

ATHLETES' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:10am by Acting Chair Van Donkersgoed with the following people in attendance:

Anthony Ervin
Janelle Nguyen
Derek Paul
Russell Payne
Ty Seymour

Nick Smagula
Grant Sugaski
Jack Swanson
Davis Tarwater

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Gazzarato, Madison Lash, Annie Norris, Ellery Parish, Jake Simmons, Bergan Davis, Brad Craig, and Cathy Durance (Staff Liaison).

NOT PRESENT: Kelley Otto, Aaron Peirsol, Ceallach Gibbons, Natalie Hall, Chip Peterson, Seth Maslowski.

(I listed Ceallach Gibbons as absent because she didn't come in until the meeting was literally ending. Please look at each list carefully to be sure it is accurate. Janelle was late, if I recall but there for most of the meeting...; was Chip present or absent?)

MOTION MADE/SECONDED/PASSED to approve the minutes of the May meeting.

CONVENTION UPDATE

Van gave a brief update on the upcoming workshops that Forward Progress has developed for this year's convention. Van will appoint additional at-large delegates to this convention on Friday afternoon. The election process for the AEC and the Board of Directors' athlete reps was also reviewed; the election results will be announced at the end of Meet the Candidates. No overt campaigning is allowed; AEC and Board candidates should pick up their candidate ribbons from the USA Swimming credentials desk. The newly elected AEC will meet Friday night after the House of Delegates to elect its officers. Those elections will be run by USA Swimming's legal counsel, Lucinda McRoberts, and staff liaison Cathy Durance. AEC members are eligible to run for Athlete Zone Rep.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

The committee was brought up to date on several issues that were discussed at the Board meeting the day before. The Board created several new task forces; legal tech suits will have visible FINA labels (illegal tech suits will not), the new AEC policies were approved, and there was discussion about the two gender race classifications (male and female).

RECRUITMENT & LEADERSHIP REPORT

Nick Smagula gave a brief update on committee representation this past year and the feedback he has received from committee chairs. He asked committee members to encourage athletes to apply for committees this year.

2019 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT UPDATE

The 2019 Leadership Summit will take place on April 25-28 (Thursday evening thru Sunday noon) in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center. The OTC will provide dorm housing, a practice pool, work-out facility, meeting rooms, all meals, Colorado Springs airport transportation, and some

passenger vans for the program. They were only able to commit to 100 beds, so local airport hotels will be contracted for the remaining 80 beds (40 rooms) needed. Being at the OTC will reduce the budget as well as the amount of time needed to coordinate all of the details for the Summit. Forward Progress will again be developing the curriculum.

ZONE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

All four zone reps gave a brief update on athlete leadership opportunities in their zones. Several LSCs hosted mini-leadership summits of their own and this is highly encouraged moving forward.

ATHLETES' APPRECIATION AWARD

Nominations were submitted for this year's Athletes' Appreciation Award. The award will be presented to Ellaine Cox.

NEXT MEETING

The new AEC will meet Friday night, September 28, approximately 15 minutes after the House of Delegates' meeting ends, in Boardroom 2 for the election of officers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Durance
Member Services Director
AEC Staff Liaison