



Minutes

Board of Directors

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Denise Shively, Irene Hawes, Ashley Johnson, Chris Leahy, Emmanuella Tchakmakjian (AEC President), Michele Kraus Bennett, Stacey Chapman, Jennifer Jarboe, Morgan Fuller Kolsrud, Jennell Lynch, Kimberly Kohut (non-voting; Secretary), Joanne Pasternack

Staff Members in Attendance: Adam Andrasko

Others:

Excused: Linda Loehndorf (non-voting, Past President), Megan Robins (Athlete At-Large), Kerhyl Gantt, Carrie Barton-Garten (General Athlete Representative), Lauren Gardner,

Called to Order At: 8:34 PM EDT

BY: Denise Shively. A quorum was declared.

Topic	Approval of Minutes from 5.26.21 and Email Vote from 6.2.21	Presented by	Denise Shively
Discussion	<p>Motion: Stacey Chapman motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting on May 26, 2021 and the minutes from the email vote on June 2, 2021.</p> <p>Seconded by: Jennifer Jarboe</p> <p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Vote: Yes-8, No- 0, Abstain-0</p>		

Topic	Athlete Report	Presented by	Emmanuella Tchakmakjian Morgan Fuller Kolsrud
Discussion	<p>See report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently working on convention logistics by finding out the general number of athletes attending • Creating a webinar to hold before the season starts to help motivate for the next season • Supporting National Team with resources post-Olympic Qualifier. Also, supporting the 2012 and 2016 squads with mental health resources • Adam Andrasko will be flying to meet with the current national team June 24, 2021 		

Topic	Treasurer's Report	Presented by	Jennifer Jarboe
Discussion	No report submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financially solvent. More than enough money in the bank to get us to membership year; we are in a good spot 		

Topic	VP Competitive Operations	Presented by	Chris Leahy
Discussion	See report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bid for USA to host Junior World and Youth Championship was submitted, but FINA decided to postpone the competition until 2022. Instead, a world invitational in partnership with UANA will be the week of August 16, 2021 in Clearwater, Florida. 		

Topic	VP Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion	Presented by	Ashley Johnson
Discussion	No report submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st AWD national competition will be taking place at Junior Olympics Working with staff to establish a company to do a DEI training for Board of Directors, Foundation, and host an education component at convention 		

Topic	VP Marketing and Member Development	Presented by	Michele Kraus Bennett
Discussion	No report submitted		

Topic	VP Olympic International	Presented by	Irene Hawes
Discussion	See report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Duet of Anita Alvarez, Lindi Schroeder (Reserve: Ruby Remati) qualified for the Olympic Games Working to set a date for two athlete petitioners to be evaluated for national team 		

Topic	Discussion of funding sources and impact on planning for strategic goals, NT priorities, programming, etc.	Presented by	Adam Andrasko
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adam did a presentation on funding sources 		

Topic	President's Report/CEO Report	Presented by	Denise Shively/Adam Andrasko
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join us in Reno, NV, October 7-10, for Convention Fundraiser with Foundation in Tarzana, CA on July 31 at the Kravetz Estate 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board of Directors that are attending Junior Olympics to help present awards • Discussed topic areas of the organization that can be presented at future Board of Directors meetings. Suggestions included: overview of sponsors and key partners; membership profile; funnel of programming through swimmer's development; • Other suggestions can be sent to Denise Shively.
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Adjournment at 9:32 PM EDT		
Moved to adjourn by: Stacey Chapman	Seconded by: Chris Leahy	Motion Approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,



Kimberly A. Kohut
Secretary

Attachments: Athlete Report, VP Competitive Ops Report, VP Olympic International Report

Athlete Report

June Meeting

AEC Report: Submitted by AEC President Emma Tchakmakjian

The USAAS Staff has released the tentative schedule for the 2021 USAAS Convention. The educational events for athletes will include Sports Psychology, Collegiate Experience, Career Panel, Mental Performance, Barre and Dance Class, Information about the Olympic Movement, Nutrition, Athlete Transitions, and Ways to Stay Involved. We will also offer the opportunity for athletes to become judges! Thank you USAAS Staff for putting this together.

We had an AEC meeting on June 16th and discussed logistics for various different AEC related items.

