

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

October 17, 2024 / Virtual Meeting

Present: Topher Bishop, Anthony Ervin, Nic Fink, Natalie Hinds, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Olivia Tighe, Josie Uerling, Amanda Weir and Andrew Wilson

Absent: Carson Foster, Allison Schmitt, and Ashley Twichell Wall

Guests: Carli Brashier, Stacy Michael-Miller, member of Games local organizing committee

Call to Order: Caitlin Leverenz Smith called the October 17, 2024 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council to order at 10:03 AM MST

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: none

Agenda:

- **Review & approve prior meeting minutes** - *Stacy*
 - Motion to approve: Andrew Wilson
 - Second: Nic Fink
 - Motion passes: 6-0
- **2028 OLY planning** - The AAC discussed the 2028 Olympics with a guest from the local organizing committee
 - Review LA28 village experience, transportation planning and more
 - Discuss OLY decisions - village, opening ceremonies, etc. - *Carli*
 - *Security issues in hotels*
 - *Hotels around SoFi*
 - Many around airport (15-20 minutes) – no Olympic Lanes there
 - Carli will follow up on Olympic Lane enforcement if we have our own transportation
 - Transportation would not be individualized, everyone would have to go together to pool
 - How far out could we be and still go to the Village for Opening?
 - Not sure we could spend one night in the Village, may have to bus back that night.
 - Are other Federations staying in hotel instead of Village?
 - Could we combine and share buses, etc.?
 - Thinks other countries are looking, so joining resources is a good topic for PanPac Charter Nationals meeting at Short Course Worlds.
 - Not traditional village:
 - Does that impact the experience we want to have in the village?
- **OLY camp** - *Caitlin & Carli*
 - Reviewed Steering proposal & discuss camp purposes, how long is ideal, what is unique about LA28
 - What decisions need to be made soon?
 - Hotel
 - Water for training

- Usually stay outside the city that is hosting Games to allow athletes to train uninterrupted
- Nic will poll current Olympic Team to see what the athletes think about Opening Ceremonies (will include all logistical and timeline information) – would they attend?
- Discussion regarding timing of arrival in Southern California if people do want to participate.
- Do we want two training camps as is our traditional model?
 - Discussion about hubs of training – counterintuitive to team culture?

Next Meeting: October 28, 2024

Adjournment: Caitlin adjourned the October 17 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 11:05am MST.