

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Sunday, October 15, 2024

8-9:30pm (EDT), 7-8:30pm (CDT), 6-7:30pm (MDT), 5-6:30pm (PDT)

Zoom Meeting:

<https://meet.google.com/wjm-isyo-gvp>

UWH Committee Members:

Beven McWilliams, Interim Chair/Vice Chair(2023-2025)

Eric Myers, Financial Secretary (2023-2025)

Paul Byrne, Member at Large (2023-2025)

Michael Riccitelli, Member at Large (2024-2026)

Jacqui West, Member at Large (2024-2026)

Molly Banks, Member at Large (2024-2026)

Jesse Hocking, Member at Large (2024-2026)

1. Call to order 5:19
 - a. Committee members present: Beven, Paul, Jacqui, Michael, Molly, Eric
 - b. Non-committee members present: Eric Straily, Agnes Debrunner, Jenny Biener
 - c. Approval of agenda (1 min) Moved, Seconded, Approved
2. Discussion and approval of September minutes (1 min) M,S,A
3. Committee elections (2 min)
 - a. Molly Banks Secretary, Jacqui West Vice Chair, Beven McWilliams Chair. Motion to appoint, seconded, approved.
4. Financial secretary/Treasurer's report - Eric Myers/Wendy Okafuji (3 min):
 - a. No new report
 - b. Total balance: Dev Fund Summary as of June 30 \$36,868 **Beven follow**
5. Directors reports (max 30 min):
 - a. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min):
 - i. No report, CMAS has been busy working on rules changes
 - b. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. College of Referees met on 28th of this month
 - c. **Nationals Team Coordinator** - Helene Soleille (5 min):
 - i. No report.

- ii. Women's Masters actively looking for a coach, will be sending out a call in the near future
 - iii. Meeting with Federations regarding zone splits & qualifiers in 2025 9/20/24 (More information in item 8)
- d. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes Debrunner (5 min):
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- e. **Competitions Director** - Eric Straily (5 min):
 - i.
- f. **Regional Directors:**
 - i. Northwest - Kim Riccitelli (0 min): No update.
 - 1.
 - ii. Southwest- Casey Nakamura (2 min):
 - 1. PCCS open for bids. In September- October still? Event with high standards.
 - 2. OCC tournament in the works for April-May. Will it be PCCS?
 - iii. Inland - Cheryl Russell (2 min):
 - 1. Milwaukee will be hosting a team tournament on Nov. 2 which is Halloween themed / costumes encouraged at the banquet. It will be a team tournament, but all orphans are welcome to attend and a team will be found for them. Event info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1136025014362014?ref=newsfeed>
 - 2. 2 teams being sent to Inter Regionals (2 female)
 - iv. Northeast - Jenny Biener (2 min)
 - 1. Region needs help with player involvement
 - 2. Assisting prospective club leader in Baltimore
 - v. Southeast- Nicole Mazouch (2 min): Nothing to report
- 6. USOA Annual meeting will take place on October 5th (3 min) -
 - a. Strongly encourage everyone (particularly clubs and regional reps) to attend the meetings :)
 - b. General meeting (last one) is the one to choose if you're only choosing one
 - c. Ballots were sent August 31st. Voting closed September 30th.
- 7. Call for Nationals bids (2 min)

- a. Both Minnesota and Boston have expressed interest in submitting a bid UMN is reaching out this week. MIT wants a full bid package by December.
 - b. May send out call for bids for 2025 ACCs and PCCs also
8. CMAS 2025 World Qualifiers Update (5 min)
 - a. Bogota, Columbia in August. Press USOA for a formal announcement.
 - b. If anyone is interested in possibly submitting a bid for the US, please contact Creedon and Beven.
 - c. Discussion to host worlds 2027. Needs tremendous support. What is timeline for bids? **Jesse will find out.** What makes a good city?
 - d. **Redefine what the National teams coordinator** does.
9. Old business (3 min):
 - a. Directors position updates (2 min) **Beven will contact Directors for final feedback before they are officially voted into effect**
 - b. Development, Coaching, Events positions need to be filled at CMAS level
10. Question about how we can define what is a club, what is a club player, etc.
 - a. UWH Committee can write things up and then send the proposed changes to USOA for an official vote for the 2025 Annual Meeting
 - b. Needs to get proposed changes before September 2025. Unless a special meeting can be called.
 - c. Michael, Jesse, Beven, Molly, see if special meeting can be called to get criteria for nationals 2025. Do the research and legwork for proposal.
 - d. Big picture hockey events, competition standards, club rules, criteria for high level events. What are the issues we can solve.

11. Next meeting will be discussed

Action Items:

- *Special Committee for nationals proposal.*
- *Add definitions of clubs, club players, and "resident" to new business, form a subcommittee to lead this task*

Upcoming Events:

- Milwaukee Halloween tournament - Milwaukee - Nov 2
- Not So Hard on Your Body - Charleston, SC - November 9-10

Meeting Adjourned 5:54 PST