High Performance Committee Minutes
6.11.2022

Attendance
Wyatt Allen
Liam Corrigan
Yaz Farooq
Nobuhisa Ishizuka (Ex Officio)
Genevra Stone
Josy Verdonkschot
Stephen Hap Whelpley (Chair)

Agenda
Discussion of DAS allocations
Review of Selection Camp 1
Discussion of potential selection camp lead coaches and selectors for Selection Camp 2
Comment on current U23 process for this year with an eye towards next year

Discussion of DAS
As CHPO, Josy Verdonkschot presented the list of athletes receiving DAS. The list included all athletes that were already receiving DAS. He explained his thinking behind the allocations as follows. No athlete will be removed from DAS before Selection Camp 2. 10 athletes were added to the DAS Training Stipend after qualifying for the team through Selection Camp 1. All athletes receiving DAS and competing in World Cup 2 will have the opportunity to increase their support based on performance. The HPC was given full opportunity to ask questions and discuss the rationale governing Josy's decisions, including confirming that they aligned with what was set forth in the memorandum on DAS and EAHI last updated on January 27, 2022.

Selection Camp 1 Review
Josy provided feedback on the execution and performance of Selection Camp 1. HPC had an opportunity to ask questions regarding both the athletes at the camp and how the camp proceeded. The women's camp took place in Princeton, NJ, with 14 participants. It was run by Laurel Korholz (Lead Coach Sweep), Guenter Beutter (Lead Coach Scull), and Michelle Guerette (Selector). The men's camp took place in Sacramento, CA, with 13 participants. It was run by Casey Galvanek (Lead Coach Sweep), Reilly Dampeer (Lead Coach Scull) and Cameron Kiosoglous (Selector).

Both camps followed a general structure of: 1 week of training together and learning technique, 1 week with more mixing and physiological testing, and 1 final week of selection. Both camps experienced some missed participation by athletes due to COVID-19, but selection was concluded for World Cup II and Henley.

Discussion of Selection Camp Candidates
Josy consulted the HPC regarding potential appointments to the Selection Panels for Selection Camp 2 in July. Both men's and women's camps will be held in Princeton, NJ.

Like Selection Camp 1, each camp will require two lead coaches (one sweep, one scull) and a selector. Per the 2022 National Senior Team Selection Procedures, each camp will have a selection panel consisting of the selector, the lead coach and the CHPO.

The HPC engaged in a full discussion of the potential candidates proposed by Josy with an eye towards the 2022 World Championships. Being in the summer, a broader list of candidates were available with the conclusion of the collegiate season.

Before discussing individual candidates, the HPC and Josy reviewed the function and purpose of selectors and coaches through Selection Camp 1.

At this point, both Yaz Farooq and Stephen Hap Whelpley recused themselves from the discussion as Josy mentioned they were being considered by him as potential candidates for Selection Camp 2. Before being excused, Josy and the other members of the HPC had a full and complete opportunity to solicit their views on the process. Once a thorough discussion of all the potential candidates by the unconflicted members of the HPC was completed, Yaz and Hap were contacted individually and invited to reenter the HPC Zoom.

Comment & Discussion of Current U23 Plan

Both Nobuhisa Ishizuka and Liam Corrigan dropped from the call during this discussion due to time constraints and technical difficulties respectively.

As U23 Trials were about to commence and a new structure had been decided for the U23 Selection Camps (separate locations for scull and sweep), the HPC and Josy took an opportunity to review the changes. The strategic reasoning for separate sculling camps was discussed as well as the timing of trials in relation to collegiate seasons and U23 Worlds.