

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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

Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86002722355>

Meeting ID: 860 0272 2355

UWH Committee Members:

Jenny Mohn, Chair (2023-2025)

Beven McWilliams, Vice Chair (2023-2025)

Shawn Berg, Secretary (2022-2024)

Eric Myers, Financial Secretary (2023-2025)

Paul Byrne, Member at large (2023-2025)

Megann Largent, Member at large (2022-2024)

Brandon Burr, Member at large (2023-2025)

1. Call to order 5:06 PDT quorum met
 - a. Committee members present: Jenny, Megann, Beven, Paul, Eric
 - b. Non-committee members present: Wendy Okafuji, Carol Rose, Karen Thullner, Don Mathews, John Kulsa, Kim Riccitelli, Agnes Debrunner, Kurt Allen
2. Approval of agenda (1 min) - Approved
3. Discussion and approval of September minutes (2 min) - Approved
4. General membership input (10 min)
5. Financial secretary/Treasurer's report - Eric Myers/Wendy Okafuji (5 min):
 - a. 3 new clubs asking for insurance. Approved per policy
 - b. Wendy will communicate with Eric as Financial Secretary, Eric will communicate with Jenny.
 - c. Votes can be done via email to approve spending \$ for insurance to new teams.
 - d. Wendy/KT would appreciate a budget for the upcoming year. *Eric and Jenny will work on putting this together.*
 - e. Discussion ensued about being sure to track the money coming in/being spent such that it is in accordance with the document the committee made regarding spending of incoming funds
 - f. *Suggestion to further define appropriate use of "development funds"*
6. Directors reports (max 30 min):
 - a. **Rules Director** - Don Mathews (5 min):

- i. CMAS and college of referees have had a lot going on:
 - 1. Federations meeting Oct 28th 4am UTC (*Don will forward invite to KT*)
 - 2. Internal regulations- plans to make changes to how UWH commission works. Want to add a college for events.
 - 3. Rules director will serve both on college of referees and college of events.
 - 4. Required to have 2mo notice before having any voting.
 - 5. CMAS website is being upgraded. Plan to register all the CMAS members (starting with diving). Trying to get connections with all CMAS members throughout the world, they are not clear on what they intend to do with all of this information.
 - 6. College of referee meeting will be Nov 4:
 - a. Trying to update how rules are change to make smoother
 - b. Trying to update referee training, want to certify training programs from different countries to make CMAS certified level X so referee certs easier to transfer across countries
 - c. Code of Conduct: want to add deadlines for procedures so that incidents get dealt with and don't slip through the cracks.
- b. **Referee Director** - John Kulsa (5 min):
 - i. Continuing to work on level 1 and level 2 courses with Rosa.
 - 1. Basic Referee is virtual, self led.
 - 2. Currently level 1 and level 2 are still led by an individual and no plans to change right now.
 - 3. Suggestion to potentially develop an app to help develop reffing.
 - 4. Basic referee course is currently hosted on a platform that creates a database of certified folks.
 - ii. PCCs next weekend
 - 1. last minute request for referee course, *John will email Jenny and she will advertise*
 - iii. No so hard on your body, well established ready to go
 - iv. Montreal still looking for referees
 - v. Starting to work with Oregon about women's tournament in December

