

## ALTS Committee Zoom Meeting Call – August 10, 2022

<b>Committee Name:</b>	ALTS		
<b>Committee Chair:</b>	Lisa Brown/Jay DeFinis (Summer Chair)	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	
<b>Minutes recorded by:</b>	Carrie Stolar	<b>Date/time of meeting:</b>	Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022, 9:30 AM CDT

### Motions Passed:

1. Approved: July 6, 2022 amended ALTS Committee Meeting minutes.

**Number of committee members present:** 7    **Absent:** 3    **Guests:** 6

**Committee members present (list all, including chair and vice chair):** Jay DeFinis, Lisa Brown, Eric Hektner, Nadine Ford, Marlys Cappaert, Carrie Stolar (ex-officio), and Bill Brenner (ex-officio)

**Committee Members Absent:** Mike Hamm, Sue Nutty, William Kolb

**Guests:** Bob Kolonkowski, Ally Sega, Michael Biondo, Jill Wright, Tim Hinchey (CEO, USA-Swimming), Dawson Hughes (CEO)

### Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of Tim Hinchey, CEO, USA-Swimming
3. Discussion, Lisa Brown to assume the Chair position through the end of 2022 (stepping in for Marlys)
4. Approval of July Minutes
5. Recap Annual Report and Progress in 2022
6. Review year schedule, October webinar focusing on the new grant cycle 10/15/2022
7. Old Business
8. Adjourn

### Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:34 AM EDT by Jay DeFinis (summer chair).
2. Jay introduced Tim Hinchey, CEO of USA-Swimming. Tim shared his work and swimming background. He has been a USMS member since the early 1990s.
  - a. USA-S Foundation
    - i. Give-Get Board
    - ii. Jay, Jeff Moxie, and Dawson are on the Foundation Board from USMS
      1. Looking to expand the Foundation Board with USMS members
    - iii. Over-achieved on all objectives last year
    - iv. More efforts needed to build the endowment
    - v. Overall, more than \$900,000 given in awards last year
    - vi. Goal is to educate clubs about Masters as they rebuild post-pandemic

1. Adding a Masters team is a great way to build a club and community
- vii. Learn to Swim is a way to make a difference in our communities: “Find your silver lining.”
  1. Community Impact Grants
    - a. Do not need to be a member club to get a \$5000 grant (USA-S)
  2. Goal by 2028: Deliver as much money in CIG as LTS grants
3. Jay is looking for donations for the Golden Goggles silent auction. All proceeds go directly to grants. He is especially seeking unique handmade items.
4. Jay thanked Marlys for chairing the ALTS Committee this year. Due to her job with SwimTrek, she will be unable to complete the year as chair, and Lisa Brown will step into this role.
5. Minutes: July 6, 2022 amended ALTS Committee Meeting Minutes: **MSA for approval of the July 6, 2022 amended BOD meeting minutes.** Discussion: None. **The motion passed unanimously.**
6. 2022 Recap:
  - a. \$135,000 in grants were awarded this year. This was the highest ever.
  - b. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of grants.
  - c. The ALTS Committee was started in 2020 with an educational focus, formally separating it from fundraising. The committee focuses on the ALTS community, by creating best practices, mentoring, engaging instructors, and growing opportunities to create programs.
  - d. Our goal is to make people safer in the water.
  - e. Dawson said that ALTS is a part of the community development initiative which will be a focus next year/2024.
    - i. We can proactively talk to LMSCs on how they can support ALTS programs
    - ii. Bill Brenner shared his appreciation for the ALTS Committee and its support.
  - f. The ALTS Committee will remain an ad hoc committee.
  - g. Two ALTS instructor certification classes remain this year.
  - h. The Committee will continue to populate the ALTS database with LMSC contacts.
  - i. We will continue to expand our mentorship program for LMSCs and grant-recipients.
7. The October webinar (Date is TBD) will focus on the grant program. Tina Dessart will be on the call. The grant window will probably open on Monday, Oct. 17.
8. We encourage anyone interested to apply for ALTS Committee membership for next year.

9. Question: Is there a retirement community team ALTS program pitch?
  - a. Dawson shared that such teams with ALTS programs do exist in Florida.
    - i. The ALTS Committee is getting the message out that ALTS can be a local community initiative and doesn't exclusively have to be the typical program through clubs and facilities.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM EDT. There will not be a committee call in September. The minutes of the August meeting will be approved via email.

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