

Athlete Liaison Report

It was very exciting to attend the USAS Convention as a presenter. While I was only there for about 24 hours, I gathered lots of ideas on how to involve our athletes more and get them motivated to be a part of LSC committees and events as well as how to improve our current processes for athletes.

Some action items I want to work on this year with and in behalf of the athletes:

1. Increasing Club Athlete Rep involvement

- Improve communications: email, minutes, social media, and communication via club coaches
- Consider hosting a couple regional area athlete meet ups during the year where the Athlete Liaison and one of the State Athlete Rep host an athlete meeting in places like Green Bay (Annah Van Gheem), Fox Valley (Ann Van Hout), Madison and west of (Marissa Wolff) that might draw a different drivable group of athlete reps to get involved.
- Give each athlete rep a I AM A WISCONSIN CLUB ATHLETE REP tshirt. The idea would be for the athlete reps to wear them to a regional or state meet and get a free food item at that meet for wearing it. The visibility and also valubility of reps would be increased.
- Encourage reps to come with their clubs to the April HOD meeting/banquet

2. Improving the State Athlete Rep Election Process

- Better inform the state of the election
- Accept athlete application/statements with letter of recommendations
- Vote at the April HOD meeting instead of on deck at the very busy state meet--more attendees and better thinking about the vote.

3. Investigation virtual meeting options:

FreeMeeting.com, Google hangouts and Webinar sites to allow more athletes to attend via webcast instead of having to drive to Milwaukee area to participate. This could also be useful information for coaches or other committees where commuting to meetings has become prohibitive.

4. Improve the Annual Banquet award nomination procedure.

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