

## USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

August 15, 2024 / Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Anthony Ervin, Nic Fink, Lilly King, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Melanie Margalis Fink, Amanda Weir, Ashley Twichell Wall and Andrew Wilson

**Absent:** Julissa Arzave, Natalie Hinds, Jack Nowacek, and Matthew Rigsbee

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

**Call to Order:** Caitlin Leverenz Smith called the August 15, 2024 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council ("AAC") to order at 10:02 AM MST

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:** none

### Agenda:

- AAC elections
  - 3 spots open – Nic, Mel and Lilly's
  - One applicant as of today
  - Self-nomination ends August 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Nic and Lilly are reaching out to possible candidates
  - Committee appointments are coming up soon as well – think of potential candidates and reach out to gauge interest
- House of Delegates ("HOD") prep
  - The annual meeting of the HOD is end of September
  - Club dues increase - (materials were shared with AAC prior to meeting).
    - Caitlin provided details regarding fees that clubs are charged to grow clubs. The amount has remained the same since the inception of USA Swimming (\$70) and shared that a current proposal is in place to raise due to \$225.
    - Kenneth Chung reminded that the current day value of \$70 in the 80's is over \$200. Kenneth encouraged athletes to reach out with any questions.
  - Other legislation review - Ellery
    - Ellery provided the link to the legislative packet.
    - Link to HOD registration went out and Ellery will send again.
    - Ellery explained some of the legislative proposals and AAC discussed each:
  - Voting guide
    - Discussion about creating a voting guide regarding each rule so athlete representatives are prepared to vote. Information from AEC will be shared as well.
  - BoD elections
    - Athlete Board seat election done the week before HOD meeting.
    - Independent Member vote done first thing as HOD opens.
    - Winners of both elections will be announced at HOD meeting.
    - Be sure to review bios of each candidate.
    - Two meet the candidate sessions for the independent seat – information will be shared to register and recordings shared following the meetings.

- OLY debrief - Nic, Lilly, Lindsay
  - Beneficial to have athlete led feedback from Games.
  - Athletes have conversations with AAC members to obtain organic feedback. AAC athletes are using set of set questions.
  - Lindsay provided her perspective on the experience (both camps and Games)
  - Will schedule another meeting in two weeks.
  - AAC will provide summary of feedback to staff after AAC meeting.

**Next Meeting:** In two weeks – date to be finalized.

**Adjournment:** Caitlin adjourned the August 15 meeting of the AAC at 11:00am MST.