



**Athletes' Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes **DRAFT**
July 6, 2023 8:30 PM ET**

Present: Juli Arzave (Chair), Davis Shelton (Program and Events Chair), Marco Greico (Leadership Chair), Matthew Rigsbee (Vice Chair), Topher Bishop, Lauren Hurt, TJ Walsh, Nicole Caruso, Simran Jayasinghe, Cole Kincart, Zach Toothman, Jackson Fouras, Josie Uerling, Noah Berryman, Savannah Gurley, Megan Braman, Gavin Formon, Ashley Twichell(AAC), Joel Shinofield (Staff), Ellery Parish (Staff)

Absent: Annie Kramer, Jacks Mitchell, Caitlin Leverenz-Smith (AAC),

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

The minutes from the June meeting will be approved at the August meeting.

III. Chair Update

Juli Arzave provided the chair update to the committee. AEC elections are fast approaching. This year there is only one seat that is up for election. A formal discussion and vote needs to take place to restagger the seats so that this does not happen again. Juli shared a draft version of a potential staggering plan with the committee and a review of the current roster and term dates. The suggestion for the 2024 election is six two year terms, four one year terms, and then one roll over from the 2023 election. There was no opposition to the plan that was presented. Juli will run through the staggering plan with Joel and Michelle before moving forward. Topher asked how we can prevent this from happening again and Joel shared some thoughts for potential strategies. Swimclusion graphics will be coming soon and will be distributed through email. Savannah provided a brief update on the communications task force which had its first meeting.

IV. Vice Chair Update

Matthew Rigsbee provided a brief chair update to the committee.

V. Leadership Chair Update

Marco Greico provided the Leadership Chair update to the committee. Marco provided some updates on the Keeping Athletes First 2.0 Working Group, Officials Advisory Working Group, and Junior Official Working Group.

VI. Program and Events Chair Update

Davis Shelton provided the Program and Events Chair update to the committee. He provided a task force update first, there will be an overhaul of the website in the coming weeks. He spoke to the committee about the importance of resources on our website. Regarding other P&E items, come August the subcommittee will go into high gear for ABM. One action item is for Zones to communicate with Davis and submit the most current contact lists heading into ABM and Elections. Joel shared thoughts with the committee that the legislation is not isolated to just voting delegates, especially athletes as even those without a vote can make their voice heard.

VII. ZARC Update

Zach Toothman provided the ZARC update to the committee. Zach informed the committee that the athlete delegates from each zone will be submitted by the July 15th deadline. The highest priority project right now for ZARC has been ZARC Elections. Zach provided a comprehensive update regarding Junior Zone Representative election plans and the change to two year terms. A chart was presented to the committee which detailed how the change will take place, it would be fully executed and completed by fall of 2026. There was no opposition to the plan that was presented.

VIII. AAC Update

Ashley Twichell provided the AAC update to the committee. The AAC is planning on reviewing legislation at their next meeting and potentially connecting with the AEC.

IX. Legislation Update

Josie Uerling provided an update on the current HOD legislation to the committee. She shared the rules packet with the committee and reviewed each item.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Juli Arzave (Chair) at 9:19 PM ET.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 3rd, 8:30 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted,

Marco Greico

Meeting Secretary