



## **Senior Development Committee Meeting Agenda Minutes**

May 5, 2022  
9:00am Mountain

**USA Swimming Mission:** USA Swimming is the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming. We administer competitive swimming in accordance with the Olympic & Amateur Sports Act. We provide programs and services for our members, supporters, affiliates, and the interested public. We value these members of the swimming community, and the staff and volunteers who serve them. We are committed to excellence and the improvement of our sport. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment for all members.

**Committee Mission:** To evaluate programs, advise and make recommendations within the scope of the committee focusing on issues that affect senior level athletes and coaches.

### **USA Swimming Priority Results:**

1. USA Swimmers achieve sustained competitive success at the Olympic Games and other high-level international competitions.
2. Members have and use resources for sustainable success.
3. There is growth in swimming participation and interest.
4. USA Swimming is recognized as the “Best in Class” National Governing Body.

**Type of Meeting:** Standard Committee Business – May Meeting

**Meeting Facilitator:** Jaime Lewis (Chair)

**Minutes:** MJ Truex (Staff Lead) & Jaime Lewis (Chair)

**I. Call to order:** Allison calls meeting to order at 9:02am Mountain

### **II. Roll call**

*Present:* Allison Beebe, Jaime Lewis, Todd Capen, Chris Plumb, John Morse, Amanda Weir (athlete), Chris Natoli, Kevin Zacher, Kate Lundsten, Olga Espinosa (Ex-officio Age Group Development)

*Staff:* MJ Truex, Joel Shinofield, Patrick Murphy, Beth Winkowski, Brendan Hansen, Lindsay Mintenko, Terry Jones, Macie McNichols, Erik Posegay

*Not Present:* Aiden Pflieger (athlete), Revere Schmidt (athlete), Paul Silver (Ex-officio Club Development)

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

*Minutes approved as presented.*



#### **IV. Introductions & Role Changes**

Welcome new committee member, Chris Plumb, replacing Beth Winkowski. Welcome Erik Posegay, Program Director, National Junior Team. Reported that Lydia Jacoby has stepped off the committee. AAC looking for replacement. Allison Beebe stepping down as Chair but will remain on the Committee until the end of this term. Jaime Lewis to assume Chair effective this meeting.

#### **V. US Open Working Group**

- Use the remainder of this quad to plan for next quad changes.
- Too much uncertainty and changes to the event calendar to navigate this quad.
- Working group will assemble to discuss changes for next Quad
- Remainder of this quad looks like this:
  - US Open 22: Start qualifying period for OT
  - US Open 23: LC opportunity to make OT
  - US Open 24: Will not host

#### **VI. Club Excellence**

- Clarification from coaches requesting more information about what the program is
- Open Water: teams concerned about points from this, but automation is being developed as part of SWIMS 3.0
- There is confidence that IT can automate most, if not all, Club Excellence calculations.
- Consideration put forth to use different names for Club Excellence and Club Recognition since not very recognizable in current coaching community; a name to actually match what the program is

#### **VII. Relay Qualifying Times & OME Clarification**

- Aggregates was 18&U as of first day of the meet, but to use a team time, all athletes had to be 18&U and still on your team.
- OME is being built such that if you're qualifying for a team relay time, that all athletes must be 18&U or eligible for the meet by age for that team time to count. If you have someone who is 19 come December who has contributed to that team time, that team time would not come into OME.
- The current OME, however, does not do this so this would have to be done manually which typically would not occur until a few days prior to the meet, after flights and travel plans were most likely already made. If new OME is launched by December, this solves the issue.
- If new OME isn't launched by December, a strategy to handle this will be developed.
- This is currently for 2022 Winter Juniors only
- Committee to communicate this since it is a big change from the past; HQ to also communicate this and the A Relay only decision made by the committee
- Revisit next month: Do we make this consistent for 2023 Summer Juniors as well?



### **VIII. Grassroots Athlete Rep Clarification**

From legal (obtained after the conclusion of the meeting):

The composition of the Senior Development Committee is 12 total members, with 8 appointed by the President/CEO (at least five must be coaches) and 4 appointed by the AAC (in consultation with the AEC). This committee does not have a specified number of 10-Year athletes, as other committees do. For example, National Team Steering's composition specifically states that it must have a sufficient number of 10-Year athletes to constitute 1/3 of the voting membership of the committee.

Therefore, when the Bylaws state that the committee is allotted two athlete members to be delegates in the House of Delegates there should be no assumption that those two votes automatically go to the non-10-Year athletes on the committee. Specially excluding the 10-Year athletes on the committee from consideration would be contrary to the very spirit of including their participation at every opportunity. If the HOD legislation had specifically stated "two non-10-Year athletes from the Senior Development Committee" then I would understand the assumption. However, because that is not what the Bylaws state, all four athletes on the committee should be given the opportunity to represent.

### **IX. Adjournment: 9:24am Mountain**