AGE GROUP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Date: June 11th, 2024
Respectfully Submitted by Alexis Mendenhall

CALL TO ORDER 12:01pm EST (Quorum)

JUNE MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Liz Kershaw Committee Chair

Olga Espinosa Coach - Rep to SRDC **(Absent)**

Tristan Formon Coach - Rep to DEI **(Absent)**

Kevin Milak Coach

Alexis Mendenhall Coach

John Nelson Coach

David Orr Coach

Mona Nyheim-Canales Coach

Cammile Adams Athlete **(Absent)**

Tessa Bartlette Athlete **(Absent)**

Ally Dheeradhada Athlete

Aubrey Nelson Athlete

Paul Donovan - SRDC Rep **(Absent)**

Michael Lawrence - CAC Rep to AGDC

Dana Skelton Staff

Mariah Carnahan - Staff

Guests:

Donna Beyerl

Joel Shinofield

Julie Bachman

John Bradley

Beth Winkowski

MISSION STATEMENT

To plan for the needs of the Age Group level of our sport. To generate, evaluate, and communicate ideas, which will assist USA Swimming in planning and developing quality age group swimming programs

RESPONSIBILITIES

To conduct an ongoing evaluation of the local and national age-group programs.

To develop and submit proposals to provide for the long-range planning of age-group swimming.

To encourage the development of programs that promote participation.

To oversee recognition for age group swimmers.

To communicate with and provide education and direction for the age group chairs in each LSC.

To develop programs to assist athletes in transitioning from Age Group to Senior.

To advise and consult with the Sports Development Division regarding camps, including open water.

To promote the inclusion of open water at all levels, including LSC competitions, LSC Championships, and Zone meets.

BLOCK PARTY – Joel Shinofield, Julie Bachman, John Bradley

There were   discussions around Block Party Pilot program which has been extended to 2025. Designed to take swimmers from learn to compete to love to compete and use competition to a vehicle for fun with a simple sanction process. Several coaches talked about their experience running a Block Party meet, discussed the risks, benefits, and general make up this type of easy of event. Block Party (blockpartyswim.org)

REPORTS –reports from committees and voting on previous minutes was postponed until July.

TENTATIVE MEETING SCHEDULE

July 9 @ 12 :00pm ET

ADJOURNMENT 1 :00pm