

REGULAR MEETING of the USATKD-AAC

September 17, 2023

AAC Chair Carissa Fu called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM EST

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		E	Travel conflict
Alex Lee	X		
Ara White	X		

Guests

None

I. Approval of AAC Meeting Minutes

Action taken offline. .

II. Chair Report

C.Fu reported that there was a conflict in the Grand Prix procedures, triggered by queries from a parent and a coach. The decision was made that the organization will adhere to the existing rankings procedures for resolving the issue.

III. Other Updates

David Turgeon informed the committee that next year's events will no longer include the central region and will add more weight to the state championships. The aim is for gold and silver medalists to qualify for nationals. The organization also aims to increase the number of state championships from the current 23-24 to between 35-40. Carol Lewis indicated that attendance from all four board members is required for the next board meeting scheduled in November.

IV. Committee Reports

Carissa Fu has been in contact with Carol Lewis to understand the committee process for new members Alex and Ara. The new sub-committee structure is still not clear, and it will take some time for this information to be fully communicated.

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

- Board (D.Turgeon, B. Salinaro, J.Ishida, C.Lewis)
- USOPC (J. Ishida and C. Lewis)
- Sponsorship (CJ Nickolas)
- 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)

IV. Thoughts from newest members, Alex Lee and Ara White

Alex Lee raised concerns regarding the "pay to win" versus "one opportunity" system. He also mentioned that there is a lack of clarity on how ranking points for poomsae will be reset and emphasized the need for earlier dissemination of competition schedules and information.

Ara White discussed the challenges in keeping track of open team trials due to different settings. She suggested more frequent training camps between regions, to be provided free of charge. She proposed that each region could have a separate regional coach who would be responsible for a more developmental approach.

V. US Flag Bearer Process Discussion for 2023 PAG

Carissa Fu discussed the PAG flag bearer selection process. A process for how the AAC will review the samples and come up with a process was reviewed. Carissa sent out the materials to the whole group after the call.

V. New business

Hannak Keck brought up the issue of the selection of athletes for Cadet World Championships in relation to cadet team trials.

David Turgeon reminded the AAC about the issue about poomsae and sparring filling the 2 spots for Pan Am Championships differently.

David also mentioned that the 2025 poomsae pathways will begin discussions Monday 9/18.

NEXT USAT-AAC MEETING: October 15 at 7PM ET

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM EST

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Carissa Fu for Council Review on October 15, 2023

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