport appoint a person(s) to the design team. Megann & Timmy will submit names to KT for the design team.

3. UWR also need water shirts & headgear.
      - iv. Spearfishing generally gets sponsored apparel donations. USOA apparel is meant to be official uniforms for the podium & opening ceremonies. It may solve the issues of athletes not wearing uniform because of competing sponsor (2021). Spear teams can let sponsor know that these items of apparel will be covered and maybe they will donate something else.
      - e. USOA also has an account with Bonfire. Teams can submit a design and people order online (no preorder inventory required).
16. Social Media accounts
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17. UWR Women's National team meeting
  - a. Date conflicted with a religious holiday. Coach continued with the meeting.
  - b. Add language to the Harassment Policy? Have a coach's contract that they need to sign saying they have read all the USOA policies, including non-discrimination policies.
  - c. Agreed to table for the next EC meeting.
18. Adjournment MS Adjourn