

REGULAR MEETING of the USATKD-AAC

August 26, 2023

AAC Chair Carissa Fu called the meeting to order at 12:05PM ET.

Roll Call	Present	Absent	Comments
Brianna Salinaro	X		
Carissa Fu	X		
Cheyenne Lewis	X		
CJ Nickolas	X		
David Turgeon		X	
Hannah Keck		X	
Jaysen Ishida		X	
Terrence Jennings			
Alex Lee	X		
Ara White	X		

Guests

Sherman Nelson

I. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve April, June, and July 2023 meeting minutes moved offline.

II. Sherman Nelson, Director of Athlete Affairs UPDATE

S.Nelson joined the call at 12:04PM ET. Provided an update on the direction of the organization relating to events and high performance. There will be a town-hall mid-September that will announce a handful of changes that came from our meeting during Nationals and the survey. USATKD will be finishing out the quad with regional qualifiers but starting 2025, there will be a greater push to state championships as the qualification path for nationals. Currently the feeling is the process to team trials is too complicated and needs to be simplified. Regarding the 2024/2025 plans, S.Nelson will send the plans over to AAC for review and input as well as talking points for the town hall.

There will be more camps happening to help build longer-term relationships. For example, currently USATKD just held a junior camp for the junior national team members with national coaching staff. Additionally, the cadet team is currently in Sarajevo and this is the first time they've had a coaching staff since the start of the year. Having that relationship with the coaches is very important so moving forward, USATKD will try to bring in the coaches at the start of the year. A major theme S.Nelson is working on is building the coaching-athlete relationship.

Finally, there is a safe sport conference S.Nelson will be attending in September.

III. Chair Report

C.Fu worked closely with D.Allen and E.Winger to roll out the special election process. It was completed August 22, 2023. Alex Lee (poomsae) and Ara White (sparring) are the 2 new representatives to serve the remaining term 2023-2024. They are in attendance in today's meeting.

IV. Other Updates

C.Lewis reported that J.Ishida reviewed and signed off on the Pan Am Games staff selection procedures.

B.Salinaro reported that she reviewed and signed off on the Para Pan Am Games selection procedures.

V. Committee Reports

C.Fu reviewed with A.Lee and A.White the current committees. C.Fu will email Carol Lewis, current board chair, with the names and emails of our new AAC members.

- Board (D.Turgeon, B. Salinaro, J.Ishida, C.Lewis)
 - August 29 board meeting might have more information
- USOPC (J. Ishida and C. Lewis)
 - Just voted on who would be representative on IOC, Alison Felix
- Sponsorship (CJ Nickolas)
 - USATKD will be entering a partnership with Tusah soon. More details to come.

There were no meetings or updates of the following committees to report:

- Nominating (C.Fu, J.Ishida, and T.Jennings)
- Governance (C.Lewis)
- Litigation (C.Fu)
- USTAC (D.Turgeon, C.Lewis, C.Fu)
- Safe Sport (H.Keck/J.Ishida)
- HAWC (H.Keck)

C.Fu polled generally when would be a better time to meet for AAC calls between weekday evenings and weekends.

- Alex - weekday evenings might be better but schedule still in flux
- Bri - Monday nights, weekends are a safer time
- Ara -anytime works
- Cheyenne & CJ - no strong preference

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: September TBA

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 12:37PM Eastern.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Carissa Fu for Council Review

Meeting Minutes APPROVED for posting to the membership on: October 22, 2023