

USAOCR Mar 17 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Micah Dorfner, Stacy Stamm, Jason Stanley, Ian Hosek, Russ Blatt, Diana Codispoti, Josh Fiore.

Missing: Josh Graves, Kirt Warrack

Feb Minutes: Diana motion to approve, Russ Seconded. Approved by all.

Micah: Introduction, saw instagram post looking for volunteers. 5 years OCR experience. Excited to align professional and OCR passion. Based in Minnesota

Committee Updates:

Athlete

- 100m portion of Team USA
 - Athlete team has no experience coming up with standards to compare athletes.
 - No 100m standard in the US, only standard is related to Ninja in the US.
 - Worked with his knowledge and ninja contacts to set selection criteria.
 - Still wants support with someone else to check it to make sure our criteria is ready to go.
 - Aiming to release application and selection criteria for 100m on April 1st.
 - The company that has aligned themselves the closest with WO standards, doesn't have the most respect/reputation from USA athletes.
 - Russ will converse with Ian H. and other Ninja contacts to verify current criteria will be acceptable for selecting the 100m Team USA.
- Still 36 responses to Team USA application. People are starting to race again, need to keep reminding people about the application and that it's open and how to apply.
- Russ would like contacts in Ninja world to run the selection criteria by to make sure it fits with that community.
- Jason: If we have no ninja specific racers apply, how can we make sure we'll still fill the team?
- Ian: Still will have OCR events receive points for selecting Team USA. So if no ninja specific people apply, then OCR experienced athletes will be selected.

Competitions

- Discussed with Josh Graves on moving forwards with technical official training. Need officials prior to launching sanctioning events.
- Discussed with Josh Fiore regarding medical professionals/services that need to be onsite for events. Need to know requirements for insurance for sanctioning requirements. Josh is looking into that.
- Team is continuing to define the sanctioning SOP and application so it's clear to everyone.
- Sent formal request to Spartan requesting a technical rig in their 3k event. They have responded positively, but no confirmation it will actually be implemented.

Development

- Josh Graves spoke to WO technical officials manager. Not much has been formally developed for WO. Need to just do a zoom call with the WO official and take all his info, but likely need to manage completely on our own.
- Ian: if no guidance from WO level, may need to start looking at other NGOs and what they do for technical officials.
- Diana: Would Thumbie (SP?) from the Philippines have any information? Jason: likely Owl (SP?) has it.
- Stacy: Great Britain already has completed tech official training as well. Should direct Josh Graves to the Philippines and Great Britain for assistance.
- Jason will reach out to Great Britain and the Philippines and get them in contact to assist Josh.

Para

- Diana has a meeting next week with Spartan/Tough Mudder regarding adaptive and para athletes, specifically how to reach out to them better.
 - How to improve their adaptive programming that needs assistance.
 - Who to reach out to that's not just Wounded Warrior project.
 - With Chief of Staff at Spartan, Dan McDonald.
- Micah: Would love to start telling para stories to help get the word out and support the para/adaptive community and get them more engaged in OCR.

Finance

- No updates, Kirt has been busy.
- Jason and Kirt will work together to nail down final details and start putting the budget template together.
- Need to continue focusing on developing the finance committee and grow volunteers to help support. Specifically with sponsors.

Communications

- Micah is in the process of forming the committee.
 - Has 3 yeses so far.
 - One has lots of experience with video production and content creation.
 - He wants one more person, so a committee of 5 people.
- Wondering if funds for supporting newsletters and content support. A: No funds at this time.
- Board would like to see the Comms Committee to start getting the word out with media outlets if they're interested in sharing about us.
- Could start sharing when upcoming races for Team USA selection criteria are to continue creating buzz and interest.

Medical

- Josh Fiore is looking for medical contact at WO for more direction for our org. Diana will reach out to John to find that contact and give it to Josh.

- Met with Ian H. regarding goals and mission for the Medical Committee.
 - Focused on allowing us to create challenging sports that are medically safe.
 - Plans on lots of research for what others are doing with medical requirements and medical support.
 - Wants to have guidelines and recommendations for initial treatment for common OCR injuries for EMTs prior to getting to hospital.
 - Setting requirements for EAPs and insurances requirements for specific types of obstacles.
- Still wants more people on the committee supporting him to help this committee be successful.

Other

- Jason spoke with Michele from WO. He's looking to move to the US currently and is interested in working with us. Has lots of contacts with sponsors.

Action Items

- **Russ** will finalize 100m Application and Selection Criteria ready for release April 1st.
 - Reviewed by a couple more Ninjas and **Ian H**
- **Josh Graves** needs to be connected with the Philippines and Great Britain for support in creating technical official training. **Jason** will support
- **Diana** and **Micah** will work together to start telling para stories and create buzz around Team USA para opportunities
- **Kirt** and **Jason** will create budget template
- **Kirt** will finalize bank account
- **Micah** and team will start sharing upcoming races related to Team USA selection to continue to create buzz around Team USA. Along with a reminder of the May 22nd deadline.
- **Micah** will plan additional media outreach opportunities
- **Josh Fiore** and **Diana** will work to get Josh in contact with the WO medical representative.
- **Josh Fiore** will continue to finalize recommendations to Competitions team for medical requirements for sanctioning

Committees looking for Members

Athlete - General Committee (4 spots open)

Athlete - Selection Committee (up to 15 spots open) - Need full by May 22nd

Competition (1 spot open) - Ideally has background in race directing/management

Finance (4 spots open) - Need sponsorship and budgeting support

Communications (1 spot open)

Medical (4 spots open)

