



Speed Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm ET

In Attendance:

- Mikey Ratliff
- Robin Pendergast
- Kelly Springer
- McKenzie Browne
- Deb Alpers
- Brian Talley
- Darian Orozco
- Sammy Johnson*
- Patty Leazier
- Jay Ingram*

Missing

- Erin Jackson*
- Tosha Hill

Declaration of Conflicts

- Mikey – coach of athlete trying out for team, owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes trying out for team, previous world team staff member, planning on applying for Team USA staff.
- Kelly – coach of athlete trying out for team, owns a skate company that does business in US and sponsors athletes and events, past staff member.
- McKenzie – may try out for Team USA
- Robin – no known conflicts

Team USA Staff Application/Next Steps

- Team USA staff applications went out last week.
- Must be level 3 to apply to coach/manager, but committee discussion around allowing level 2 to apply for apprentice positions (will need to update future application emails).
- Applications w/cover letter due 4/15. Speed Committee will receive that week and review on the 4/25 call and will move candidates to round 2 for interviews.
- Interviews should be recorded & provide transcripts.
- Interviews to occur the week of May 6th.
- Speed Committee selection will occur between May 13th – May 14th.
- May 15th target to announce Team USA Staff

Plan for 2025 ODN

- We don't know when Worlds is, but IDN is July, and May is too early, so would like to look at same time frame as 2024 (2nd week of June in Milton again).
- Colorado Springs is open!

- National office will need to reach out to get availability and cost, etc.

Team USA Selection Rule Update

- Must be put together as a rule, not just a process. Will need to replace the existing rule.
- Per earlier committee call, targeting new rule for 2026 Team USA.
- The entire process must be finalized, and approval must be obtained from USARS membership, USARS Board, and USOPC, and finally, the rule must be published 6 months prior to any qualifying event.

Lessons Learned from March Milton Clinic

- During set-up, review of past camps made us realize that we had lost some of our content.
- We are creating a platform to give us all the information that is required for the camps. The reason we do camps is to qualify athletes to ODN using a list of requirements from the USOPC. Safety is top concern.
- Camp was successful. Good relationships were made that will produce constructive communication and collaboration.
- Will need to create a sample of clinics ethics and protocol for coaches/leaders.
- Would like to create camp packages for athletes with helpful information and expectations.

Update on ODN Application

- In 2023, ODN entry fees did not cover expenses (short by \$10,000).
- Robin/Kelly/Tosha met regarding budget and identified some opportunities for savings.
- Will likely need to raise the entry fees to be able to break even this year. Will discuss on upcoming committee call.

National Team Uniforms

- Will work on process for person that wins the Team USA bid for them to be able to produce National Team gear but need to discuss guardrails on sale process.

Other

- Speed Committee meetings have moved to twice a month (2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00pm ET) until further notice.

Kelly made a motion to adjourn, Mikey seconded. Adjourned 7:33pm ET.