- c. **Nationals Team Coordinator** - Helene Soleille (5 min): No report
- d. **Youth Development Director** - Agnes DeBrunner (5 min):
 - i. Put out survey and got interest for worlds:
 - 1. U19 mens, U24 mens and womens had sufficient interest.
 - 2. Not enough interest for U19 women.
 - 3. Rett Perkins coach for U19 men (primarily SF based)
 - 4. Kendall and Sue Banks will tentatively coach U24 men's and women's
 - 5. Other volunteers have agreed to help with coaching.
 - 6. Working on organizing timelines for team tryouts, when deposits will be due, etc.
 - 7. Jim Crosby, Agnes and Wendy will be meeting to discuss financials
 - 8. Spent time in Incline Village during the youth tournament, discussed with Jesse junior development program in NZ and got some good ideas. Several team parents and volunteers expressed interest this weekend.
 - 9. Trans player trying out for the U24 men's team. CMAS does not have any policies surrounding this. Expect policies from CMAS around this in January.
 - 10. Question regarding what all is covered in terms of referee costs from USOA.
 - a. USOA will cover uniform costs
 - b. UWH committee has historically helped fund referee costs.
 - i. Likely cost Agnes quoted is \$1500 per team. Don confirmed this is a good budget number
 - ii. Referee college is trying to get this cost down.
 - 11. Working on getting a website setup.
 - 12. Agnes will discuss scholarships with USOA money with Wendy.
- e. **Regional Directors:**
 - i. Northwest - Kim Riccitelli (5min):
 - 1. Is developing NW survey questions, setting specific goals for the region. Had opportunity to talk to coaches in the region
 - 2. Had question about defining the regional director position

- ii. Inland - Steve Kars (5min):
- 7. Regional director positions - defining and filling (10 min)
 - a. Tentatively have Casey agreed to be SW regional director.
 - b. Still need NE and SE.
 - c. *Megann will send Jenny the document that she and others put together about defining these positions*
- 8. Development and Coaching Director, positions need to be filled at CMAS level (5 min)
 - a. *Delegate someone to contact folks for these positions. Expect commitment to be ~10hrs quarterly.*
- 9. Women's Tournament (5 min)
 - a. Kim has requested \$1670 in financial assistance to cover 2 refs.
 - i. We are already well over budget, this would be coming from the development fund adult category
 - ii. Discussion ensued about what funds in excess of breaking even would go to. Agreed that this would be going to developing women's hockey.
 - iii. Motion to approve spending, seconded, approved
 - iv. *Kim will have further discussion with board members about defining use of excess funds.*
 - b. Vero has tentatively committed to being Chief Ref, trying to get a second female paid ref. All other refs will be local volunteers.
- 10. Bringing the website up to date (2 min)
 - a. Regional director/club contact info (a la NE region)
 - b. Meet your committee section (photos, brief bio or at least club?)
- 11. Bids for Nationals 2024 (5 min)
 - a. Any word on if anyone is working on putting together a bid?
 - i. CO has annual club meeting on Sunday. Plan to discuss possibility and interest of CO hosting it.
 - ii. GMU had contacted KT about hosting ACCs, might be interested in nationals.
 - b. Might be time to put out a call for bids. What should be our "due date"?
 - i. Deadline for bids suggested to be one week before the November meeting. *Jenny will send out a call this week. Include comment about youth worlds in July, suggest trying to have before July.*
- 12. Old business (5min):

- a. Streamography will be covering B@A in 2024
 - b. CMAS has asked that the US host an international UWH event. Discussion is about either 2026 Age Group Championships, or 2027 Worlds? Would cost ~\$150k to host.
13. Meeting adjourned, next meeting will be 2023-11-16

Action Items:

- *Jenny will send out a call for nationals bids this week. A comment about youth worlds in July will be included to motivate having nationals on the early side.*
- *Megann will send Jenny the document that she and others put together about defining regional directors positions*
- *Jenny will reach out to people to try to fill the open regional directors positions (SW, SE, NE)*
- *Jenny will reach out to people to fill the open Development and Coaching Director CMAS positions*
- *John Kulsa will email Jenny something to send out to membership regarding the upcoming referee clinic at PCCs*
- *Don Mathews will ensure KT gets the invite to the CMAS meeting on Oct. 28th.*
- *Eric and Jenny will put together a 2024 budget for UWH*
- *Jenny will begin a document and share with the committee to edit for further defining appropriate use of “development funds”*

Upcoming Events:

- PCCs - LA - Oct 28-29
- Milwaukee Halloween Tournament - Nov 4-5
- Montreal Tournament - Nov 11-12 (Canadian not USOA)
- Not So Hard on Your Body - North Charleston, SC - Nov 11-12
- Women’s Tournament - Portland, OR - Dec 2-3
- Battle at Altitude - CO January 27-28
- ACCs - Quebec City - April 19-21