



**AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
APPROVED MINUTES**

Date: September 10th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted by Tristan Formon

CALL TO ORDER 12:02pm EST (Quorum)

JUNE MINUTES MSA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Liz Kershaw Committee Chair

Olga Espinosa Coach - Rep to SRDC

Tristan Formon Coach - Rep to DEI

Kevin Milak Coach

Alexis Mendenhall Coach

John Nelson Coach

David Orr Coach

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

Cammie Adams Athlete **(Absent)**

Tessa Bartlette Athlete **(Absent)**

Ally Dheeradhada Athlete **(Absent)**

Aubrey Nelson Athlete

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

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

Dana Skelton Staff

Mariah Carnahan - Staff **(Absent)**

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 – Tristan reported that the national DEI committee will meet on September 18th ahead of the ABM. Thursday September 26th DEI Leadership Summit held in conjunction with the ABM.

CAC - Michael

SRDC - Olga

- LSC Camps

Doesn't appear to be a tremendous push to continue with this project. Data collected to date have been passed to Dana and staff.

- [Legislative Packet Questions](#)

Some discussion around **R4** and the merits of inclusion of a lead off time from a non-legally swum event. **R12** appointments to various committees, including the AGDC will now be appointed by the CAC. Anticipating some discussion around the proposed member club fee increase.

- Who's voting at ABM

All coaches and athletes will carry a vote at ABM either through the AGDC and or other committees / LSCs.

- Looking forward - Projects

- Succession planning for AG Chairs, teams, etc.
- Motivation component of AG swimming: VCC scores, swim cloud rankings, IMR/IMX scores
- Over 100 motivational standards were adjusted to be more inclusive (slower). Should the ADGC have been consulted in this process.

- Open Floor

- Need to address the functionality of the search tool for some parameters within the new SWIMS platform.
- Potential ongoing impact of Block Party leading to LSC lead efforts to create new pathways for competition.
- Seeking updates from Block Party as far as data / statistics. Dana outlined that the plan is for USA Swimming, John, Pam and Julie will be providing an update at ABM.

- TENTATIVE Meeting Schedule – Liz

- October
- November
- December

Looking at 12:00pm and or 1:00pm ET moving forward.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

July 9 @ 12 :00pm ET

ADJOURNMENT 12 :49pm