

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

May 3, 2023 / Virtual Meeting

Present: Nicolas Fink, Melanie Margalis, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Tom Shields, Ashley Twichell Wall, Amanda Weir, and Andrew Wilson

Absent: Michael Klueh, Anthony Ervin, Julissa Arzave, Jack Nowacek, Matthew Rigsbee

Guests: Michelle Steinfeld, Stacy Michael-Miller, Carli Brashier, Matt Barbini

Call to Order: Caitlin Leverenz Smith called the May 3 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council to order at 10:03am MST.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: none

Agenda:

- Review & discuss Olympic Team plans (Matt/Carli)
- Committee engagement from 10-yr athletes (Caitlin/ Michelle)
- Update from the Commission regarding a new athlete survey (Michelle)
- Update on CA Assembly Bill 252 (Michelle)

Discussion: Carli Brashier explained the 2024 Olympic Team Plans and calendar. Topics included team processing, team training session in Indianapolis, time at home, camp plans (domestic and international), travel time, personal coach attendance, family weekend proposal and logistics.

Departure from the Games: We are proposing three departure options (including leaving village – you cannot sleep in village once you check out but can visit during the day). AAC agreed with proposal, just suggested giving athletes a deadline to decide on departure date.

Caitlin Leverenz Smith discussed committee engagement of 10-year athletes. Spot open on Senior Development Committee. Discussion on how to get athletes to stay – is it timing? Frequency? It is a lack of interest? Difficult to get athletes to sign up and to stay. Are the committees reaching out to athletes if they are not in attendance. Provide athletes with an idea of the topics coming up for discussion and how the athlete view is important. Michelle will talk to staff leads. Reviewing any applicants not placed for the Senior Development opportunity.

Michelle Steinfeld discussed the athlete survey from the Commission. Included in National Team Newsletter and a 10-year athlete email. Email should come from AAC. Michelle will send info to Caitlin.

Michelle discussed CA Assembly Bill 252 (revenue sharing with college athletes who earn revenue). Could risk Olympic sports at collegiate level. Letter from elite California athletes, and Tim and Lindsay. Leaning into this and NIL at the federal level. Want to stay ahead of this and very involved. Invite Sarah Wilhelmi to speak to AAC.

Closed Session: The AAC went into Closed Session to discuss a confidential governance matter.

Adjournment: Caitlin Leverenz Smith adjourned the May 3 meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 11:07am MST.