



Eastern Zone Swimming Athlete's Meeting -- Minutes

Sunday, September 19, 2021

5:00pm EST via Zoom

Present: Aaron Zhu (EZ Athlete Director), Gavin Formon (EZ Junior Athlete Rep), Marco Greico (National/AD), Topher Bishop (National/AM), Emma Lindecke(AD), Abigail Sellnow (AD), Caitlin Cho(AD), Haihan Xu (AM), Matthew Purcell (AM), Isabella Donato (AM), Topher Bishop (AM), Sydney Edwards (AM), Gabby Schmidt (MD), JP Vanderloo (PVS), Kate Levensten(MA), Liam Simmons (MA), Nicholas Poulous (MD), Mary Feliz (MD), Francis Andersen (MR), Thomas Cho (MR), Natalie Killion (NI), TJ Walsh (NJ), Tamsin Formon (NJ), Alessandra Abejion (NJ), Logan Driever (NJ), William Wong (NJ), Logan Driever (NJ), Sophie Elliot (PV), JP Vanderloo(PV), Sam Gilbert (PV), Sam Brabeck (NE), Allison Dodd (VA)

Guests: Ellery Parish (AEC Chair), Andrew Gemmell(Working Group), Caitlin Leverenz Smith (AAC), Annie Norris (AEC), Nicolas Fink (AAC), Lauren Hurt (Southern Zone/Working Group).

1. Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Eastern Zone Athlete Director Aaron Zhu at 5:04 PM ET.

2. Quick Note from USA-S AEC -- Ellery Parish

AEC Chair Ellery Parish made a few notes to the group about the year as a whole.

3. Q&A with HOD Working Group Athletes

Annie Norris and Lauren Hurt presented a slide show on the HOD working group proposal. Slideshow will be available after the meeting. The working group athletes made their emails available for everyone on the call to contact if needed about any questions or concerns.

4. Introductions and Logistics

Please send updates for the following areas to Aaron or Gavin and reach out if you have any questions.

- a. Contact Sheet
- b. GroupMe
- c. Weebly Site
- d. USAS Athletes Site

5. National AG Dev Committee -- Topher Bishop (AM)

Topher Bishop (National Athlete Rep-Age Group Development) presented a slideshow presentation on the legislation being proposed by his national committee. In particular, R5, R7, and R13 all in relation to the developmental category. Question asked if there would be an age minimum, no there would not be an age minimum. Just the maximum age of 12 years old. Topher provided his email if anyone has questions outside of the meeting.

6. USA Swimming Annual Business Meeting

Aaron provided information about these logistics and also shared the EZ Instagram which is @EZAthletes

- a. [USAS Athletes LSC Athletes Survival Guide](#)
- b. USA-S AEC Remind (Text @usas2021 to 81010)

7. Athlete Elections

- a. Eastern Zone Junior Athlete Representative

Aaron began the election process at 5:48PM ET by first conducting a roll call for those eligible to vote. Motion and second and approval to adopt Meeting/Election rules. No nominations from the floor, nominations closed. Only one nominee, Gavin Formon elected as the Eastern Zone Junior Athlete Representative for a second term (2021-2022 year).

8. New Business

No New Business

9. Other

- a. **National Committee Athletes**

Aaron introduced Marco Greico (Op Risk), Topher Bishop (Age Group), and Nicholas Poulos(Times and Recognition) as the National Athlete Representatives in the Eastern Zone and asked them to share their experiences.

- b. Eastern Zone Business Meeting, 6pm EST 9/19

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Greico

National Athlete Representative and Meeting Secretary