

USA Swimming Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022 / Virtual Zoom Call

USA Swimming Steering Committee staff liaison, Lindsay Mintenko, called the March 7, 2022 Steering Committee meeting to order at 6:00 pm Mountain Time with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Committee Members: Cammile Adams, Gunnar Bentz, Carol Capitani, Dave Durden, Bruce Gemmell (Chair), Connor Jaeger, Teri McKeever, Matt Kredich, Greg Meehan, Katie Meili, Lindsay Mintenko, Ginny Nussbaum, Davis Tarwater

USA Swimming Staff: Matt Barbini, Carli Brashier, Bryce Elser, Tim Hinchey, Stacy Michael-Miller, Keenan Robinson, Joel Shinofield, MJ Truex

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

USA Swimming Guests: Patrick Murphy and Corey Manley

2024 TIME STANDARDS

Patrick Murphy provided a presentation on the 2024 Olympic Trials time standards. Location of Trials to be announced the end of the month with qualification period being at U.S. Open in 2022.

A motion to approve the 2024 Olympic Trials time standards was made by Teri McKeever, seconded by Ginny Nussbaum. Thereby the motion carried.

2022 CALENDAR

Lindsay Mintenko went over the 2022 competition calendar dates. Conversations with FINA regarding a World Championships in Budapest have been taking place. USA Swimming would not attend the FINA Short Course World Championships if they will be held in Russia.

Other events in 2022: Duel in the Pool in August with option to participate in Australian Short Course Nationals. Some Fall 2022 opportunities in North America.

2023 CALENDAR

Ms. Mintenko went over the Trials dates for World Championships, Pan American Games, and World Juniors, June 27-July 1. Ms. Mintenko informed the Committee that USA Swimming would not be attending the World University Games in 2023. USA Swimming is working with the other Pan Pac Charter Nations on some sort of university event possibility instead. It was purposed for Nationals to start on August 2 to provide the opportunity for Worlds athletes to participate. Dates: Nationals August 2-6, Juniors August 7-11.

Ms. Mintenko reviewed how Olympic Relays would be selected at the 2023 World Championships, only medal finishers qualifying for the 2024 Olympic Games, and thus the importance for relays at the 2023 World Championships, but also the likely need to qualify a couple of relays at the 2024 World Championships being likely. The 2024 Worlds Team would be a smaller World Championships Team than usual with maybe 13-15 men and 13-15 women. There would be an option to decline participation. Mr. Gemmell asked for suggestions regarding the 2024 World Championships Team selection.

Suggestions/thoughts included:

- Benefit of international experience for those on the verge of making the Olympic Team
- An athlete suggested using a combination of Trials, Worlds, and Nationals to select the 2024 Worlds Team
- A coach agreed with using multiple competitions to select the team
- A question was asked about whether to include the U.S. Open for selection?

A motion was made to approve the 2023 Trials dates. The motion was approved by Matt Kredich and was seconded by Carol Capitani. Thereby the motion passed.

JUNIOR TEAM

Ms. Mintenko stated that the new National Junior Team Program Director would be announced soon. World Juniors in Russia was cancelled. A Junior Pan Pacs scheduled for August in Honolulu will act as a replacement meet for World Juniors. For both genders, the selection criteria would be 18 years old as of 12/31 of this year.

U.S. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Shinofield discussed meeting with the Senior Development Committee to try and reinvigorate this competition. Per the rule book this is a Winter Nationals so in practice, falls under the purview of the Steering Committee. The meet used to be in yards every year except the year before the Olympics. Ms. Mintenko discussed keeping the meet LCM for three years, instead of four years of the quad. For example, for the 2028 Quad, having LCM for 2025, 2026, and 2027. There was a request for volunteers to have further discussions with the Senior Development Committee.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on April 4.

ADJOURN

Ms. Mintenko thanked everyone for their input and time and adjourned the meeting.

ATTACHEMENTS

Attachment 1- 2024 Olympic Trials Time Standards FINAL

Attachment 2- 2022 Worlds Calendar

Attachment 3- 2023 Worlds Calendar

Attachment 4- 2024 Quad Plan OW