

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

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

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97668443>

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UWH Committee Members:

Kurt Allen, Chair	2017-2021
Eric Straily, Vice Chair/Financial Secretary	2020-2022
Megann Largent, Secretary	2020-2022
Paul Byrne, Member at Large	2017-2022
Andrei Savu, Member at Large	2017-2021
Daniel Fox, Member at Large	2020-2022
-Vacant-	2020-2021

- 1) Call Meeting to Order
 - a) Committee Members Present: Kurt Allen, Eric Straily, Megann Largent, Andrei Savu, Daniel Fox, Paul Byrne
 - b) Non-Committee members: Carol Rose, Don Mathews, Paul Wittekind, Helene Soleille, John Kulsa
- 2) General Assembly/Member Discussion. 15 minutes.
- 3) Approval of Agenda - Approved
- 4) Approval of January Minutes. Approved
- 5) Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report: No report this month, Eric will start reaching out to Wendy regarding finances each month.
- 6) Director's Reports
 - a) Rules Director - Don Mathews
 - i) Treatise of UWH Fouls - published 2/7/2021
 - (1) Retail price of the book \$13.95
 - (2) Printing cost of book \$6.45
 - (3) Proceeds to Amazon \$5.58
 - (4) Proceeds to USOA \$1.92
 - ii) So far only have sales in USA
 - (1) Attempting to find connections in France and Colombia for translations to French and Spanish.
 - (2) Helene has offered to take a look at the Treatise and consider how difficult a translation would be to French.
 - iii) Goal of getting eBook version out by mid-March
 - b) Referee Director – John Kulsa
 - i) Meeting this Saturday with referees and evaluators to go over documents regarding referee rating system
 - c) Development Director (Dan Fox)

- i) Was going to take marketing position with USOA, but has since left this role. Shared with KT before leaving the idea of creating a single event for all USOA sports to get some cross-interest and exposure.

Old Business:

New Business:

- a) [Kurt] Election Nominations Committee
 - i) Elections coming up this summer. Kurt will be stepping off the board and we will need to find replacements/handle the vote. Replacing Kurt and Andrei.
 - ii) Volunteers for the committee: Eric Straily, Megann Largent
- b) [Kurt] Nomination of H el ene Soleille as USOA UWH Nationals Team Coordinator.
 - i) Unanimous appointment to position
 - 1) First task - define position
- c) [Eric] Update on Denver plans for Nationals
 - i) Email sent regarding potential dates for Nationals
 - 1) Available dates and the dates outlined in the regulations only overlap on the July 2-4 weekend.
 - 2) Changes to regulations need to be proposed by annual meeting and then voted on by USOA.
 - 3) Denver can hold a tournament, but it wouldn't be an official Nationals tournament to get around this rule.
 - ii) Motion to making official call that Nationals 2021 is canceled and announced
 - 1) 4 in favor, 2 opposed
 - iii) Nationals 2022 host TBD
- d) [Kurt] World Teams Refund turned out to be lesser than expected, because of variable conversion rates. \$713 was approved, only \$530.54 needed to be allocated.
 - i) FYI
- e) [Paul] Backup dates for Nationals.
 - i) N/A
- f) [Kurt] Gustavo Pesce's passing.
How will UWH board respond?
 - i) Andrei - we should make an official announcement and set up a Junior's Scholarship
 - 1) Megann agrees
 - ii) Paul - official announcement should come from Kurt. Is generally in favor of a scholarship but would like to wait on a scholarship announcement.
 - iii) Carol - we should wait for SF Sea Lions' lead
 - iv) Discussion regarding scholarship to be revisited in March meeting.
- g) [Kurt] Note to UWH members re 2021 Nationals.
- h) [John/ Don] Board to subsidize purchase of limited copies of Treatise of UWH fouls for CMAS officers and people who helped develop the book.
 - i) Approximately 10 copies
 - ii) Motion up to \$100 allocated for these copies - unanimously approved

Open Discussion [Time Permitting]

Eric and Megann will have a separate meeting regarding the Election Committee.

- Kurt will be in touch.

Helene - Tampa Bay hosting a tournament April 17-18, 2021

What criteria should the UWH board use to make a go/no go decision regarding Nationals.

What part of that decision should UWH board have authority over, what part should Denver have authority over.

Talking Points:

- Is it proper to hold a Nationals if any part of the country is in lockdown and people from that area should not travel. (i.e., is it fair? is it safe?)
- What requirements, if any, for vaccination as a requirement for participation is appropriate.
- Whose guidelines do we take. Republican or Democratic Governors :-)?
- If Denver incurs costs for Nationals that are cancelled, how much financial responsibility should the board take to reimburse Denver.

We should have some methodology for making a decision, and should communicate it to the community, so whatever decision we do make does not appear capricious.