



## AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### APPROVED MINUTES

Date: February 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

Respectfully Submitted by Tristan Formon

CALL TO ORDER 12:02pm EST

JANUARY MINUTES – MSA (David, Mona)

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Liz Kershaw Committee Chair  
Olga Espinosa Coach - Rep to SRDC  
Tristan Formon Coach - Rep to DEI  
Kevin Milak Coach  
Alexis Mendenhall Coach  
John Nelson Coach  
David Orr Coach  
Mona Nyheim-Canales Coach  
Cammile Adams Athlete (**Absent**)

Tessa Bartlette Athlete (**Absent**)  
Ally Dheeradhada Athlete (**Absent**)  
Aubrey Nelson Athlete  
Paul Donovan - SRDC Rep  
Michael Lawrence - CAC Rep  
Dana Skelton Staff  
Mariah Carnahan - Staff (**Absent**)

Guests: Amy Faulk

### 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

### RESPONSIBILITIES

To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age-group programs.  
To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age-group swimming.  
To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.  
To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.  
To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.  
To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.  
To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.  
To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels, including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets.

### UPDATE FROM DEI AND SRDC

**SRDC** – Paul reported ongoing discussions around 2024 time standards for the US Open and Winter Jnrs. Information as far as timing of OME opening for upcoming meets (Olympic Year)

**DEI** – Tristan attended the new DEI committee onboarding session with Noah Wilson. Annie White is the new chair, taking over from Wade Atkins.

**LSC CAMPS – 3 Small Groups** (Liz/Dana will assign other committee members)

LSCs with Active Camps (Tristan, Aubrey)

Reach out to 2/3 LSCs: what are you doing that's working, what challenges do you need assistance with, where/how can AGDC assist?

Catch the Spirit (David, Kevin, Mona)

review/update: How are these camps structured?

LSCs without Active Camps (Olga, Alexis)

Connect with LSCs that can share what would be helpful for them to get these started. Reach out to 2/3 LSCs: what challenges do you need assistance with, what has gained traction thus far, where/how can AGDC assist?

**AGE GROUP DEEP DIVE**

Jonathon Watson (SZ Age Group Chair) and Dana ran some calls within the SZ. John Fedena (EZ Age Group Chair) has now come onboard as this program is expanded across the nation. Looking at 3 meetings annually, with the next meeting in April.

**OPEN FLOOR**

Some discussion around how LSCs structure championship meets, standards. What has impacted LSC performance, loss of facilities, increased alternate opportunities for competition. Need to dive deeper into the experience of families and athletes. Losing athletes and families to other sports.

**TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE**

March 12 @ 8:00pm ET

April 9 @ 12:00pm ET

May 14 @ 8:00pm ET\* tentative

**ADJOURNMENT 12:40PM ET MSA** (David, Aubrey)