

USRowing Athlete Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2025/Virtual Meeting/8:05 - 9:00 PM EST

Attendees

Athlete Council Representatives: Dariush Aghai, Molly Bruggeman, Grace Latz, Gemma Wollenschlaeger, Daniel Ahr, Taylor Ritzel, Liam Corrigan

Not Present: Pieter Quinton, Gevvie Stone, Kate Knifton, Robin Prendes, Jaclyn Smith

Meeting Summary

Approve [April Minutes](#) – Motion made by Molly, approved by all

- HP and PHP updates
 - PHP: Discussed performance in Shanghai and selection
 - HPC: Liam discussed the men's perspective on selection
- Board/TeamUSA AC Updates
 - 2 weeks prior Board meeting: As discussed, the main focus was on strategic planning and flushing out a plan for the path to LA among other things. One of the points covered included athlete representation for the longterm and impact.
- Annual Athlete Survey Update
 - Athlete access: 2 weeks post-Worlds, November 1 deadline to fulfill, December 1 meet with Josy to discuss
 - Clarity on evaluating coaches improved
 - Suggestion to add beach athletes to survey collection though info collected would occur before Worlds
 - Feedback from those athletes supported with stipends- evaluate all athletes (non-Worlds teams as well)

· Athlete Voice/Representation:

- Discussed having an athlete seat on Facilities committee specifically in discussing Caspersen and Chula Vista training locations – Discussed how we want to sift through our pool of athletes to identify candidates

· Fall NOMINATION prep (HPC/PHPC):

- Discussed potential rep candidates for outreach/promo

· HO�R:

- Plan AC meeting: Friday Oct 17 9-12:30pm

- Molly, Grace and Dariush to meet to plan agenda prior to

- Plan 10 year athlete meet up: to schedule

Open Forum

AC budget- some support through Josy if reps show up to key athlete moments, other things can invest in this counsel (athlete survey website, etc.)

- Post Athlete survey interviews discussed specifically on offering that chance to interview again this year. It was noted it is helpful context to data points and helpful as a council to have pulse on who wanted to be active in creating their experience.

- Taylor to assist

- ELC networking event on Saturday afternoon of HO�R

- Governance- adding an athlete rep to PHP

- Discussed distribution of more athlete reps in smaller committees vs a smaller AC committee

- Approached by DEI committee athletes- 2 athletes part of grievance committee-
to reach out regarding more athlete reps in more spaces