

USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

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

*****NEW*****

Participant Instructions

1. Call your dial-in number: **(605) 468-8757**
2. Enter the access code: **796706**

UWH Committee Members:

Karen Thullner, Chair 2016-2020
Paul Byrne, Vice Chair 2017-2020
Diana Madden, Secretary 2016-2020
Kurt Allen, Member at Large 2017-2019
Jon Paden, Member at Large 2018-2020
Andrei Savu, Member at Large 2017-2019
Eric Straily, Financial Secretary 2015-2019

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

May 28, 2019 June 25, 2019 (Annual Meeting)
July 23, 2019 August 27, 2019
September 24, 2019 October 22, 2019
November 26, 2019 December 24, 2019 (subject to change)

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Committee Members Present: **Kt, Diana, Paul, Kurt, Andrei, Eric**
 - b. Non- Committee members: **Dave, John Kulsa, Carol**
2. Approval of Agenda. **Approved**
3. Approval of February 26 Minutes. (There was not a quorum for the March 26, 2019 meeting.)
4. Financial Secretary/Treasurer's Report Eric
. See Attached
5. Director's Reports
. Rules Director - Don Mathews
 - a. Chief Referee – John Kulsa

i. List of motions:

6. **1. We move to change the title of "Chief Referee Director" to "Referee Director".**
Reasoning: According to the CMAS Rules of Underwater Hockey, the name of "Chief Referee" pertains to the position of "Deck Referee" as we know it in the USA. In the US, we've used "Chief Referee" to refer to the Deck Ref, Tournament Ref, and Referee Director. We would like to be consistent with CMAS and reserve the "Chief Referee" title to refer to the Chief Referee of a game. **Approved**
7. **2. We move to publish the results of the 2017 referee survey on our website.**
Reasoning: Although we feel there is no personally identifiable information in the results, we would prefer that the committee concurs with that assessment. **Approved**

8. **3. We move to have John Kulsa and Don Mathews develop the Referee Training Program as described in the “Proposed USOA Referee Training Program for Underwater Hockey” with the understanding that the details within the course material, quality standards, and details that do not affect the structure of the plan may change without notice to the committee.**

Reasoning: We have done our due-diligence and research in creating this plan. We feel that we have created a plan that best serves the sport, the referees, and the players. By the time we finish with this program, the UWH Committee will have changed in membership. Passing this motion formally keeps future members of the committee obligated to support this effort. **Approved**

i. Referee Training Coordinator - Position Vacant

b. Development Director – Position Vacant

.Regional Directors

1. Northeast – Jennifer Biener
2. Northwest - Position Vacant
3. Southeast – Patrick Partington
4. Inland – Damir Djidic
5. Southwest – Position Vacant
6. Women’s – Brigit Grimm
7. Men’s – Position Vacant
8. Collegiate – Ben Holtzman
9. Juniors – Gustavo Pesce

c. National Teams Coordinator – Dave Boutcher

.Darryl Brambilla supplied a letter written by Canada for an Age Group Exemption for the Canadian Women’s Masters team (See below). The USA Women’s Masters team has not put together a request for any exemptions to date.

d. Competitions Director – Jennifer Whitman

e. Safety Director – Position Vacant

Old Business:

9. World’s 2022 Bid

a. A USOA Sponsorship form was created.

b. Preliminary information is forthcoming from Denver, Minneapolis and Orlando

10. Athlete of the Year and Team of the Year awards- KT and Andrei

11. USOA Meeting was March 28.

. Wendy and Karen attended and also helped with the booth at BTS.

New Business:

12. Election Committee: Kt, Jon, Paul, Diana

13 . Carol ordered mouthguards. Bulk pricing is available.

14. Questions from Sturgeon Bay regarding age eligibility:

1. Where did the rule come from, USOA? or Orlando? Is it an official rule?
2. If it is a rule, what is the interpretation of the effective date for calculating age? **Logan will turn 13 during 2019 but not before the tournament. Is he eligible?**
3. Any means of getting a waiver, with parents present and willing to take responsibility?

Thanks for your time,

Kendall Banks, Door County Sturgeons
920-493-6627

See attached Standardized Competitive Rules 2016.

KT will have a decision for Kendall soon.

15. Request from the Women's Masters Team for a letter to CMAS from USOA regarding the change in Age Group Categories. **KT and Dave are going to draft a new letter and send it to the USA Master's coach and steering committee. Then send it to USOA for approval prior to sending it to CMAS.**

Adjournment 9:30 pm