Attendees:

J.D. Reive – Coach Representative (in person both days)
Kip Simons – Coach Representative (in person both days)
Jon Horton – Athlete Representative (via Zoom both days)
Kevin Tan – Athlete Representative (in person both days)
Brett McClure – High Performance Director (in person both days)
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote) (in person both days)
Michelle Pujals – Independent Observer (process voice, no vote) (via Zoom both days)

The Meetings were held in Colorado Springs, CO, where the 2021 World Championships Team Trials were held.

September 16, 2021

The Meeting was called to order by Jason Woodnick, VP Men’s Program, at 4:58 p.m. (MT).

I. Day 1 Results of 2021 World Championships Team Trials

- The MSC reviewed the results from the Day 1 competition to determine if any athletes had secured an automatic spot on the 2021 World Championships (Worlds) team by fulfilling the requirements set forth in Section 1.3.2 of the 2021 World Championships Athlete & Coach Selection Procedures (i.e., the World Championships Selection Criteria for athletes). Jason Woodnick discussed each of the three automatic selection criteria of Section 1.3.2.a. through 1.3.2.c.

- At the end of Day 1, only one athlete qualified under the automatic selection criteria. Alec Yoder, whose 15.2 score on Pommel Horse would have placed him in the top three on the Pommel Horse finals at the Tokyo Olympics, earned this automatic spot on the Worlds team pursuant to Section 1.3.2.c.

- It was mentioned that, at the end of Day 1 of the competition, Cameron Bock leads in the all-around competition over Yul Moldauer. Under Section 1.3.2.a, the final all-around ranking leader, who will be decided following the Day 2 competition, will receive an automatic spot on the team.

- The MSC also discussed the fact that Stephen Nedorosck achieved scores on Pommel Horse on Day 1 that would have placed him within the top eight qualifiers at the Tokyo Olympics. He is, therefore, eligible for an automatic team spot under Section 1.3.2.b, depending upon his Day 2 score on the event.
II. Additional Discussion

- It was mentioned that, besides Alec Yoder, no other athlete earned an automatic spot to the Worlds team based on the Day 1 competition. As a result, the selection of all other team members will take place following the Day 2 competition on September 18, 2021.

- During the discussion of the Day 1 results, the MSC noted that the applicable selection procedures do not contain any rules or guidance to be used to determine which athletes will compete at each event at the Worlds. Members of the MSC observed that, if there are open spots on events, athletes may be able to compete on more events at the Worlds than they did at the Trials. Brett McClure (the High Performance Director) stated that he will contact each team member following their selection to verify their readiness on specific events at the Worlds.

III. Adjournment

On a passed motion, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. (MT).

September 18, 2021

The Meeting was called to order by Jason Woodnick, VP Men’s Program, at 4:46 p.m. (MT).

I. Automatic Selections to the 2021 World Championships Team

- Once again, Jason Woodnick discussed each of the three automatic selection criteria of Section 1.3.2.a. through 1.3.2.c. The MSC reviewed the results from the Day 2 competition, as well as the combined results from both days of competition, to determine which athletes qualified for automatic spots on the Worlds team under the Section 1.3.2 selection criteria.

- It was stated that Alec Yoder had already secured an automatic spot through his Day 1 score on Pommel Horse (under Section 1.3.2.c.).

- Under Section 1.3.2.a, Yul Moldauer, who finished as the top ranked all-around athlete through both days of competition, earned an automatic spot on the Worlds team.

- Under Section 1.3.2.b, Stephen Nedoroscik earned an automatic spot on the Worlds team. He finished as the Pommel Horse event winner, with scores of 14.8 and 15.5, and both scores would have placed him in the top eight event qualifiers at the Tokyo Olympics.

- Under Section 1.3.2.c, Donnell Whittenburg earned an automatic spot on the Worlds team. He scored a 14.8 average from his two vaults on Day 2, which would have put
him within the top three places in the Vault Finals at the Tokyo Olympics.

- Four of the six spots on the Worlds team were determined by the automatic selection criteria.

II. Additional Selections to the 2021 World Championships Team

- Since the application of the automatic selection criteria did not result in the selection of all six spots on the Worlds team, the MSC, under Section 1.3.2.d, moved to select the final two team members based upon the Discretionary Criteria listed in Section 2.2 of the 2021 World Championships Athlete & Coach Selection Procedures. Jason Woodnick advised the MSC that there were no petitions submitted by athletes that needed to considered during this selection process. Using these Discretionary Criteria, the MSC discussed the eligibility of additional athletes for the remaining spots on the Worlds team.

- Based on the Discretionary Criteria, a motion was made (and seconded) to select Brody Malone as the fifth athlete for the Worlds Team. It passed unanimously.

