UNITED STATES AQUATIC SPORTS
AQUATICS COORDINATING BOARD - MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2016
ATLANTA, GA

The following people attended the meeting: Steve McFarland, Laurette Longmire, Bruce Stratton, Bill Smith, Tom Boak, Judy McGowan, Myriam Glez, Jim Sheehan, Chris Sholtis, Patty Miller, Dawson Hughes, Nadine Day, Dale Neuburger, Jim Miller, Carol Zaleski, Greg Eggert, Betty Hazle, Jeri Marshburn, Elaine Cox, Mel Goldstein and Ginny Jasontek.

President Steve McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:05am. A quorum was present: USA Swimming (Sheehan), USA Synchro (McGowan), US Masters Swimming (P. Miller), USA Water Polo (Smith), USA Diving (Sholtis) and USA FINA Bureau member (Neuburger).

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the May 14, 2016 (International Relations) meeting were approved as corrected.

MSP Boak

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Finances: Treasurer Tom Boak distributed the Balance Sheet and P&L, dated month-end August, and reported that USAS is in good financial shape. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

MSP McGowan

B. Investment Proposal: Financial Manager Mel Goldstein shared a presentation outlining a growth plan, better than continuing with CDs, in order to have additional funds for projects. The risk is low for the 3-year plan. Discussion was held with recommendations to wait until the next Federal Reserve meeting to learn if rates will change. It was moved, seconded and approved to implement the proposal.

MSP Sheehan

III. CONVENTION – UPDATES / SELECTION

A. USAS Convention Committee Report: Chair Ellaine Cox shared site proposals for the 2021 USAS Convention – Spokane, WA; San Antonio, TX; Greensboro, NC and Chicago, IL. As a decision is not necessary at this time it was agreed to include this topic at the next meeting to allow for more detailed reviews of several locations.

President Steve McFarland noted that we might need a policy stating that all NGBs will participate in the annual USAS Convention. Options are being considered if NGB participation is reduced. Steve asked Bruce and Jim to draft language for consideration.

B. Athlete Gathering: Athlete Representatives were invited to the Risk Management Insurance reception and many attended. The focus for 2017 will be to expand athlete involvement and interaction between sports.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. President Steve McFarland recognized Penny Taylor as retiring from the Convention Committee. It was moved, seconded and approved to honor Penny as an Honorary Life Member of USAS with USAS Convention registration for life.

MSP McGowan

B. Convention Committee – Future Vision: Following on the discussion at the May 2016 meeting, Steve noted that we should explore a hybrid management model that includes the Convention Committee, volunteers, plus NGB staff representatives. He suggests a 2 year planning horizon to define with Convention Committee members and NGB senior staff participating. It is recommended to have a separate meeting from the March/April Convention Planning meeting. Steve requests each NGB promptly identify the staff position to be involved.

V. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS / FINA and UANA EVENTS

A. FINA Bureau Report: FINA VP Dale Neuburger shared the following:

- 2017 Congress: A 5-member committee has been reviewing FINAs documents with recommendations in the areas of governance improvement. Items being considered include: Congress every 2 years, term limits on committees, creating a Compensation Committee and committees for financial management.
- Tokyo 2020: 5 new sports will be added to the programme: Baseball/Softball, Skating, Surfing and Karate. The athlete participant cap of 10,500 is still applicable. In September 2017 the IOC will make a decision about sports on the programme for the 2024 Olympic Games. As of today, Aquatics has 46 medal events and Track & Field has 47. There is the possibility that 16-20 events will be removed from the programme.
- Doping Control Review Board: The earlier resignations of USA, CAN and AUS members of the DCRB have led FINA to asking for replacement members. We, USA, have been asked for a replacement member for Bowers.
- 2017 World Junior Swimming Championships were awarded to USA Swimming. The competition will be held in August 2017 in Indianapolis. Congratulations to USA Swimming.

Steve asked about the possibility of USAS hosting the FINA Aquatics Convention. From Dale, the Convention is now connected with the FINA World Swimming Championships (25m) and, every 4 years, will included the Sports Medicine and Olympic Coaches Seminars. If there's an interest to host FINA, a Bureau meeting or Technical Committee meetings would be more in the financial range for USAS or an NGB.

