

USAT South Midwest Regional Teleconference
Minutes Taken by Doug Fairchild

April 20, 2011 1904 hours

In attendance: Frank Cortese, Boris Robinson, Jane Hresko, Doug Fairchild, John Ricca, Duke Gill, Shelly O'Brien, Merry Prather, Todd Terry, David Young

No discussion – minutes, approved as written. Duke – motion; Merry – approved
Brief discussion of regional chair teleconference, CEO, USAT participation w/ undercurrent of concern over USAT – regional personnel are professionally independent, do not work for USAT.

Kathy Matjeka (sp) will step into full regional representative position – checks & balances to keep USAT in a not-for-profit position.

Regional Qualifiers – National's

How will qualifier series be driven?

National Office control?

Regional control

Races shouldn't be dictated by national office. Regions should offer options

Merry: Problem w/ national selection of race events (example of BSLT tri for Collegiate National Championships where water temp was 53 degrees two years in a row) Regions better understand locations, quality of potential races, RD's, temperatures, etc.

Goal: 2010 to have regional qualifier tri's in place for nationals

Regional realignment – possibility of TX/OK as a region – brief discussion over how this has been bantered about for many years.

Todd: Treasurer report – All is well

Doug: Youth report – All is well

Shelly: Juniors report – All is well, SMW regional 'tent' available on an event rotational basis

Frank: Collegiate report – Frank travelled to 2011 Collegiate National Championships. Via athlete interaction, October was not feasible for a collegiate skills camp, November was a better alternative. CTA rules/regulations were posted, allocations were discussed. CTA commissioner is highly supportive of a SMW regional skills camp.

Shelly: RADC – Status quo, all is well

Duke: Communications – Proposed volunteers to help council. Setup 'storage bank' of potential helpers for committees. Brief council discussion over delineating vitae for volunteers.

Merry: Newsletter is out

Rankings: Ed Whitcomb has asked to step down. Andrew Watson was recommended & approved by three council members, via review, as a 1099 contractor, twice yearly, to set up rankings. Duke proposed a possible SMW Regional 'thank you' to Ed from the council.

Jane: Clubs – Same clubs participating in 2011 as 2010, no new clubs registered

RD: No info available

Merry: Officials – 2 -3 new officials

Old Business: Nominations by last of October for new or returning council members. New form for nominations is available on SMW Regional website

Frost Yer Fanny: 2010 bidding process should be in my July, 2011 with possible additions to the FYF format of: Coaching certification; Race Director clinic/certification. Brief discussion of how many days should the FYF weekend encompass & which month.

Council Positions: Official call for nominations; chair page of SMW site, nominations form, policy, instructions.

M. Guthrie - \$500 awards for individual(s) who complete the most tri & du or variety of races.

Move to adjourn (2014 hrs) by Todd; approved by Duke