

## USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

March 21, 2024 / Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Anthony Ervin, Melanie Margalis Fink, Nic Fink, Natalie Hinds, Lilly King, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Matthew Rigsbee, Amanda Weir, and Andrew Wilson.

**Absent:** Julissa Arzave, Jack Nowacek, and Ashley Twichell Wall.

**Guests:** Stacy Michael-Miller, Lindsay Mintenko, Ellery Parrish, and Michelle Steinfeld.

**Call to Order:** Caitlin called the March 21, 2024 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council ("AAC") to order at 10:06AM MST.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** none

### Agenda:

- Recap/ follow up from the USADA call
- Review of upcoming athlete elections & recruiting process
- Updates on National Team gifts, coaches selection or other working groups

### Recap of 2024 World Championships in Doha

- Nic shared his perspective on the World Championships in Doha

### Direct Athlete Support update

- Looking at the Athlete Partnership Agreement and how that could evolve in next Quad.
- Discussion regarding what may need to be improved.
- Stacy and Lindsay will report back at next month's meeting.

### Recap/ follow up from the USADA call

- Caitlin provided a re-cap of Travis and Allison's discussion last month.
- Agreed to keep conversation open going forward on how to proceed.

### Review of upcoming athlete elections & recruiting process

- Caitlin provided overview of upcoming elections:
  - AAC seats open
    - 2-year appointments
    - Call for nominations out August 9
    - Will close early September
    - 10-year Athletes will vote for that seat week before the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.
  - Board seats open
    - 2 Team USA Athletes' Commission Board Seats (currently Anthony and Ashley)
      - 4-year appointments
      - Call for Nominations goes out October 1
      - Election happens in October/November
      - Monthly call
      - 2 in-person meetings per year

- 2 zoom meetings all day
- 1 10-Year Athlete at-large seat on Board of Directors - 4 year appointments
  - Call for nominations out in April
  - Due by May 15
  - Series of interviews
  - Nominees distributed early August
  - 10-Year Athletes will vote for that seat week before the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.
- House of Delegates election for 10-Year and 10-Year+ Athlete seats
  - September 2024
- Think about people who would be good candidates for each role and share with AAC.

**Next Meeting:** April 18, 2024

**Adjournment:** Caitlin adjourned the March 21 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 11:00am MST.