

## USA Swimming Coaches Advisory Council (CAC)

### March 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes - Approved

The meeting was held on Zoom.

Tim Bauer ('24), Jamie Bloom ('26), Marcia Callan ('25), Adrian Damasko ('24), Jennifer Gibson ('25), Scott Goldblatt (Athlete-'25), Jessica Hardy (Athlete-'25), Kristine Julian (Athlete-'25), Chase Kalisz (Athlete-'24), Michael Lawrence ('25), Jeremy Linn (Athlete-'25), Mary Liston ('26), Jay Litherland (Athlete-'24), Alison Pick ('26), Pete Raykovich ('25), Shawn Smith ('26); Terry Stoddard ('24), Gregg Troy ('26).

**USA-S Staff:** Beth Winkowski, Terry Jones

**Guests:** Jennifer Lamont, ASCA

**Absent:** Adrian Damasko, Jessica Hardy, Chase Kalisz, Michael Lawrence, Jay Litherland, Shawn Smith, Gregg Troy

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#### **The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M. Mountain Time (MT)**

- Tim welcomed everyone.
- Today's agenda was approved as presented.
- The Minutes from the February 14th meeting were approved as presented with unanimous consent.
- It was announced that Swimming's version of the March Championship Season was keeping several CAC Members from participating because they were traveling to their Championship Meets.
- ***Proposed Legislation included:***
  - Postponing the discussion regarding the two attached documents from Shawn Smith.
  - Scott Goldblatt presented concerns regarding the wording in the USA Swimming rulebook under ARTICLE 501 - OPERATING COMMITTEES.
    - In summary the focuses of his comments were regarding the CAC's Purpose today and tomorrow involving evaluating, developing and supporting USA Swimming Committees Body of Work and initiating a plan to have the CAC conduct Long Term Planning.
    - Pete Raykovich presented concerns regarding our structure of reporting, and reference to leadership pertaining to completing our committee's agenda.

- After robust conversation, the CAC agreed to
  - ***continue this discussion by sharing these documents with the CAC Members and***
  - ***participate in a discussion before the next meeting and as an agenda item at the next meeting.***
- Athletes First Committee – Marcia Callan
  - There has not been a meeting since our last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/21.
    - The upcoming agenda includes
      - Use of the budget for this committee, and
      - If the Athlete is First, then doesn't that place the Coach First too.
  - ***Tim asked What Is Next?"***
    - Jeremy Lin suggested we dive into a dialogue regarding ***"College Early Signing Practice & It's Impact on Club Programs and their Coaches"***.
    - This segued into the topic of ***Club Recognition in the Media.***
      - Terry Jones offered this topic to be included in the USA Swimming Senior Swimming Network discussion.
      - Jennifer Lamont offered this topic to be included in the ASCA conversation options.
        - Jennifer invited Tim to a future ASCA BoD meeting.
  - An update regarding the LSC Coaches Rep Collaboration effort was presented by Beth.
    - She announced that the Coaches Leadership Team was represented by CAC Members Marcia Callan and Terry Stoddard, and it included the Zone Coaches Rep.
    - She announced that a letter was going out to the 59 LSC Coaches Reps today.
    - There will be three zoom meetings a year in January, April and October.
    - The first meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Our next meeting is on April 10th at 10:00 A.M. Mountain Time.

**The 2024 CAC Meeting Dates & Time:**

Second Wednesday of each Month.

10:00 AM Mountain Time.

April 10; May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September 11; October 9; November 13; December 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M. MST.

Respectfully Submitted, Terry Stoddard

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- **Legislation: Shawn, Michael, Terry, Jamie...:**
  - **Legislation to place Coaches on Committees.**
  - **USA Swimming Coach Advisory Council Operating Policy Manual revisions.**
    - **Continue this discussion by sharing these documents with the CAC Members and**
    - **Participate in a discussion before the next meeting and**
    - **As an agenda item at the next meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Meet Michelle and Joel: Jamie, Shawn, Terry, Michael & Scott.**
  - **ABM Workshop - What does CAC want to be a part of the Fall Meeting?**
- **WIN – What Is Next?**
  - **Tim & Jamie are asking CAC Members to consider what would you bring to the CAC conversation, etc.**
  - **College Early Signing Practice & It's Impact on Club Programs and their Coaches.**
    - **Senior Swimming Network Discussion Item.**
    - **ASCA Discussion Item.**
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