

Minutes of USRowing High Performance Committee Call
February 17th 2017

Attendance:

Yaz Farooq
Rob Milam
Bob Ernst
Matt Imes
Charley Butt
Megan Kalmoe
Dan Walsh

Agenda:

- Approval of Minutes
- Selection Procedures
- Coaching Structure
- DAS/EAHI

Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting was seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee entered executive session

- Committee exited executive session
 - o High Performance Committee has a unanimous vote of confidence in keeping Matt Imes on as High Performance Director through the 2017 World Championships

Selection Procedures

- Discussion on moving trials to earlier in the year and elimination of most WCup performance requirements
 - o NSRs could potentially become trials for small boats
 - Option for winner to decline and send boat to Trials II in August
 - Removal of World Cup qualification hurdle for singles and doubles
 - World Cup racing becomes optional for trials winners, not mandatory
 - Pairs still require World Cup qualification, given relationship to Training Center big boat selection
 - o Argument made to have trials later to allow collegiate athletes to participate

- Importance of creating excitement in a post-Olympic year for collegiate athletes and domestically hosted World Championships
- Would this be consistent with HP Club and Task Force requests and recommendations
- Making sure that all athletes, collegiate and club, have opportunities and motivation to develop and increase depth and performance of national team

Coaching Structure

- Discussion on ideal training center culture and professional environment
- Roles coaches see themselves playing in the future
- Working to create stronger relationships between Training Center and HP Clubs
 - Possibility of incentivizing coaches to invest in big picture not just TC

DAS/EAHI

- Tabled