



Minutes
Board of Directors
Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Board Members in Attendance: Denise Shively, Irene Hawes, Chris Leahy, Jocilyn Saylor, Kimberly Kohut (non-voting; Secretary), Emmanuella Tchakmakjian (AEC President), Jennifer Jarboe, Kerhyl Gantt, Claire Barton (Athlete At-Large), Bill May (General Athlete Representative), Morgan Fuller Kolsrud (USOPC AAC leadership team; non-voting)

Staff Members in Attendance: Adam Andrasko

Others:

Excused: Ashley Johnson, Stacey Chapman, Jennell Lynch, Joanne Pasternack, Mariya Koroleva (AAC Athlete Representative), Monica Velazquez-Stiak (AAC alternate; non-voting), Natalia Vega (General Athlete Representative)

Called to Order At: 8:32 PM EDT

BY: Denise Shively. A quorum was declared.

Topic	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	Presented by	Denise Shively
Discussion	Denise Shively called for any additional conflicts of interest to be declared. No new conflicts of interest. Emma Tchakmakjian participated, but cannot vote tonight due to her internship with USADA.		

Topic	Approval of Minutes from 3.25.23-3.26.23 (with 3.28.23 email vote) and 5.24.23	Presented by	Denise Shively
Discussion	<p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on March 25-26, 2023, which includes the March 28, 2023 email vote with corrections.</p> <p>Seconded by: Chris Leahy</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes- 7 No-0 Abstain-0</p> <p>Motion: Irene Hawes motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on May 24, 2023, with corrections.</p> <p>Seconded by: Jocilyn Saylor</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0</p>		

Topic	Athlete Report	Presented by	Morgan Fuller Kolsrud, Claire Barton, Emma Tchakmakjian
Discussion	No report submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA bill was postponed 		

Topic	Treasurer's Report	Presented by	Jennifer Jarboe
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	National Team Update	Presented by	Irene Hawes, Adam Andrasko, Natalia Vega, Bill May
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulations on World Championships Successes! 		

Topic	VP Competitive Operations	Presented by	Chris Leahy
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	VP Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion	Presented by	Ashley Johnson
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	VP Member Services	Presented by	Jocilyn Saylor
Discussion	No report submitted.		

Topic	VP Olympic International	Presented by	Irene Hawes
Discussion	See attached report.		

Topic	President's Report/CEO Report	Presented by	Denise Shively/Adam Andrasko
Discussion	Old Business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to complete the board assessment sent to you via USOPC Boardspan (June 22nd email) • Open BOD positions for election in September at convention Currently, the following members have committed to running for the open BOD positions. VP Member Services- Jocilyn Saylor VP Competitive Operations- Rebecca Phillips Athlete At-Large- Claire Barton Treasurer- Anna Montgomery (possibly) 		

New Business:

- Preparing for convention 2023
 - Register, Hotel Registration by August 13th

- July 26 Day of Giving for USAAS Foundation
 - If you have not contributed this year, please do so today.

- Year to Date Budget
 - It reflects a deficit until August 1, when membership begins

Adjournment at 8:55 PM EDT by Denise Shively (no longer had a quorum at this point in the meeting)

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly A. Kohut
Secretary

Attachments: VP OI Report

Vice President Olympic International

Irene Hawes

July 2023

It has been a very exciting and busy summer for TEAM USA and for our Clubs going to numerous competitions.

World Championship, Fukuoka Japan

TEAM USA had a very successful outing at the World Championship taking placing Fukuoka.

Betty Hazle was representing the USA with the AQUA Commission and committee members. If you watched you may have seen her on deck in several events.

Heidi Lurenz was a replacement for Bill May who was originally selected to be a Technical Controller, but due to his presence with USA National Team, that position was given to Heidi as a Judge. This was her 1st World Championship. Very exciting.

TEAM USA was represented by 12 superior athletes from numerous clubs. Bill May, Natalia Vega, Nikki Dzurko, Megumi Fields, Rubi Remati, Anita Alvarez, Audrey Kwon, Calista Liu, Jacklyn Luu, Dani Ramirez and Jamie Czarkowski. We also had the addition of Kenny Gaudet for the Male Solo events.

Exciting was the first time in a long time that Team USA was on the World Medal podium.

Acrobatics	Silver Medal
Team Tech	Bronze Medal
Male Tech solo	Silver Medal
Male Free Solo	Bronze Medal

We also had some outstanding performances and placement in our Free Duet, Free Team. But for those darn Base Marks, what could have been.

The future is looking bright for 2024!!! USA, USA, USA! Big shout out to the 4 coaches, Lara, Ana, Andrea and Hiea-Yoon and their support staff!

Cancun Open

The Pirouettes of Texas went to this Championship in June and were represented in the Tech and Free Solo, Tech and Free Duet, Tech and Free Team and the Acrobatic events. The coaches were Soohee Shim and Olga Piontkovskya. AQUA G judge from the USA was Svetlana Malinovskya. The completion was complicated by the variety of levels of ability, the failure of some coaches to submit the Coach Cards and that some of the routines were not using the new rules. In the Solo Free event we placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd. In the Solo Tech event we placed 3rd, 4th and 5th. In the Duet Free event we placed 2nd, 3rd and 5th and in the Duet tech a 2nd, 4th and 5th place finishes. In the Team events, they placed 1st in Team Tech and 2nd in Team Free. In the final event the Acrobatic event they placed 1st. Well done Pirouettes!!

Primorje Synchro Cup Rijeka, Croatia

This competition was attended by both the Walnut Creek Aquanuts (WCA) and the New Canaan YMCA Aquianas (NCA). Walnut Creek had coaches Tammy McGregor and Heather Tiernan while New Canaan had Jen Muzyk and Laura Mase. Each club brought a AQUA judge, so Sheila McNabb and Krista Karwosky were present.

In both Solo Tech and Solo Free, WCA placed 1st and NCA 2nd. In Duet Tech, WCA placed 1st and NCA placed 2nd. In Duet Free it was a medal sweep. In Team Tech, WCA was 1st and NCA was 2nd while in Team Free it was WCA 1st and NCA 3rd. Finally in the Acrobatic event WCA took home the GOLD!

Well done to WCA and NCA!!!

Next up will be the World Masters Championship, in Kyushu Japan. There are many entries from many USA clubs and Cheryl Russell was selected by AQUA to be the USA judge. This will be taking place August 2-11th.

We have the upcoming Pan American Championship in Ft Lauderdale next month with lots of hard work behind the scenes by our office staff.

The International Relations Committee is working hard on the succession plan and there has been interest by several parties for both the Committee positions and for the international positions.

Respectfully Submitted

Irene Hawes
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