

USAT SMW Region Council Meeting October 26, 2011 7:04PM

Meeting called to order: Boris Robinson, Chair,

Attendance: Jane Hresko, John Ricca, Doug Harvey, Candy Cheatham, Shelly O'Brian, Duke Gill, Doug Fairchild, Todd Terry, Frank Cortese, Rene' LaVergne

Minute approval: September 2011, Jane moved approval, John second, approval unanimous.

Chair's Report:

Face to Face Regional Chairs meeting : 2012 budgeting process- John attended for Boris. Preliminary budget should be submitted tonight, the final budget should be submitted Friday. All regions budgets will be submitted to Executive Board in 2 weeks at World Championships. Payments will be split up Feb, April, June. Any special expenses (FYF) can be submitted and payed by request (No change from past few years). National expects to raise annual fee for youth to \$10 or \$15 from \$5. This is the only growth area. Overall, a no growth membership is expected for next year. Elites being < 1% of membership and get 14% of funding. Age group athletes will get a bigger focus. Next year's National Championship in Burlington, VT will be expanded to 2 day event. Boris added that the Chair's committee wants to review the youth increase. Much chatter on message board, including race directors not liking the increase. Decreasing travel and keeping the youth fee low was brought up. It was suggested that USAT CEO move to Colorado Springs to decrease travel expenses. Discussions will continue.

Treasurer's Report:

2011 Budget status update: 2012 Draft: Spreadsheet emailed: \$47,000 budget should be pared down to \$42,000 (12%). If budgets aren't reduced, Todd will cut the budget.

Championship Committee:

Dave Wood not present. Doug Harvey will continue search for LA Duathlon Championship. He will be in contact with a few RD's this week.

Youth Committee:

Junior: Nationals are changing things now, so there is not much to report. We are getting 4 new coaches in the area.

Collegiate: Frank Cortese: Camp Status: 28 registration, 4 schools, ULM, LSU, TX Tech, Texas. Frank is going down next week to get logistics. In the future, there will be a regional collegiate championship race in each region to qualify for national championship (CTA). Discussion to provide money for prizes was postponed to give us time to review the CTA proposal. We now provide support, education, to increase the reach of the sport, but do not reward the winners of the CTA events.

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Youth: Doug, Nothing this time of year.

Communication Committee:

Duke Gill: FYF is up and ready on website. New council members will get bios up shortly.

Rankings:

Jane: There is discussion on ranking Aquathlons in regional rankings. Boris thought that was done. Minutes will be reviewed. John Ricca reported that national wants a focus on youth Aquathlons. They want 3 youth aquathlons in each region.

Clubs: Jane: Website up & running. Slow time.

Officials:

Merry absent.

Race Directors:

Jane. Working with Doug Harvey to build a database for our communication with championship committee and mail outs. Suggested that we use it internally, but put a link up to USAT site. Jane suggested that we put a note on website for RD's to contact us to build list.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Hall of Fame status update (John) 6 nominations. John will get with Merry and give a recommendation to the council in November.

-FYF 2012 Duathlon -Jane discussing race director meeting. There are a few people to give the RD CE meeting. Stacy Brode & Dave Wood can present. Merry will head the officials meeting. Shelly got coaching CE approval. Times of meetings and costs will be presented next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Nominations for Chair: Jane nominated Dave Young, Rene' second. John nominated Frank Cortese, Frank declined for now, to learn more about the council. Frank Cortese nominated Merry, Rene' second. Treasurer: Duke nominated Jane, Todd second. Jane accepted by acclamation as no other nominations. Secretary: Jane nominated Duke, John second. No other nominations, Duke accepted unanimous. Vice Chair: Duke nominated John Ricca, second by Jane. No other nominations. John accepted unanimous. The vote for chair should be set before Nov 9 pending acceptance by candidates. Boris asked Duke to set up the elections on the message board.

Next board meeting will be Wed, Nov 16, 2011.

-Disciplinary actions for CAPTEX Tri (R&B Productions) issue a public admonition, suspend privilege to compete for championship races...etc. Boris spoke to Brad & Rick. John said Dave Young has had many problems with this rankings submission. The data submitted to Andy was bogus, the CapTex website seems correct.

ADJOURN: Move to adjourn Rene', Jane second. Adjourn @ 8:30pm, Respectfully submitted, Rene' LaVergne, secretary.