We would like to develop a webinar towards the end of August/beginning of September to motivate our athletes from grassroots up for the upcoming season. Content and timing is still undecided, however possibly having various different athletes talk may be an option. For instance, having our AWD and male athlete winners from JOs, winners from US Nationals, Collegiate athletes, and our National Team speak could be awesome to unite our community together and give everyone a voice!

AAC Report: Submitted by AAC Representative Morgan Fuller Kolsrud

Morgan is working with USOPC staff to confirm the resources that are available to our current national team athletes, as well as those from the 2012 and 2016 squads who may have felt triggered by the Olympic Qualification event.

VP Competitive Operations Report

June 2021

Junior Olympic Championship

It's time for the big one! The Junior Olympic Championship starts on the 26th. So far there are over 500 routines from 60 clubs! The meet this year will include multiple firsts for this event: the addition of the Male Solo event, and the introduction of the Athletes with Disabilities (AWD) category! We can't wait for this event to start. We wish all competitors the best of luck and look forward to seeing their amazing performances.

UANA & USAAS 2021 Junior and Youth International Open

Since the last board meeting there have been a number of surprises with international events. Canada informed FINA that they would be unable to host the 2021 World Youth and Junior Championships. USAAS was about to quickly put a bid together to ensure that these athletes would have a chance to compete. Unfortunately, FINA decided to postpone the championships another year due to the difficulties of traveling due to COVID. However, as USAAS still wishes to give these athletes a chance to compete we are working with UANA to host an invitation event that is open to all federations and clubs. This event will include a virtual component for those unable to travel due to COVID. The in-person part of the event will be held in Clearwater Florida, August 15th-22nd.

Masters Championship

The Masters Championship will be held in Henderson, Nevada October 21st-24th. A tentative schedule has been posted. A final meet announcement will be coming out soon. We are excited to be back in Henderson and Baylee promises that it will not snow this time.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is also coming up. Anyone who has changes they wish to make to the technical rules is encouraged to contact the Rule chair, Patricia Jones.

Vice President Olympic International
June 2021
Irene Hawes

Canadian Virtual World Series

May 29-30

Technical Solo

Ruby Remati 82.0855 2nd place

Free Solo

Anita Alvarez 87.0667 2nd Place

Technical Duet

Anita Alvarez 84.6649 1st place
Lindi Schroeder

Free Duet

Anita Alvarez 86.3333 1st place
Lindi Schroeder

Team Free

89.6670 1st place

USA
Anita Alvarez, Paige Areizaga, Nicole Goot, Hannah Heffernan, Daniella Ramirez, Ruby Remati, Abby Remmers, Lindi Schroeder

This was a fantastic virtual performance by all

UANA Pan American Artistic Swimming Championships

Aruba

May 26, 2021 to May 28, 2021

12 & U Figures

Mona Schwickert	63.8592	1 st
Isabella Manuel	63.5141	2 nd
Alina Khoussinova	59.4683	8 th
Mikolas Schwickert	54.6901	12 th

12 & U Solo

	<u>Routine</u>	<u>Figures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mona Schwickert	66.5000	63.8592	130.359	1st
Alina Khoussinova	63.6667	63.5141	127.114	Honorary 3rd
Isabella Manuel	63.6000	59.4683	123.135	Honorary 5 th

12 & U Mixed Duet

Mona Schwickert
Mikolas Schwickert 61.2000 1st place

13 – 15 Figures

Danielle Perry	67.6173			7 th
Jennifer Ryu	65.8010			10 th
Sophie Schroeder	64.3163			15 th
Ella Clancy	63.9796			16 th
Victoria Volfson	62.7270			20 th
Nicolette Tselikis	47.6327			30 th * (received Zeros on 1 fig)

13-15 Solo

Danielle Perry	69.2000	67.6173	136.817	3 rd
Sophie Schroeder	64.9667	64.3163	129.283	Honorary 5 th

13-15 Duet

Ella Clancy	65.6000	63.3533	128.953	3 rd
Victoria Volfson				
Jennifer Ryu	68.4333	56.7169	125.150	Honorary 5 th
Nicolette Tselikis				

Junior Tech Solo

Maya Schwickert	71.0287			4 th
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Junior Free Solo

Maya Schwickert	69.9250			4 th
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Junior Tech Duet

Maya Schwickert	71.8651			3 rd
Una Tatar-Timberg				

Junior Duet

Maya Schwickert	71.0083			5 th
Una Tatar-Timberg				

This was a great competition which combined virtual with live swims. It was expected that once the Federations, coaches and officials arrived that they were to stay in a bubble at the hotel and only go by bus to the venue.

