

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Thursday, February 15, 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)

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1. Call to order
 - a. Committee members present: Paul, Eric, Jenny, Beven, Megann
 - b. Non-committee members present: Michael Riccitelli, KT, Wendy, Carol, Mike LaHaye, Agnes, JD, John Kulsa, Kim Riccitelli, Helene, Jacqui West, Don Mathews
 - c. Approval of agenda (1 min)
2. Discussion and approval of December minutes (1 min)
3. General membership input (10 min)
 - a. Youth Nationals Potluck Tournament (5 min)
4. Financial secretary/Treasurer's report - Eric Myers/Wendy Okafuji (3 min):
 - a. Total balance: January update not yet in
 - b.
5. Directors reports (max 30 min):
 - a. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min):
 - i. Rules requests for the US are in to John Kulsa
 1. Quite a few requests from US were submitted (~10 people made requests)
 - ii. March 23rd, College of Referees meeting will discuss and vet the requests

- iii. Has been working with Kurt to get the database to access the referee test results to be able to automate the basic rules test.
- b. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. Had College of Referee meeting since last committee meeting, it was well attended
 - 1. Passed official code of conduct for refs
 - 2. Looking for deputy director for both Rules and Referee committee
 - 3. Feb 3rd debate on sticks was well attended with a lively debate
 - 4. Discussions on delay of game
 - ii. B@A was mostly a success. The few incidents were well handled by Sarah and KT.
 - 1. Referee class went well, but of the 6 only 2 fully attended. Several tried to take part in both ref class and potluck tournament.
 - 2. Minimal hybrid referees meant lots of player refs. Highlighted need for basic rules courses.
 - iii. Would like to get referee class announcement out early for nationals.
 - iv. Will check in with Rosa about slides for class and check in on online test
- c. **Nationals Team Coordinator** - Helene Soleille (5 min):
 - i. Deadline to register youth teams is March 1st
 - ii. Helene and Agnes to meet to determine division of labor for the coordination of youth team projects
 - iii. 2025 Qualifier (Elite & Masters) will occur in April. Likely China but maybe Malaysia. If the team misses the qualifying event, they would not be able to attend the next World Championships in 2027. (Next possible tournament that we could attend would therefore be the 2029 Qualifiers.)
 - 1. Helene will contact the steering committees shortly to keep this on their radar and begin planning.
- d. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes Debrunner (5 min):
 - i. 3 confirmed teams for Youth Games. U19 mens and U24 womens rosters have been announced, still paring down U24 mens.
 - ii. Will send entry fees in as soon as notified about referees being sent.
 - iii. Mike LaHaye is on board for managing the U24 teams.
- e. **Regional Directors:**
 - i. Northwest - Kim Riccitelli (1 min):

1. Is working on updating info from NW clubs to USOA website
 - ii. Southwest- Casey Nakamura (1 min):
 1. Is working on updating info for SW clubs to USOA website
 2. 10 teams coming to OCCs!
 - iii. Inland - Steve Kars (1 min):
 1. Is working on updating info for Inland clubs to USOA website
 - iv. Northeast - Jenny Biener (2 min):
 1. Has worked on a “seeking placement” form for nationals, following the rules we set out last year
 2. Is working on updating info for NE clubs to USOA website
 - v. Southeast- Nicole Mazouch (2 min):
 1. Several emails have been sent to advertise the U15/U19 Event in Guelph, ON, Canada as well as ACCs in Quebec City, QC, Canada.
6. Received applications from 3 referees to go to Age Group Worlds, and two people asking for more information. Will discuss and select in the executive session following. Will inform applicants of the decision on Friday. (1 min)
7. Have 2 nominees for [Competitions director](#). Will discuss and select in executive session following. Will inform nominees of decision on Friday. (1 min)
8. Directors position updates (5 min)
 - a. Document is in progress for definition and clarification of duties for these positions. We will review in the March meeting.
9. ACCs is being jointly hosted by CUGA and USOA (1 min)
 - a. Still trying to schedule a meeting between CUGA/USOA.
 - i. **ACTION ITEM:** Jenny will send a follow up email
10. Nationals organizers 2024 suggested some changes in wording of, and some additions to the Club Nationals Team Composition Policy. (10 min)
 - a. Suggested change: any team that cannot field a full club team is not able to place higher than any full club team.
11. America's Cup (2 min)
 - a. Due to difficulties in getting US Visas, CMAS Americas decided to have Colombia host the America's Cup 2024.
 - b. Asked the US to host 2025, but want to have commitment to dates by April 2024.

- c. 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.
- d. Will start contacting other folks about the potential for hosting this.

12. Old business (3 min):

- a. Development, Coaching, Events Director, positions need to be filled at CMAS level
- b. Bringing the website up to date
 - i. Regional directors have been given access to update their pages and they have been updating these. Thank you!
 - ii. Regional director/club contact info *Jenny has started working with regional directors on this.*
 - iii. Meet your committee section (photos, brief bio or at least club?)
 - 1. **ACTION ITEM:** Jenny to send email to remind committee members to do this ASAP
- c. *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 March.*
- d. Kristen Lee was nominated for USA UWH social media manager.
- e. Further defining 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.

13. Next meeting will be 2024-03-21

Action Items:

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Upcoming Events:

- Tournament of Love - East Lansing, MI - February 24-25

- Orange County Cup - Irvine, CA - March 9-10
- 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