



Minutes of the Adaptive Committee Meeting  
April 12, 2018

**In attendance:**

- Jaclyn Smith
- Alex Guest
- Blake Haxton
- Liz Soutter\*
- Deb Arenberg\*
- Tom Darling\*
- Patrick McNerney\*

**Not in attendance:**

- Judy Morrison
- Stephanie Parrish
- Daniel Ahr
- Richard Butler

\*USRowing Staff/other

**A. CEO Introduction and Committee Overview/Role – Patrick McNerney**

- Overview of Adaptive Committee purpose in USRowing bylaws
- Focus on both roles of the Adaptive Committee: 1) success of high performance and 2) focusing on our domestic agenda and growth.

**B. Classification Update – Liz Soutter, Deb Arenberg**

- Working to increase athlete classification opportunities
- Bi-coastal classifier courses and robust classifier education compliance
- Streamline procedures within the organization and increased communication to the public regarding classification.

**C. Coaches Education Update – Deb Arenberg**

- Updates to L2, L3 for Annual Convention.
- Updates on manual
- Working on separate Adaptive Coaching certification.

**D. Domestic Development – Deb Arenberg & Tom Darling**

- Mission to increase number of high school and college programs by adding para and inclusive events to all USRowing-sanctioned events and information dissemination in all areas of coaching, regatta management, and referee education.



**E. High Performance Athlete Development – Tom Darling**

- Inclusion of para at all USRowing Identification camps
- New para events at NSR 2.

**F. Stakeholder Positions – Tom Darling & Patrick McNerney**

- Overview of USRowing relationship with USOC, NRF, FISA, and goals to develop those relationships.
- Conversation regarding search for corporate sponsorship.