



**Athletes' Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 2nd, 2023 8:30 PM ET**

Present: Juli Arzave (Chair), Davis Shelton (Program and Events Chair), Marco Greico (Leadership Chair), Nicole Caruso, Simran Jayasinghe, Lauren Hurt, Topher Bishop, Josie Uerling, Lauren Hurt, Gavin Formon, Zach Toothman, TJ Walsh, Jacks Mitchell, Ellery Parish (Staff)

Absent: Matthew Rigsbee (Vice Chair), Megan Braman, Annie Kramer, Noah Berryman, Savannah Gurley, Joan Choi, Joel Shinofield (Staff), Ashley Twichell(AAC), Caitlin Leverenz-Smith (AAC)

Guests: Kathleen Prindle (USA Swimming BOD), Kenneth Chung (USA Swimming BOD)

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: N/A

I. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:30PM ET by Juli Arzave (Chair) and the agenda was approved as submitted.

II. Approval of Minutes

Davis Shelton motioned and Lauren Hurt seconded to approve the Meeting Minutes from the January and February AEC Business Meetings. Approved

III. Chair Update

Juli provided the Chair Update to the committee. She announced that she will not be able to attend the USA Swimming Workshop due to Open Water Nationals. She also reminded all committee members that they need to register for the workshop ASAP and to inform Ellery of travel plans so she can keep track. She asked the committee if anyone was available to attend the Utah Athlete Leadership Summit on April 15th at the University of Utah and to follow up with her after the meeting if interested.

IV. Vice Chair Update

No Report.

V. Leadership Chair Update

Marco provided the Leadership Chair Update to the committee. There was a situation with an athlete on the officials' committee who ultimately needed to be replaced since they were unable to finish the remainder of their term. A new athlete has been appointed to finish the remainder of the term. An email to athletes who were not appointed to a National Committee was sent out.

VI. Program and Events Chair Update

Davis provided the Program and Events Chair Update to the committee. He provided a comprehensive update on the USA Swimming Workshop. He mentioned to the committee that since Juli is unable to attend the workshop we will need a lot of engagement from the AEC to help. The programming that the P&E Subcommittee has developed for the workshop is strong and he feels confident in the athlete track. He provided an overview of the schedule to the committee and the different sessions that are scheduled. Ellery shared that the Instagram takeover for the workshop will take place. It will be posted after the workshop but the committee will work with Devonie on it. Regarding the Athlete Social, Davis is currently figuring out what it will look like.

VII. Guest Updates

Kenneth Chung provided an update from the Board. He shared that the USA Swimming Board of Directors Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 20th at the Workshop. He expressed that the board wants to engage with athletes at the workshop. Davis will work to try to facilitate that happening.

VIII. ZARC Update

Zach provided the ZARC update to the committee. He informed the committee that the first round of LSC check-ins should be finished by the end of March and a group will look at it when it is complete. He shared the process for what would happen if an LSC was not responding to the check-in. The big thing that ZARC is currently working on is checking in with LSC Athletes about attending the workshop. Davis asked Zach if the AEC would receive a summarized report on the LSC check-in's and Zach informed the committee that the plan is for a report to be produced. It will help provide direction for where we need to target programming.

IX. National Committee Non-Appointment Follow Up

Juli provided an update to the committee regarding athletes who were not appointed to a National Committee since there is a unique opportunity to engage the record number of athletes who applied this year. She shared that the AEC Chairs met with Ellery to brainstorm how to engage with those athletes. In the non-appointment email that went out there were suggestions provided to athletes on how to get involved. Some of the opportunities that the AEC could directly provide are working groups/task forces on specific topics. If any member has an idea about a working group/task force please inform Juli.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Juli Arzave (Chair) at 9:14PM ET.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6th at 8:30 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Greico

Meeting Secretary