

## MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 27, 2023

Attendees: Russ Blatt | Diana Codispoti | Josh Fiore | Josh Graves | Ian Hosek | Jason Stanley | Kirt Warrack

Absent: Stacy Stamm

Next meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81963701598?pwd=RDIGL0RuMXVONXV6dnFKYUdxTUd2QT09>

Item	Lead
<u>Approved December Minutes</u>	All
<u>Committee Reports</u>	
<p><u>Athletes</u></p> <p>Team USA application was reviewed and discussed. The intent is for the application to be posted by February 1, along with clear selection criteria.</p> <p>There has been a focus on minimizing any subjectivity in the selection process.</p> <p>Selection committee will be formed during the application submission period. Russ expects ~12 members and the OCR community will be asked to volunteer to ensure support, buy in and transparency.</p> <p>The selection committee application will be posted within a few weeks of the Team USA application.</p> <p>Kirt raised the topic of “what’s in it for athletes to join Team USA”. This value proposition needs to be properly communicated. Agreed to initially be centered around providing the opportunity to participate at an international level. Other benefits are likely to be provided, including Team USA kit (for elites and para-athletes, AG athletes to purchase). Possibility of USAOCR being able to fund some or all athlete travel if sponsorships are obtained before races.</p> <p>Para athlete information request needs to be reviewed to ensure the application is suitable for that category as well.</p>	Russ

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<p><u>Competitions</u></p> <p>Ian had a conversation with Steve Hammond and Dave Watson from Spartan. They confirmed that it is well understood that USAOCR is an entirely independent entity from World Obstacle and Spartan and that Spartan does not have oversight of USAOCR. Spartan is willing to work with USAOCR, potentially provide some level of financial support and provide other support as needed to ensure the common objectives for the sport are achieved. Introduction to potential sponsors (e.g., Craft) could also be a benefit.</p> <p>Ian suggested to Spartan that they consider adding a technical rig to the 3 Km race to better align it with the difficulty level athletes much experience at international races (also seen at OCRWC/Adventurey and Savage Race).</p> <p>Ian reminded the group that trained/certified race officials will be needed to participate in sanctioned races.</p> <p>Upcoming: alignment call with Canadian federation to share USAOCR's athlete application process.</p>	Russ
<p><u>Development</u></p> <p>Josh reviewed an example budget to provide a general idea of what the economics of a coaching course might look like.</p> <p>Consider regional coaching eventually, to tap into a broader network of presenters and reduce travel costs.</p> <p>Insurance (liability) needs to be understood. Don't expect that smaller facilities will be able or willing to accept liability for third parties to provide coaching services on their premises.</p>	Josh G.
<p><u>Para</u></p> <p>Diana provided an overview of the para categories she has agreed with World Obstacle. Diana is taking the lead for the US.</p>	Diana
<p><u>Medical</u></p> <p>Josh F. will review the medical requirements for para-athletes with Diana, as well as get up to speed on existing USAOCR and World Obstacle guidelines and requirements. Needs to be introduced to MyNextMatch to understand the system and process for recording athlete medical status.</p>	Josh F.
<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Need to talk with each committee to learn operating costs and define budgets</p> <p>Need to define Sponsorship requirements, levels, etc.</p>	Kirt
<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>Comms committee to be (re)built out and chair to be confirmed. Interim support from Stacy and Jason.</p>	Jason

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<p>Jason explained the plan for social media for USAOCR; this will be deliberate and limited, as the org’s role is governance of the sport and not promotion of its brand. Community support, organic promotion will be key.</p> <p>Likely plan to launch will be to archive all old posts and media and begin fresh with the release of the Team USA application.</p> <p>Media “tour” plan to be agreed in short order, to include Podcast interviews. Leverage as much of the group as possible (i.e., all if possible). Can include board and committee members to demonstrate diversity of involvement.</p>	
<p><u>Board Items</u></p> <p>Officer elections were held. Nominations were confirmed for each position and no additional nominations were submitted. All positions were approved.</p> <p>President – Jason Stanley</p> <p>Vice President – Ian Hosek</p> <p>Secretary – Stacy Stamm</p> <p>Treasurer – Kirt Warrack</p>	Jason

**Actions**

No.	Action	Resp/Lead	Due
1	Team USA application completion & posting	Russ	Feb 1
2	Athlete selection requirements to be posted to website	Stacy	Feb 1
3	Payment process(es) to be defined, set up bank account	Kirt	Feb 17
4	Direct committee chairs to form an initial 2023 budget	Kirt	Feb 17
5	Insurance requirements for training coaches	Jason	Feb 17
6	Determine plan for Team USA kit	Jason/Stacy	Feb 17
7	Review para-athlete medical guidelines	Josh F.	Feb 17

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8	Set up MyNextMatch demo for Board	Jason	Feb 17