Olympic Qualification Tournament

Barcelona, Spain
June 10-13, 2021

Duet Tech Final Swim

Anita Alvarez	87.2417			4 th
Lindi Schroeder				

Duet Free Prelims

Anita Alvarez 87.2332 5th
Lindi Schroeder

Duet Free Final

Ruby Remati 87.3668 5th
Lindi Schroeder

Duet Tech & Free Combined final

Anita Alvarez 87.2417 87.3668 5th
Lindi Schroeder
Ruby Remati

Team Tech Final Swim

USA 86.8550 5th
Anita Alvarez, Paige Areizaga, Nicole Goot, Hannah Heffernan, Daniella Ramirez, Ruby Remati, Abby Remmers, Lindi Schroeder (R) Megumi Field

Team Free

USA 88.9332 3rd
Anita Alvarez, Paige Areizaga, Nicole Goot, Hannah Heffernan, Daniella Ramirez, Ruby Remati, Abby Remmers, Lindi Schroeder (R) Megumi Field

Final Combined Placement

USA 86.8550 88.9332 175.7882 4th
Anita Alvarez, Paige Areizaga, Nicole Goot, Hannah Heffernan, Daniella Ramirez, Ruby Remati, Abby Remmers, Lindi Schroeder (R) Megumi Field

The USA qualified in Duet for the Olympics in Tokyo!!!!

Due to health concerns, Ruby Remati stepped in for the final free swim for Anita Alvarez. Andrea Fuentes stated this was Ruby's first complete swim through in the final event. This was a true "trio" swim which allowed the USA duet to take their place on the Olympic Stage in July in Tokyo. Fantastic job to these 3 athletes!

This was a fantastic showing for Team USA. They wowed the world with their free routine and improved in 2 years by almost 5 points. They left their hearts and souls in their swim. Unfortunately, they fell .2108 short of qualifying for the Olympics in Team. They have inspired a nation. FINA posted a video of the free routine that has over 20 million views and growing.

FINA World Series Super Final

Barcelona, Spain
June 10-13, 2021

Solo Technical Final

Nicole Dzurko 82.0876 3rd

Solo Free Final

Anita Alvarez 88.1332 2nd

Duet Technical Final

Anita Alvarez 87.2417 4th
Lindi Schroeder

Duet Free Final

Ruby Remati 87.3668 5th
Lindi Schroeder

Team Tech Final Swim

USA 86.8550 4th
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Team Free

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In the month of May, Junior and Senior Trials were held in Moraga. A new National 13-15 Team was selected in Mesa, Arizona.

9 athletes were named to the National Team

Elisa Brunel
Ivy Davis
Claudia Coletti
Keana Hunter
Yujin Chang
Jamie Czarkowski
Emily Ding
Natalia Vega
Kenneth Gaudet

Junior athletes selected to join our Current Junior National Team Athletes bringing the total Junior Athletes to 14. Senior Athletes Megumi Fields and Anya Melson have dual roles with this squad and our Senior National Team.

Joanna Liu
Miko Begossi
Atira O'Neil

13-15 Team

Ayla Berry
Kennah Burdette
Michael Chan
Janneke Dirven
Elizabeth Fullen
Audrey Kwon

Emileen Moore
Danielle Ovadia
Elle Santana
Aubrey Shen
Amy Wang
Karen Xue

Since the selection of these teams, the Junior World Championships and Youth World Championships were initially in Canada who, due to COVID and international travel restrictions in Canada, were open for bids with the US placing a bid. Ultimately, FINA has postponed these Championships to 2022. It is not yet known who the host will be.

The US is hosting an International Competition in Clearwater Florida. A committee has been formed to make this a wonderful competition with both in person and virtual competitions.

The Comen Cup has been set for Rijeka, Croatia on September 2-5, 2021 and LEN (European governing Body) has added the 1st Youth European Artistic Championship to this competition.