

# USOA Underwater Hockey Committee Agenda

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

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

Call in information: 857-216-4342 PIN 62029

## UWH Committee Members:

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

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

December 26, 2017

January 23, 2018

February 27, 2018

March 27, 2018

April 24, 2018

May 22, 2018

June 26, 2018

1. Call to Order. Attendance: **KT, Eric, Andrei, Paul, Kurt**, Carol, John Kulsa
2. Public Member Forum – 15 minutes allowed.
  - a. Discuss a simple Google form to gather club information that can be accessed by the website and used to populate a list of clubs so that players registering with USOA have a valid list to choose from and we finally clean up our data. *Question came up as to whether we need to create a definition of what a club is. This request has been made 2-3 years prior.*
  - b. Discuss having a small fee to register a club with USOA, which would help clear up the matter of official clubs. In thinking trivial fee, \$5-10/year, which would be used for web development. *Carol says we cannot charge a fee. Putting such a change into effect would take 2 years.*
  - c. We need to fix the fundraising links on usauwh.org. at the bottom of the page, there are four shopping links, and all simply redirect to the home page. They were recently posted on the USA UWH Facebook page, and they do not work. That not only looks unprofessional, but we are also potentially missing out on funds, which brings me to my last item. *Paul: asked who maintains the website. Kurt believes Tyera is the one responsible, possibly with some help from Jim Lester. There are also administrative privileges that can be granted to desired users. Carol: says Eric Toupin maintains the website and gets paid some yearly fee.*
  - d. Do those links generate any money, and if so, how much? I didn't see anything on the budget report. *KT: believes money goes to National teams, but this may be a better question for Wendy.*
3. Approval of Agenda. ok
4. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes. m/s
5. Review of Financial Report. *(KT asked for volunteers for Financial Secretary, Paul and KT formed subcommittee, Diana and Gus will be asked as well) Discussion about what "sanctioned" means for a tournament and why only 5 tournaments were listed. Is tournament fee refundable/non-refundable? KT asked if it would make sense to have a form that tournament organizers fill out with information about tournament treasurer, and other important information. Andrei volunteered to create*

*template for USOA tournament form and club form. Need form to identify who is responsible for a tournament. Perhaps have teams send money directly to USOA and USOA sends money to tournament organizers. Will need to discuss further. Are there guidelines for the use of Director fund allocations? If not, perhaps we can create something. Will discuss further.*

- a. Requested from Wendy
- b. 2017 Budget – See attached. *Kurt asked how to collect tournament fees that were not collected: CMCs, ACCs, PCCs.*

6. Review of Director Reports. Eric is putting together a communication to post all the director vacancies. Applications are due by November 10 for approval at the November 28 meeting.

- a. Safety – Sean Avent *Resigned from this position as he does not have time to do his due diligence. Need a basic science/ diving background for the nominee. No official certifications such as First Aid, CPR, etc. 9:01 Eric had to leave.*
- b. Public Relations – Carolyn Erdman  
Any information about tournaments, events etcetera will be published upon request. Just forward the information.
- c. Women's – Brigit Grimm *KT chatted with Brigit at PCCs, talked about places and times for hosting Women's Tournament.*
- d. Men's – Greg Appling

The USA Men's Training Program (MTP) hosted Pacific Rim Training Initiative (PRTI) September 18-22. Participates included teams from Australia, Canada, Colombia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the United States. In the men's division we had nine teams (one Barbarian team) and the women's' division had seven teams. The event was held at the Veterans Memorial Aquatic center in Waipahu, Hawaii. The MTP featured two teams at this event as well as hosted the event. Brittany Haughton was the tournament director and lead organizer, and John Kulsa was the lead referee. Both did an excellent job running the event and every team I spoke with had nothing but good things to say about the event. We hope to hold our third international event in 2019.

The next MTP event will be held December 2-3, 2017 in Denver, CO in conjunction with the Masters team. This event will feature about 25 guys who are trying out for the national team. At this event we will cut to 16 guys to take forward to our final tryout February 24-25, 2018 in Menlo Park, CA where we will make our final selection.

- e. College – Ben Holtzman
- f. Juniors – Gustavo Pesce
- g. Chief Referee – John Kulsa approved by Tristan by March 2018 -including budget - is \$1000 ok?
  - i. Referee selection for Quebec City needs to start.
  - ii. John is working on a proposal for referee compensation.
- h. Referee Training – Don Mathews
- i. National Teams – Terry Sutton
  - i. We **need** a National Teams Coordinator.
- j. Rules – Position Vacant
- k. Development and Training – Position Vacant
  - i. Subcommittee created: Kurt, Andrei and KT (*This item was completed in a separate working session 11/25/2017*)
- l. Competitions – Jennifer Whitman

***Questions:***

***Who is leading tournament/team registration through website initiative? I think this related to the where data information is stored and could be used to auto check waiver and dues status when***

*registering for an event. Website will need major overhaul to achieve this. Need to discuss more in-depth. Discussion led to looking into outside contractor to develop updated proper website*

- m. Regional Directors
  - i. Northwest - Sean Avent?
  - ii. Northeast – Position Vacant
  - iii. Southeast – Patrick Partington
  - iv. Midwest – Damir Djidic
  - v. Southwest – Position Vacant
- 7. Old Business
  - a. World's 2022 Pre-Bid
    - i. David Kennedy is in the process of selecting people to analyze pools. The pools up for consideration are: Denver, Orlando, Minnesota.
    - ii. Dave has a list of criteria needed for the bid.
    - iii. Carol forwarded a sheet listing pros and cons of each location
  - b. To USOA clubs and councils .....
    - i. It is time to think about 2018 - dues, calendar, events, meetings
    - ii. Below is the required annual *Status Report*. The minimum info required is in the **bolded** titles. Clubs are to complete and remit by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. Dues are going up in 2018, first increase in 25 years. On January 1, 2018, USOA dues will be \$20. USOA dues can be paid online just go to [www.underwater-society.org](http://www.underwater-society.org) (Underwater hockey players have alternate dues route and pay an extra \$10 for development.) Please make checks payable to USOA, mail to the following address: USOA, PO Box 1288, Sonoma CA 94576.
  - c. The 2018 USOA calendar is available. All national championships are set, and there are 3 international events.
  - d. Updating the website. The usauwh.com website has old information. Who oversees updating?
    - i. Create a policy and procedure for website updates.
    - ii. Track members thru UWH or USOA websites.
    - iii. Comprehensive email list.
  - e. IWGA World Games 2021
    - i. Birmingham, AL
    - ii. CMAS is interested in adding uwh with streaming
  - f. CMAS Athletic Commission
    - i. Looking for nominations for hockey, rugby, fin and skin spear
    - ii. Are there any suggestions for nominations? When do must nominations be confirmed by the UWH Committee? *Carol still has to find out.*
  - g. Communication for usauwh committee election
    - i. Subcommittee: Kurt, Gus, Eric, Andrei *Kurt to set up the first meeting. To be renamed to "team"*
- 8. New Business
  - a. Budget
  - b. Update Committee Rules.
  - c. Update Club and Member definitions.
  - d. Update Club Nationals and Tournament Rules.
  - e. Big Picture Plan from Eric.
  - f. 2-5 year plan proposed
  - g. Other New Business:

- i. *Motion to approve changes to Director definitions on page 37. Motion approved conditionally, as long as other members do not submit written objections via email within 1 week.*
- ii. *Minnesota will not be able to host 2019 Nationals unless in August, but likely too many conflicts.*
- iii. *December meeting may be rescheduled, KT to send out email for best dates.*

9. Adjournment 9:50