



AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Date: November 12th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted by Tristan Formon

CALL TO ORDER 8:00pm EST (Quorum)

OCTOBER MINUTES MSA (Tris, David)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Liz Kershaw Committee Chair

Olga Espinosa Coach - Rep to SRDC

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**)

Tessa Bartlette Athlete

Ally Dheeradhada Athlete

Aubrey Nelson Athlete

Paul Donovan - SRDC Rep

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

Dana Skelton Staff

Mariah Carnahan - Staff

Guests:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES

To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age-group programs.

To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age-group swimming.

To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.

To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.

To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.

To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.

To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.

To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels, including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets.

- Update from DEI, CAC and SRDC

DEI – National DEI met late last month and discussed varying action plans developed at the ABM to be implemented. SZ is planning a coordinated effort surround International Water Safety Day in 2025. Tharon Drake has prepared Parallel Motivational Times Standards similar to the B BB A AA AAA AAAA Motivational Standards.

SRDC – SRDC have been busy surrounding the National Junior Team, this has settled down with the appointment of Brendan Hansen. Subcommittees have been established to look at camp structures. Ongoing quad plan subcommittee looking at Domestic based competition.

CAC – No report

- **NAG RECORDS UPDATE** - SRDC has agreed to work with us and staff on getting zip files for meets. Dana has connected with Patrick and Eric to determine the status of this process. Liz suggested one individual from AGDC and SRDC work in unison to address the SCY and LCM standards (4 volunteers total) David volunteered to lead this effort.
- **BLOCK PARTY** – Julie Bachman met with members of the AGDC at 12pm early today. A very productive meeting occurred earlier today with Julie. She shared a great deal of statistics in regard to Block Party thus far. Seeking the AGDC to partner with Block Party moving forward. Looking at the direction of the pilot study. Lots of discussion around the current process. AGDC are asked to review the recording. The AGDC has created the DCC.
- **AGE GROUP CHAIR MEETINGS** - Tentative schedule for AGDC to attend. Do you have an area of expertise? Interest? Want more knowledge
Performance Group 1- November 21st at 1:00 PM Eastern ([Zoom Registration](#))
Competitive Intro Group 2- December 3rd at 1:00 PM Eastern ([Zoom Registration](#))
Meet / Club Experience Group 3- January 8th at 1:00 PM Eastern ([Zoom Registration](#))
Club Growth Group 4- January 23rd at 1:00 PM Eastern ([Zoom Registration](#))

AGDC were asked to pick one group and participate in one or more of these.

- **SUCCESSION PLANNING UPDATE**
Liz and Dana met with LSC Development around the concept of Succession Planning for AG Chairs. Looking for 2-3 members of the AGDC and LSC DC, to pull together a list of questions for new AG Chairs to ask their LSCs. The hope is this would assist with the process of onboarding and sharing institutional knowledge. If this concept moves forward as planned, this would then be rolled for other roles within the LSC. Seeking 2-3 volunteers for a 1-2 meeting commitment: David, Aubrey, Liz
- **OPEN FLOOR**

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

- Dec 3 at 12 pm Recapping the Block Party Request
- Jan 14, either 12 or 8 TBD

ADJOURNMENT 8:43pm MSA (David, Tris)