

USWTCA Executive Meeting Notes
2022 USATF Annual Meeting
12/2/2022 3 pm-4 pm

Present

Officers: April Smith, President, Simone Terry, 1st Vice President, Kim Dismuke – Treasurer, Cristy Snellgroves, Former President *Other Attendees:* Charlotte Sneed, Michelle Carter. LaTawnya Martin Richard Robert, Karla Coffee *Absent:* Joy Upshaw - 2nd Vice President, Aminah Smith, Secretary

Simone Terry will take notes in Secretary's absence.

Meeting Called to Order: 3:15 pm

April Smith Shared the vision and recognized Michelle Carter for what she has done for the youth in track and field.

Michelle shares that having this forum and this level of communication helps to educate coaches so athletes can have another place to go to learn where to start.

Charlotte asked how men respond as a coach when female athletes are on their monthly cycle and Michelle shared there is a difference between understanding the fine line between the balance of monthly and the need to push through it and a medical issue.

Michelle shared her contact information www.shotdiva.com there you can find her camp and non-profit (OneGoldenShot.org)

April asked Richard how this committee can help with para.

Richard responded there is a lot more to understanding para due to the following:

- Higher level of athlete care
- Higher technical knowledge
 - Seated Athletes - Complex (Ex: Seated Thrower – Adding an implement)
 - Coached must be in close proximity and
 - Safety issues in the gym
- Understanding equipment
- Ambulatory Issues

Richard proposed to Kathy Butler a year ago about adding a Para CE course
Complex medical issues – Shared a COVID Experience and how managing care was different. The female ended up having to stay to care for the male athlete, but it was not an appropriate situation.

Simone shared a create a Learn By Doing until they see it is valuable to the organization we serve.

There is no formal Para CE in our country but is in Australia, the UK

Christie offered a facility in FL – National Training Center, Clairmont FL

Christie also talked about the DreamPlex gym for Para Athletes

Karla Coffee talked about an event she did at Smith that was successful.

Richard Robert and Karla Coffee will work together on Para Committee and will use Christie's facility as the first event.

Charlotte shared - Transgender – Athlete had to use the restroom and could not choose so held it – She shared tips: have a port-a-potty or family bathroom at the competition.

Tomorrow – Posters on the wall and small group forums

Facilitators should have questions In the respective area that they represent

Year of Title 9 and will ask people to share their mentors.

Scholarships Level 2 awarded:

Aldolpho Level 1 – Took 7 times because he could not get into Level 2

Katie Leonard – Bobsledder – She is starting a Learn By Doing for youth Took Levels 1 and 2 this year

Karla asked about getting officials involved at a younger age. Charlotte shared new officials' initiatives with grants and an apprentice program. Charlotte will send the information

Meeting Adjourned at 4:07 pm