

MINUTES of
2Q Meeting of the USAS Board of Directors
JUNE 4, 2024

- I. ROLL CALL - The following Board members were in attendance:

USA Artistic Swimming: Adam Andrasko, Denise Shively, Mariya Koroleva
USA Diving: Lee Michaud;
US Masters Swimming: Ed Coates, Dawson Hughes;
USA Swimming: Carli Brashier, Anthony Ervin
USA Water Polo: Chris Ramsey
World Aquatics Treasurer: Dale Neuburger
Officers: Patty Miller, Jared Book & Gregory Eggert
- II. Approval of Draft Minutes of the Q4 2023 Board of Directors Meeting - A motion to approve Minutes was made by Ed Coates and seconded by Britta O’Leary. Approved
- III. President’s Report - Submitted in writing before the meeting.
- IV. Update on Accommodations for the Doha 2024 World Championships - Greg explained circumstances related to a discrepancy between what our sports paid in accommodations to the Doha 2024 LOC and what was delivered. While it is near certain that USAS will be unsuccessful in receiving a refund, efforts have been underway since the conclusion of the World Championships to ensure greater accountability by the LOC.
- V. AQUA and PAQ Elected and Committee Positions. Patty announced two new members to the PAQ Medical Committee. At the 3Q board meeting Greg will recap the names of those individuals who represent the USA as members of the PAQ or World Aquatics Bureau, or members of technical, specialized or athlete committees. This may be useful to our sports as they consider future nominations and or succession plans for those that represent their sports to these two organizations.
- VI. World Aquatics Treasurer’s Report - Dale Neuburger reported that 90% of the attention of World Aquatics has been related to the circumstances surrounding allegations of Chinese Doping. There is a review group of 5 individuals including French Olympian Florent Manadou named by World Aquatics to review the

process that was used., World Aquatics CEO Brent Nowicki has extensive experience in doping matters. When athletes have a distrust in the system, this is a significant concern of World Aquatics. ITA has issued a statement that every athlete (a prospective finalist and semi finalist) will be tested a minimum of 3 times in 2024 prior to the opening of the Olympic Village at the Paris 2024 Olympics. World Aquatics is one of a few International Federations that publish the testing results on their website. There is a high level of vigilance. Doping in sport affects all of us because it casts doubt about the integrity of sport. Our review process is being done in a decisive and principled way. Dale invited USAS Board members to contact him on any topic related to his written or oral reports.

- VII.** Q1 2024 Financials & USAS Treasurer's Report - Jared Book. Prize money from Doha has not yet been received but he will inform each CEO of the timetable for distribution to our sports. First quarter financials do not include Doha expenses. Each sport should have received OASP funds disbursed in the second quarter. USAS cut expenses by switching to a VISA card instead of a fee based AMEX credit card. Directors & Officers liability premiums were paid. A \$200K CD matured and was rolled over on March 11 (5.35% rate) maturing in January 2025. There were no questions about the financial statements. Board members were invited to contact Jared if they have any further questions.
- VIII.** 2024 USAS Officer Election Process - Those wishing to run for USAS President, Vice President or Treasurer are required to submit a Statement of Interest document and to provide an endorsement by one of our respective sports organizations prior to August 15, 2024. Ed Coates was asked by President Miller to serve as the Coordinator for the elections that will be held at the 3rd Quarter meeting. The Statement of Interest document and Sport's endorsement should be sent via email to Ed Coates at: ed@coatesatx.net prior to the deadline.
- IX.** Max Ritter Award - Board members were asked to review the biographical information about two potential recipients and to offer their approval if deemed appropriate. The Board unanimously approved Brent Rutemiller and Donald Catlin (deceased) as the 2024 recipients of the Max Ritter Award. Board members were asked to maintain secrecy of the recipients names so that both presentations could be a surprise. The officers have asked Steve McFarland to

serve as the Max Ritter Subcommittee Chair for the 2025 nomination cycle. The Board thanked Carol Zaleski for her tenure as the Max Ritter Subcommittee Chair which concluded with the presentation of the 2024 nominations.

Announcements - Denise Shively announced that she would be replaced by the election of a new President of USA Artistic Swimming at their annual convention held during the second week of September. Denise expressed her thanks for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board.

- X. Next USAS Board of Directors Meeting - President Miller proposed a target date of September 17th for the 3Q meeting of the USAS Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted by Gregory Eggert

USAS Vice President

Approved by the Board of Directors on September 17, 2024