



AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Approved MINUTES

DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

CALL TO ORDER 12:00PM ET

JULY MINUTES – MSA (David, Alexis)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Liz Kershaw Committee Chair

Olga Espinosa Coach - Rep to SRDC **(Absent)**

Tristan Formon Coach - Rep to DEI

Kevin Milak Coach **(Absent)**

Alexis Mendenhall Coach

John Nelson Coach

David Orr Coach

Mona Nyheim-Canales Coach **(Absent)**

Cammile Adams Athlete **(Absent)**

Topher Bishop Athlete **(Absent)**

JP Vanderloo Athlete **(Absent)**

McKayla Kendall Athlete

Paul Donovan - SRDC Rep **(Absent)**

Michael Lawerance - CAC Rep **(Absent)**

Dana Skelton Staff

Mariah Carnahan- Staff **(Absent)**

GUESTS

Several, part of ABM series of meeting

MISSION STATEMENT

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs

UPDATE FROM DEI, SRDC AND/OR CAC

SRDC: no report

DEI: interested in assisting AGDC in any way as look to remove barriers from access to the sport

CAC: REGISTER TO VOTE if you are a coach and have a vote

SMALL GROUP UPDATES

Ideas for incorporating Developmental Competition Category (DCC) sessions into larger meets were shared ahead of time. There was some discussion around the differing options presented. Concerns were raised over insurance implications with “*bring a friend*” concept. There are some tremendous potential opportunities to engage with potential new families and athletes.

How do we build relationships between learn to swim (LTS) and developmental competitive programs? Need to outline benefits for both sides of the equation, for the LTS and USA Swimming program to cover the “business side” of the relationship. It is imperative that both sides understand the differing thresholds for participation at the team / pre-comp level. It was suggested that the small group potentially looking to pull out the “business paragraphs” into a separate PDF.

UPDATE ON ABM TIMING

Liz reported that the timing of the ABM was pushed back to 12pm

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Applications due by 10/6/23

OPEN FLOOR

Junior Officials Membership Category Proposal was presented for the AGDC consideration. The committee is asked to consider supporting, remaining neutral or not supporting. Tim Husson who served on the working group, answered some questions. Liz outlined a potential process for receiving volunteer hours sign offs via the LSC. Goal of the proposal is to provide a new avenue for growth in the officiating ranks.

MSA – Support the proposal as written (David, John)

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE – LIZ

Tentatively 2nd Tuesday of the Month

October 10th 12:00pm, November 14th 12:00pm, December 12th 12:00pm

ADJOURNMENT: 12:56 PM ET MSA (Alexis, David)