- Based on the Discretionary Criteria, a motion was made (and seconded) to select Alex Diab as the sixth (and final) athlete for the Worlds Team. It passed unanimously.

- Under Section 1.3.1, the MSC is also authorized to identify potential replacement athletes for the Worlds team. Based on the Discretionary Criteria, a motion was made (and seconded) to identify Cameron Bock and Akash Modi as replacement athletes for the Worlds Team. It passed unanimously.

III. Adjournment

On a passed motion, the Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. (MT).

To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, this Report accurately reflects the actions taken by the MSC at its September 16 and 18, 2021 Meetings. In addition, I reviewed the content of the MSC Meeting Minutes for both September 16 and 18, 2021, and those Minutes (which were approved by the members of the MSC) are attached as Exhibit A to this Report.

Michelle Pujals
Independent Observer
EXHIBIT A

2021 Men’s World Championships
Selection Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m. (MT)

Members Present:
J.D. Reive – Coach Representative
Kip Simons – Coach Representative
Jon Horton – Athlete Representative (via Zoom)
Kevin Tan – Athlete Representative
Brett McClure – High Performance Director
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote)

Non-Members Present:
Michelle Pujals – Independent Observer (via Zoom; process voice, no vote)

Jason Woodnick (VP Men’s Program) welcomed the attendees to the Meeting.

The Committee reviewed results from the Day 1 competition to determine if any athletes had secured an automatic spot on the 2021 World Championships (Worlds) team by fulfilling the requirements set forth in Section 1.3.2 of the 2021 World Championships Athlete & Coach Selection Procedures (i.e., the World Championships Selection Criteria for athletes).

The first criteria (Section 1.3.2.a) states:

a. The top ranked all-around athlete from the World Team Trials by final results from combined 2-days of competition will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team.

In the all-around competition following Day 1, Cameron Bock leads in the all-around competition over Yul Moldauer (by 1.5 points). The final AA ranking will be decided following the Day 2 competition.

The second criteria (Section 1.3.2.b) states:

b. Individual event winners from the World Team Trials final results from combined 2-days of competition whose scores on Day 1 and Day 2 would have placed within the top eight (8) event qualifiers from the 2020 Olympic Games Qualifications will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team. Vault must be a two-vault average score from Day 1 and Day 2.

Stephen Nedoroscik (14.8) and Alec Yoder (15.2) both achieved scores on Pommel Horse on Day 1 that would have placed within the top 8 qualifiers at the Tokyo Olympics. Both are eligible for an automatic team spot, which they can earn after Day 2. The Committee also discussed the Day 1 results from the other IEs.
The third criteria (Section 1.3.2.c) states:

c. Any athlete(s) with an IE final score from either Day 1 or Day 2 that would have placed within the top three (3) places on an event in Apparatus Finals at the 2020 Olympic Games will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team. Vault must be a two-vault average score from either day.

Alec Yoder’s 15.2 on Pommel Horse would have placed him in the top 3 on the Pommel Horse finals at the Tokyo Olympics. As a result, Alec earned the first automatic spot on the Worlds team.

At the time of this Meeting, no other athletes have earned automatic spots to the Worlds team, and further team selection will take place following the Day 2 competition on September 18, 2021.

The Committee highlighted that there is nothing stated in the selection procedures to determine the line-up for each event at the Worlds. Therefore, if there are open spots on events, athletes may be able to compete on more events than they did at the Worlds Trials. Brett McClure (the HPD) will follow-up with each team member following the Worlds Trials to verify their readiness on specific events.

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 5:20 p.m. (MT)

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Kip Simons
Motion Passed: Unanimously
2021 Men’s World Championships
Selection Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2021

The Meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m. (MT)

Members Present:
J.D. Reive – Coach Representative
Kip Simons – Coach Representative
Jon Horton – Athlete Representative (via Zoom)
Kevin Tan – Athlete Representative
Brett McClure – High Performance Director
Jason Woodnick – VP Men’s Program (voice, no vote)

Non-Members Present:
Michelle Pujals – Independent Observer (via Zoom; process voice, no vote)

Jason Woodnick (VP Men’s Program) welcomed the attendees to the Meeting.

I. Automatic Selections to the 2021 World Championships Team

The Committee reviewed the results from the Day 2 competition, as well as the combined results from both days of competition, to determine which athletes qualified for automatic spots on the Worlds team under Section 1.3.2 of the 2021 World Championships Athlete & Coach Selection Procedures (i.e., the World Championships Selection Criteria for athletes). It was noted that Alec Yoder had already secured an automatic spot through his Day 1 score on Pommel Horse.

The first criteria (Section 1.3.2.a) states:

a. The top ranked all-around athlete from the World Team Trials by final results from combined 2-days of competition will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team.

