## USA Gymnastics Athletes' Council (AC) Meeting June 5, 2023 - Start 2:00 pm ET (via zoom)

Roll Call

AC Attendees:

Jessica Renteria Chair, Acro Athlete Representative
Evita Griskenas Rhythmic Athlete Representative
Emily Schild Women's Athlete Representative
Grace Vonder Haar Acro Athlete Representative
Akash Modi Men's Athlete Representative

Alex Renkert Vice Chair, T&T Athlete Representative

Serena Lu Rhythmic Athlete Representative and USOPC AAC Rep

**USAG Staff Attendees:** 

Jaylan Davis Programs & Partnerships Manager

Absent:

Jessie DeZiel Women's Athlete Representative
Michael Devine T&T Athlete Representative
Logan Dooley USOPC AAC Alternate Rep (late)
Samuel Phillips Men's Athlete Representative

## I. Rhythmic Selection Athlete Reps

Need to appoint an Athlete Rep to the newly formed Rhythmic Group Selection committee.

Motion to appoint **Natalie McGiffert** to be the Athlete Rep for the Rhythmic Group Selection Committee. **Liza Merezon** was selected as the alternate.

Motion: Alex Second: Evita

Passed

Rebecca Sereda resigned from her position on the Rhythmic Individual Selection Committee due to other commitments. The final selection meeting of her term will be at the 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships in Tulsa, OK. The Athlete Council was asked to assign an interim Athlete Rep for this meeting. A permanent Athlete Rep will be appointed at a later date for a term starting January 2024.

Motion to appoint **Natalie McGiffert** to be the Interim Athlete Rep for the Rhythmic Individual Selection Committee for the 2023 USA Gymnastics Championships.

Motion: Alex

Second: Grace Vonder Haar

Passed

\*Serena Lu and Evita Griskenas recused due to a conflict of interest.

- II. 2023 USA Gym Champs
  - National Team meeting planning
- III. Spirit of the Flame Award
  - Nominations have been closed (June 1)
  - Will set up a second meeting to discuss the candidates at a separate time.
  - Will discuss pros/cons of the candidates all together, then vote separately.
  - Jessica will send details about criteria out again.
- IV. Other Business
  - Voting by email
  - Meeting frequency and timing
  - In-person meeting
  - Reminder to renew membership requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm ET