

USRowing Athlete Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2025/Virtual Meeting/8:15 EST- 9:02 PM

Attendees

Athlete Council Representatives: Molly Bruggeman, Grace Latz, Pieter Quinton, Gemma Wollenschlaeger, Robin Prendes, Daniel Ahr

Not Present: Dariush Aghai, Gevvie Stone, Kate Knifton, Liam Corrigan, Taylor Ritzel, Jaclyn Smith

Meeting Summary

- **Proposed Slate for AC leadership:**

Grace Latz for Chair, Dariush Aghai for Vice Chair, Molly Bruggeman for Secretary.

- Motion made by Daniel Ahr
- Seconded by Pieter Quinton
- Vote: all in approval

- **AC Task Tracking + Organization**

- Creation of a task sheet to cultivate interest among prospective and current Athlete Council members.
- Update of an email chain for a Google Meet event with Female Athletes/Male Athletes.

- **PARA HPC Update: Daniel Ahr**

- March meeting aimed at progressing/identifying athletes for PR3 selection.
- Circulated roster but unresolved classification timing impacting decision-making and approval status.

- **Board Updates: Robin**

- Budget discussions and updates on staff, development, and MarComm.
 - connecting with stakeholders: fundraising is going great and a few multi-year gifts, goal is to have some sort of endowment, US Ski and Snowboard involved influence fundraising infrastructure
- MarComm strategy led by Study Hall with a focus on building interest for a multi-year plan for LA including athletes as features.
- Governance improvement feedback based on the last four years and potential adoption of best practices observed in other NGBs- continuing to work on this with Don at the Board level

Continued Discussion:

Athlete Council report for the Paris quad and future plans for LA2028

Athlete Survey planning meeting June

AC meeting open to wider athlete community: one meeting/year or one town hall/year