

USSF Conference Call Agenda

December 16, 2020

Minutes Prepared by: [Ed Suczewski](#)

NOTE: These meeting minutes have been appropriately redacted to protect USSF members' private information.

I. Call to Order: **7:08 PM**

II. Roll Call

- ~~A. Helen Delpopolo (Trustee)~~
- B. Andrew Freund (Trustee)
- C. Mariah Holmes (Trustee & Vice President)
- D. Justin Kizzart (Trustee)
- E. Ed Suczewski (Trustee & President)
- F. Ryan White (Secretary)
- G. Americus Abesamis (Treasurer)

III. Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Already approved and released ([linked here](#))

IV. Reports

- A. Financial report from Americus
- B. Ed's update on sports psychology consultant, Dr. Jason Von Stietz
- C. We approved the following motions regarding the NASC:
 1. The USSF hosts the annual NASC (which serves the World Games qualifier) as an event separate from U.S. Nationals, in the fall of 2021. Going forward, the NASF will hold the NASC as a separate event ONLY in a calendar year preceding the World Games (when it would be impossible, for scheduling purposes, to use the following year's combined event as a qualifier). If, for any reason, the 2021 NASC cannot be held as a separate event, apart from U.S. Nationals, then the results from 2021 U.S. Nationals will be used to determine qualifiers for the 2022 World Games. (The relevant aspects of this policy will be added to the "Hosting Nationals" Policy Letter and included in future revisions of that document.)
 2. The acceptable date range will be November 6 through December 11 of 2021 with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend.

3. Bids will be accepted through February 28, 2021.
4. We will use the [previously distributed] questionnaire when seeking bids.

D. Women's committee will be disbanded.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Mariah moves to distribute any remaining women's funds to the next available national team and to sell the remaining women's gear at 2021 Nationals. All proceeds will go to the next women's national team.

Approved by unanimous vote

B. Ed moves to have all expenses explicitly approved in writing by the USSF Board of Trustees via email before they are disbursed by the registrar with the exception of pre-approved annual expenses.

Approved by unanimous vote

C. Ed moves to make it USSF policy that only the standard portable dohyo (green and white, made by Sanpuku) should be used at U.S. Nationals and the NASC.

Approved by 3 votes in favor, 1 opposed

VI. New business

A. Ed moves to adopt the following protocol for the NASC:

1. When the NASC is held in conjunction with nationals (i.e. in years that do not qualify athletes for the World Games), each North American national federation will be invited to send a maximum of four athletes per division to compete in the North Americans. U.S. Nationals will take place first, and the top four U.S. athletes in a given division qualify to compete in the North Americans.

Approved by unanimous vote

B. Ed moves to suspend plans for a USSF calendar indefinitely due to a report from the calendar committee that we have an insufficient number of high-quality submissions and have been unable to attain more.

Approved by unanimous vote

- C. Ed moves to ban co-ed competition in officially sanctioned tournaments. The homepage of the IFS website explicitly bans co-ed competition.

Approved by 3 votes in favor, 1 abstained

- D. Ed moves to sign the contract sent by All-Sports Television Network with the goal of sharing footage of the 2021 U.S. Nationals and the 2021 North American Sumo Championships. (If we are unable to produce high quality footage, we simply won't send it.)

Approved by unanimous vote

- E. Ed moves to adopt the policy that U.S. National Team gear will only be made available to members of the U.S. National Team and will not be sold to general members or the public.

Approved by unanimous vote

- F. Ed moves to adopt the policy that U.S. National and NASC weigh-ins will be strictly limited to the times listed on the sheet.

Approved by unanimous vote

VII. Announcements and Reminders

- A. Ed requests that each trustee interested in offering an option prepares a brief document on gear for the national team prior to the next meeting. The document should include mockups, sizes, and costs. (It may be preferable to pay slightly more per item and avoid bulk purchases.)
- B. Note about officiating standards and disputed decisions
- C. National Championship Committee will be disbanded
- D. Note about Ethics Committee
- E. Note about updating policy letters

VIII. Adjournment: 8:45 PM