

2019 USAS Convention

Disability Committee Business Meeting

Minutes

Wednesday Sept 11, 2019 10:00a

Called to Order 10:05a

Introduction of present committee members – individuals

Members present: Randy, Amanda, Caroline (athlete), Paul, Jim

Meeting was conducted to share information with attendees with a lack of a quorum.

Working from Mark's agenda;

Jim provided a quick recap of the committee's past year accomplishments and pending tasks:

- 1) Motivation Time standards – webinar.
- 2) Pathways for Guiding Swimmers with a Disability
- 3) USA Swimming's Disability Webpage
- 4) Future USAS/USP collaborative Workshop – November 2020.

Amanda gave a quick overview/teaser of her Autism 101 for Coaches Workshop to be conducted 3:00p Thursday. Attendees encouraged to attend and spread the word.

Paul gave a report on the progress of the Educational Task Force:

- 1) "How To" project.
- 2) Expanded sub-committees to enhance the Triple E agenda with greater reach into the world of disability swimming through professionals, coaches, officials and meet/team admin in the field.

Randy gave brief update on November 2020 Workshop – beds are reserved – meeting space and other specifics to be worked out. Comment from the floor – wants longer format than last workshop! Idea for a short Sunday session was discussed.

Meeting was then opened to discussion/questions from the floor.

Sue Nelson, USA Swimming – shared status of the 'Children with Challenges' course updates and revisions.

Question/Comment – regarding dissemination of statistical data on swimmers with a disability at the LSC athlete specific level due to HIPPA restrictions.

-attendees encouraged to communicate how important these stats are regardless if not specific to disability, athlete or team.

Disability Workshop – Sept 12 3:00p

Autism 101 for Swim Coaches

Paul introduced Amanda who lead a captivating presentation on the ins and outs of Autism from a hands-on perspective with just the right amount of statistical data to make the information relevant and practical. More than 80 participated in Amanda's talk.

Paul closed the workshop with another announcement regarding the expanded sub-committee format.

Many attendees stayed after to ask questions of Amanda and express interest in subcommittee participation. Casual feedback from the hallways was very positive.

[Committee, please, provide detail from your recollection of questions, etc.]

Athletes Meeting "round table"

Paul and Caroline were present at the athlete meeting where they had the opportunity to share in a three-round presentation/Q & A format. The athletes seemed to be receptive to the information and some showed interest in the subcommittee idea.

[Paul and Caroline, please, provide any specifics here.]

Friday 9:00a – Randy, Amanda, Paul and Jim took advantage of a few free moments to discuss and brainstorm various topics; review meetings, communication strategies, sub-committee implementation/timeline, regional workshops, etc.

Friday HOD Business mtg. 7:00p

Disability Committee Awards (Coach and Athlete – deferred)

Disability Committee Service Award – Amanda presented to Robin Heller.