

USAG MPC Meeting Minutes
Las Vegas, NV
February 22, 2020

Mike Serra called the meeting to order at 10:54pm PST.

Members Present:

Sergei Pakanich – Jr Coaches Representative
Mike Serra – Jr Coaches Representative
Kip Simons – Sr Coaches Representative
Randy Jepson – Sr Coaches Representative
Joseph Hagerty – Athlete Representative
Justin Spring – Board of Directors Representative – voice, no vote
Brett McClure – High Performance Director – voice, no vote
Jason Woodnick – VP Mens Program – voice, no vote

Blake Padget – Independent Observer

Members not present:

Athlete Representative – open
NJGA Representative – Mike Juszczyk
Jr Olympic Program Director – Dusty Ritter

Discussion: Petitions for Brandon Briones, Stephen Nedoroscik, Donnell Whittenburg and Trevor Howard. Focus on AA for Pan American Championships team, AA World Cup athletes and reserve(s) and IE World Cup opportunity for +1 Olympic Qualification.

Randy Jepson recused himself and left the room because he has an athlete in consideration

Motion: Accept the following petitions to National Team for Stephen Nedoroscik, Donnell Whittenburg and Trevor Howard.

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Kip Simons
Passed: Unanimously
Abstained: Randy Jepson

Discussion: Remaining 3 national team spots. Focused on AA needs of the program to fill Pan American Championships team with objective earning a +1 based on AA results needed to be 1st or 2nd in the final. Also discussed the need for AA athletes and reserve(s) for World Cup competitions and top 3 finish cumulative results for additional +1 position. All discussion based on day 1 and 2 Winter Cup results, previous results and final points program.

Motion: Select Colin Van Wicklen, Akash Modi and Paul Juda to the National Team.

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Kip Simons
Passed: Unanimously
Abstained: Randy Jepson

Discussion: International assignments for AA World Cup(s), IE World Cup(s) and Pan American Championships team. Program objective(s) to earn additional +2 spots to the Olympic Games. 2019 World Championships team members determined not eligible for 2020 Pan American Championships due to being ineligible to receive +1 spot in AA final per FIG requirements. Focus on remaining top AA rank order from day 1 Winter Cup results, AA scores from day 2 results, points program and petitioned athletes to name Pan American team squad of 6 athletes. Team will be finalized at a later date due to time closer to the event and due to unknown athlete acceptance of assignment.

Motion: Name Brody Malone, Grant Breckenridge, Allan Bower, Paul Juda, Colin Van Wicklen and Donnell Whittenburg to the Pan American team squad

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Kip Simons
Passed: Unanimously

Discussion: AA World Cup assignments. Objective to earn +1 for Olympic Games with top 3 finish cumulative results from American Cup, Stuttgart, Birmingham and Tokyo Cup. Wild card spot at American Cup discussed as opportunity for experience since no Olympic qualification implications exist. Based on past results, start value and Day 1 AA Winter Cup AA results, multiple athletes demonstrate world caliber competitiveness and increased depth.

Motion: Assign Shane Wiskus to Wild Card position at American Cup (with Sam Mikulak previously assigned in the OG qualification position). Assign Yul Moldauer to Stuttgart AA World Cup. Assign Brody Malone to Birmingham World Cup. Assign Sam Mikulak to Tokyo Cup.

Motion: Sergei Pakanich
Second: Kip Simons
Passed: Unanimously

Discussion: IE World Cup assignments. Randy Jepson recused himself. Stephen Nedoroscik is 1 of 3 athletes still eligible for nominative IE Olympic qualification contingent on 1st place finish in Baku and Doha. Colin Van Wicklen and Trevor Howard also have past results for AA and IE capabilities at a world caliber.

Motion: Assign Colin Van Wicklen and Stephen Nedoroscik to Baku IE World Cup and assign Trevor Howard and Stephen Nedoroscik to Doha IE World Cup.

Motion: Kip Simons
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: Unanimously
Abstained: Randy Jepson

Motion to adjourn at 12:13am

Motion: Kip Simons
Second: Sergei Pakanich
Passed: Unanimously