

April 9, 2024 USAOCR BOD Meeting Minutes

Attendees:Alexandra Codispoti, Ian Hosek, Stacy Stamm, Jason Stanley, Russ Blatt, Micah Dorfner, Josh Graves

Not Attending:Josh Fiore

Guests: None

March Meeting Minutes: Approved Unanimously

Board Update:

Shared Drive Update: Make sure all documents are in the shared drive and created by a @usaocr.org email.

WO/World OCR Update:

World OCR was just created as a competing world level federation. Most national federations seem to be supporting World Obstacle as it's bad for the sport to have 2 international federations.

What is USAOCR's answers to questions related to this?: Mainly that we're focusing on how we can support the sport in the USA. Josh would like a nice polished message that committee members can send out would be helpful. Board approved statement:

"United States Obstacle Course Racing appreciates and recognizes the passion for the sport globally. As multiple international organizations work to establish influence and governance within obstacle course racing, USAOCR remains focused on advancing and representing the sport and athletes in the United States. However, we look forward to learning more about the changing global landscape of obstacle course racing and how USAOCR can contribute to initiatives that support the sport's overall progression."

Committee Updates:

Athlete:

- Application numbers: 2 Para, 24 - 100m, AG 3k and 15k - 33, 6 elite 3k, 8 elite 15k.
- AG is mainly 25-45 ages, not many 55+ nor 19-. For AG and elite, most applied for both 3k and 15k
- Ian and Russ reached out to many of the top elite athletes to apply, many are interested, also interested in funding
- Russ will be sending out registration codes to AG athletes now once they're approved through the application process. Will encourage people to share on social media once they're registered to increase engagement

- First 2025 national team meeting last night: Goal is to have the process completed by June 1st.
 - Consensus to have a combo of national championships and wild card selection.
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Development:

- 2024 Coach Selection
 - 3 applicants for head coach application, 1 withdrew application
 - No applicants for team manager role, still waiting to hear from one applicant if they're interested in taking this role instead of the head coach position
 - Alwyn has declined the team manager position and is only interested in the head coach position.
- Officials training
 - April 23rd 9-10:30 am PST for first technical officials level 1 training - Christopher Stevens will be leading
 - He has solid understanding of olympics and national federations.
 - Will be getting level 1 trained and will start volunteering soon as an official
 - Should we market this training to the public and get lots of people to join?
 - Board members and committee members can join the April 23rd training.
 - Public level 1 training: Monday May 22nd 9-11 am PST.
- Coach nurturing
 - Created certificate for level 1 coaches training
 - Approved to spend up to \$40 to print and give to coaches
 - Development committee wants facebook group, not slack group. Want to meet them where they are rather than adding a new option.
 - Board fine with them using FB, will create FB group via USAOCR
 - Jason will work with Josh to get it created and invite people

Communications:

- Social Media
 - Promoting qualifying races, waiting for national champs update
 - Need possible graphic design help, please reach out to all connections.
- Still waiting on the updated strategic plan document. - Jason to check with D.

Competitions:

- National Championship
 - Contract with Phoenix race is signed
 - Registration will open in May
 - Race is October 12-13th, 3k and 15k, no team. Open heat 5k on Saturday afternoon
 - \$10 for every registration goes to USAOCR towards prize money, \$30k towards prize money. Payout for top 5 in each race.
 - Connecting with Para committee about para heats

- Since we have all the info now, it's time to connect with USAPM to see how they can help support us with sponsorships and funding.
- 100m Updates
 - Suzanne Himka and Glenn Albright are working to do a 100m course in their gym in Colorado Springs. Connecting with them, but independent of us.
 - USA Ninja Challenge is having a national championship - possibly a pentathlon ocr race or 100m course, connecting to USAPM
 - <https://www.usaninjachallenge.com/olympic-pentathlon-competition>

DEI/Para:

- Committee is excited about helping with para heat for national championships
- P06 category, likely just at national level, not worlds level
 - Allow athletes from P01-04 to have support guide available to participate with them due to their limitations.
 - May need to split up categories depending on need and number of guides

Finance:

- Only Competitions has filled out budget template. Everyone needs to fill that out to help support estimates for this year
- Diana has completed a sponsorship packet for national team for this year. Will set up a call and get going next week.
- Spoke to Legendborne about kits, still will be reaching out to other brands.
- Start looking for items for June auction fundraiser. Ideally valued at \$200+, starting bid at \$100+.

Medical:

- No Update

Action Items

Josh Fiore: Send Stacy professional headshots to add to website

Russ: Send out registration codes to AG athletes individually, encouraging them to share their registration online.

Josh G: Share paragraph description of officials training with Jason, Stacy, and Micah. **Jason** will create event in GiveButter if done before April 19th, **Stacy** will do if done after. Then share GiveButter link with **Micah**.

Jason: Reach out to Diana to update the strategic plan and send it to Micah to post online.

Jason & Josh: Create coaching FB group and Josh will add members.

All: Reach out to graphic design friends to see if they can help.

Stacy: Add removing 20% elite athlete committee requirement to April agenda to remove from bylaws.

Jason & Ian: Reach out to USAPM to discuss sponsorship support for national championship

All: Plan on taking one of Level 1 officials training. April 23 9-10:30 am PST. May 22 9-10:30 am PST.

All: Fill out budget template

All: Find items for June Raffle