



AG Development Committee Minutes

Date: January 11, 2022

Committee Members

- Liz Kershaw Committee Chair
- Olga Espinosa Coach
- Tristan Formon Coach
- Kevin Milak Coach (Not present)
- John Nelson Coach (Not present)
- David Orr Coach
- Dana Skelton Coach

- Alexis Mendenhall Coach

- Martha Walstad Athlete (Not present)
- Topher Bishop Athlete
- Caleb Swanson Athlete
- McKayla Kendall Athlete
- Juan Caraveo Staff

Mission Statement

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm

Welcome: Liz Kershaw – Committee Chair

Meeting minutes – Tristan will continue to take moving forward

Liz reviewed the AGDC Mission

Juan reviewed the AGDC Responsibilities (passed down by the USA Swimming Board of Directors)

Each member of the committee introduced themselves to the group.

December Meeting Minutes – MSA

(Note Minutes and all documentation are in the Google Drive)

Future of the Committee – Juan spoke about where the committee has been. Juan spoke about some of the projects that the AGDC has been involved with / lead over recent years.

Where the AGDC has been, where the committee is now and what we want the committee to become: development and implementation of the new Development Competition Category. Juan shared his intention to move on from USA Swimming to work in USADA. He outlined his new opportunity and spoke about his experience with swimming. The new staff liaison will be filled in due course as will his role in the WZ.

Meeting Schedule – Liz suggested a monthly schedule: Tuesday 12pm ET, second Tuesday of the month. Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb 8th, Mar 8th, April 12th ^{**Tentative/} potentially in person at the USA Swimming Workshop Meeting at the end of April. One of the April meetings will serve as a tremendous opportunity to engage with membership prior to the USA Swimming Workshops.

Update on Developmental Comp Category Team Programming Suggestions/Options

- Develop seasonal training groups that mimic age group season
- Develop sample curriculum for mini-seasons
- Committee member lead – David

David summarized how this may fit into membership / how teams could implement. David provided a detailed PDF of “jumping off points” for a club to consider and move forward. Juan suggested a collaborative approach with potentially Club Development before presenting to the membership as whole. The proposed survey to LSCs needs to be shared to gain feedback and an understanding of how the AGDC can work with interested LSCs.

Age Group Development Committee selection of coach to be on the Nominating Committee. Liz outlined some of her experience on the committee. Juan shared a potential candidate from with the AGDC.

Open Floor

Juan thanked the AGDC for their commitment to the membership as a whole.

The committee thanked Juan for all that he has done – he will be missed.