Yul Moldauer finished as the top ranked AA athlete through both days of competition with a combined score of 158.3. Therefore, Yul earns an automatic spot on the Worlds team.

The second criteria (Section 1.3.2.b) states:

b. Individual event winners from the World Team Trials final results from combined 2-days of competition whose scores on Day 1 and Day 2 would have placed within the top eight (8) event qualifiers from the 2020 Olympic Games Qualifications will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team. Vault must be a two-vault average score from Day 1 and Day 2.
Stephen Nedoroscik finished as the Pommel Horse event winner, with scores of 14.8 and 15.5. Since both scores would have placed in the top 8 event qualifiers at the Tokyo Olympics, Stephen earns an automatic spot on the Worlds team.

The third criteria (Section 1.3.2.c) states:

c. Any athlete(s) with an IE final score from either Day 1 or Day 2 that would have placed within the top three (3) places on an event in Apparatus Finals at the 2020 Olympic Games will earn an automatic spot on the Worlds Team. Vault must be a two-vault average score from either day.

Donnell Whittenburg scored a 14.8 average from his two vaults on Day 2, which would have placed within the top 3 places in the Vault Finals at the Tokyo Olympics. As a result, Donnell earns an automatic spot on the Worlds team.

II. Additional Selections to the 2021 World Championships Team

It was noted that, with four spots on the Worlds team selected, no other athletes earned automatic spots on the Worlds team pursuant to Section 1.3.2. Therefore, under Section 1.3.2.d, the final two team members will be selected based on the Discretionary Criteria listed in Section 2.2 of the 2021 World Championships Athlete & Coach Selection Procedures. This Section includes the following criteria:

- Performances at domestic championship events and FIG international events from 2017-2021, including:
  - Start values (D Score) on each apparatus – Competitive D scores with finalists from major FIG international events from 2017-2021
  - Execution (E Score) on each apparatus - Competitive E scores with finalists from major FIG international events from 2017-2021
  - Consistency across competitions – The ability to maintain consistent performances from one event to the next without significant decrease in performance
  - Overall competitiveness with top international athletes based on scores from FIG international events

The Committee reviewed the eligibility for selection of athletes for the remaining spots on the Worlds team pursuant to the Discretionary Criteria. (It was noted by Jason Woodnick (VP Men’s Program) that there were no petitions submitted by athletes that the Committee needed to consider.)

Brody Malone was a finalist on High Bar at the Tokyo Olympics, finishing in 4th place. His 6.1 D score at the Worlds Trials would have been within the top 8 qualifiers in Tokyo, and the 6.5 routine that he performed in Tokyo was tied for the highest difficulty of all the finalists. In
addition, Brody provides one of the best medal potentials for the U.S. men at 2021 World Championships.

Motion: A motion was made to name Brody Malone to the 2021 World Championships Team.

Motion: Kip Simons
Second: Jon Horton
Motion Passed: Unanimously

Alex Diab has been the top U.S. performer on Rings in 2021, placing first at the Winter Cup, US Championships, and Olympic Trials. His 15.1 on Day 2 of Worlds Trials would have ranked 4th place in Rings Finals in Tokyo and his 6.0 D score is competitive with all Tokyo finalists.

Cameron Bock just missed the automatic AA spot by .15. His D scores and final scores are not competitive with top 8 qualifiers in Tokyo on any individual event. Akash Modi competed only on Pommel Horse at the Worlds Trials. His 6.3 D score from Worlds Trials is competitive with the top 8 qualifiers from Tokyo, but his final scores are historically not as competitive on Pommel Horse. In addition, the team is likely to have filled all three possible spots on Pommel Horse, since Yul, Alec, and Stephen have already been selected for the Worlds team.

Motion: A motion was made to name Alex Diab to the 2021 World Championships Team.

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: J.D. Reive
Motion Passed: Unanimously

At this point in the meeting, all six members of the Men’s 2021 World Championships Team have been selected as follows:

- Yul Moldauer
- Alec Yoder
- Stephen Nedoroscik
- Donnell Whittenburg
- Brody Malone
- Alex Diab

The Committee then moved to the identification of replacement athletes for the Worlds team.

Motion: A motion was made to identify Cameron Bock and Akash Modi as non-traveling replacement athletes to the 2021 World Championships Team.

Motion: Brett McClure
Second: Kevin Tan
Motion Passed: Unanimously
Motion: A motion was made to adjourn the Meeting at 5:02 p.m. (MT).

Motion: Kip Simons
Second: J.D. Reive
Motion Passed: Unanimously

Brett McClure 9/21/2021
Selection Committee Representative Date

Brett McClure
Print Name