

2018 TASC Meeting Wednesday August 6, 2018 7:00pm

In Attendance: Lisa Schott, Margo Mountjoy, Rose Cody, Erika Lindner, Betty Hazle, Charlotte Davis, Esther Croes, Patti Villa, Lilianne Grenier, Lina Zapata, Victoria Montedonico
Regrets: Jorge Ruiz, Laura Montes, Lourdes De Goncalves

1. Margo began meeting with an update from the UANA meeting

- No news from UANA Executive
- Extraordinary Congress in China in December 2018
- Change is to have an Athlete Representative on the UANA Executive
- Vote will be in China in December

2. Panam Update

- Many preliminary items such as Technical Manuals, Equipment Lists and Practice Schedules have been drafted in both English and Spanish
- No test event has been planned for Artistic Swimming
- To date confirmation of a site visit to Lima for the commission has not yet been planned
- The committee did request additional events for AS (Mixed Duet & Combo) at Panam but unfortunately this request was denied
- Lisa Schott encouraged the committee to continue to request additional events in the future
- Lisa Schott also proposed that the TASC propose the Highlight Routine for Panam Games

3. Judges (Betty Hazle)

- Betty suggested changing the wording of the judges selection criteria for Panam Games to read that "Judges must have been active at International Competitions"
- A reminder that each federation can nominate 3 judges for Panam.
- Charlotte suggested contacting UANA Judges to promote that their Federations send in nominations for Panam
- Betty did ask the committee their thoughts on Team Manager being a conflict as this does create a shortage of judges for events - although the committee understands the dilemma the majority agree it's a conflict and we have to follow Fina
- Suggestion to increase fine for Federations not bringing a Judge and add the following sentence to the summons "that in extenuating circumstances it can be appealed and decided on by the Commission and Judges Sub Committee Chair"
- Betty brought up the recommendation concerning an Evaluator at our yearly competitions. Suggest that preferably UANA pay for an evaluator each year or at least split the cost with the organizing committee. We will add to the budget \$2500 for an evaluator which Margo will present to the Executive for approval
- Betty also suggested that we consider every other year that the evaluator be from outside our continent

4. Fina Update from Lisa Schott

- Lisa thanked the committee for all their hard work and reiterated that the "Future is Bright" for Artistic Swimming
- Lisa underlined how imperative sport presentation is at all Artistic Swimming Competitions to increase opportunities for sponsorship and support
- in looking at the branding of UANA the overall packaging is weak and as a committee we need to ensure UANA provides branding materials and requirements for its competitions
- Invitations for the World Series will be sent out in August
- This season a Super Final will be added with a \$200,000 cash prize
- Lisa reminded the committee that it is important to have world wide competitions in Fina to show IOC relevance

- Our sport has to evolve to keep our 104 spots in the Olympic Games and we need to inspire our continent to promote these events
- As a sport Artistic Swimming has implement a transparent and efficient way to handle the zero review process in technical routines

5. Coaches Committee Update - Charlotte

- Sherry Robertson ran three clinics at last years competition and will be attending this competition in Riverside as a part two of the presentation
- Charlotte updated the coaches in UANA throughout the year on what is available for them as far as clinics and resourced that have been received
- there will be a coaches/judges clinic at the end of this competition for all to attend
- Charlotte will be writing up Judges feedback from routine and figure events and providing them to all coaches

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6. Other items

- As a whole Rose was disappointed at the lack of judges at this years competitions. This in turn did make it difficult for Betty to ensure panels were well balanced and full for all events. As always Betty achieved this with much time devoted to ensuring the competition was completely covered from a judging standpoint.
- Lisa Schott offered to request a judges school in 2018 still if UANA has at least 10 participants attending
- Betty suggested including the lack of branding in the report to the Executive so that they are aware of the need by the TASC
- Erika & Betty volunteered to write a host manual for future competitions so that each Federation hosting our competitions has clear cut expectations of what they must provide

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7. 2018-2019 Season

- tentative dates for the new 13-15 Championships are September 12-14 in Slovakia
- the 2019 UANA Junior Panam will be hosted in Canada in either Windsor or Quebec City