Discussion turned to FINAs priorities for increasing athletes on the Aquatics programme. Dale reported that increasing the number of Women's Water Polo teams and Team event in Synchronized Swimming continue to be priorities.

B. UANA Report: UANA President Dale Neuburger shared the following:

- In May, an Executive Committee meeting was held.

- 2016 Budget is roughly $300K.
- A US 501(c)(3) corporation is being created for UANA.
- 6 strategic priorities have been created, as reported at our last meeting.
- Diving held an international event in Cuba, with the help of CAN, in October 2015.

C. Max Ritter Award: Carol Zaleski will accept recommendations for 2017.

D. 2016 Olympic Games – Rio de Janeiro (BRA): Overall the Games were an incredible success for the USA! Synchronized Swimming, from Judy McGowan, wants to thank Dr. Jim Miller for the work he did in getting the competition pool clear!

E. 2016 FINA World Aquatics Convention – Windsor (CAN), 3-5 Dec – and 2016 FINA World Swimming Championships – Windsor (CAN), 6-11 Dec
   - USAS Booth at Aquatics Convention: Greg Eggert reported that no federation has expressed an interest to FINA before and, as a result, we are offered a 50% reduction in booth registration fees ($3,000). He suggests that Laurette manage the project and have one of the 3 registrations that are offered with the booth. Laurette will issue a reminder to all NGBs if there's interest in providing staffing for the other 2 registrations; USAS would cover housing and NGB travel expenses. Representation by USAS and NGB Officers or others attending would be good for staffing the booth. It was moved, seconded and approved to move forward with the project.

MSP McGowan

F. 2017 FINA World Championships – Budapest (HUN), 14-30 July
   - Legislation Submissions: deadline to FINA = 12 Nov 2016 and Synchronized Swimming may have an additional submission. The deadline to Laurette is October 15th to allow for distribution within USAS and submission to FINA before November deadline.
   - FINA General Congress – 22 July: Delegate rotation is SW and DV
   - FINA Technical Congresses: DV – 12 July; SY & OW – 13 July; WP – 14 July; HD – 20 July; SW – 21 July and Masters – 31 July, with delegate rotation USMS and DV
   - FINA Committees / Commissions Nominations
     - Diving: Colleen "Cokey" Huffman
     - Swimming: Carol Zaleski
     - Open Water: Stephen "Sid" Cassidy
     - Synchronized Swimming: Ginny Jasontek
     - Masters: Mel Goldstein
     - Water Polo: Takeshi Inoue
     - High Diving: Tom Gompf
   - Chef de Mission Update: Chef Betty Hazle gave a brief update:
     - Hotel pricing is not estimated to be known until November 2016.
     - USAS Luncheon is recommended on the "short day of Swimming" – 24 July. A deposit is required to hold the desired location. It

was moved, seconded and approved to make a deposit on the desired location.

MSP McGowan

- Masters schedule: Nadine Day noted that the Masters competition had not been issued yet. From Steve, all schedules should be available soon.
- VIP Credentials: Are managed through the GMS. USAS Secretary will continue to coordinate.

G. FINA & UANA Events – 2017 & beyond:

- Diving: FINA Grand Prix and Coaches/Judges Clinic
- Water Polo: none in 2017
- Swimming: 2017 FINA Junior World Swimming Championships
- Synchro: 2017 Worldwide Seminar and 2018 World Series for Synchro (if 2017 FINA Congresses approve)
- Masters: 2018 UANA Masters Championships in Orlando, FL

VI. ELECTIONS

A. USAS Officer Elections – nominations

- President — Steve McFarland
- Treasurer — Tom Boak
- Secretary — Laurette Longmire
- Vice Presidents — Bill Smith, Bruce Stratton

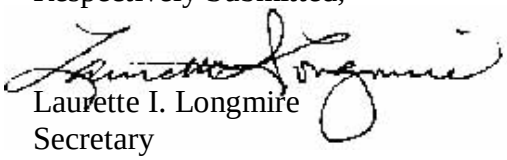
B. Staff Positions:

- Affirm Mel Goldstein, Financial Manager

MSP Boak

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55am.

Respectively Submitted,



Laurette I. Longmire
Secretary