

USAT SMW Meeting

November 12, 2008

Members present: Olen, Rene' , Brian, John, Trey, Merry, Candy, Grant, Nick, Dave
President Candy called to order 8:03 pm

Secretary: Minutes posted on message board: Approved as posted

Olen: Treasurers report \$28,000 balance. Banquet will cost a good bit. March 15 date of spend down. New board will consider proposals. Board members sign message board on FYF site for room reservations. Grant: transfer of accounts if elected.

Vice President: Dave. No report

President: Resolution from mid atlantic region response to national. Rene suggested our responses were preferred. Candy discussed conversations with Skip Gilbert concerning regional loyalty & restructuring. \$250,000 going to regions. Regions want to maintain financial independence. January meeting with national board and regional presidents will focus on financial restructuring. National plans on hiring 3 regional coordinators as liason to regions. Olen: the paradigm has shifted in that national needed the regions to build USAT, now, with internet & technology, national may not need regions. Acknowledging that might help ease the situation. Candy reminded us of the Phoenix award for someone who has overcome something to compete.

Committee Reports:

Clubs: Brian: Some results still trickling in. Encourage clubs to send in results. Dec 31,2008 deadline for reporting

Youth: John 2331 medals given out. 131 left. Suggest we purchase wrist bands for next year. Nick endorsed the idea of wrist bands. Medals cost 1 year ago: \$ 1.25-1.30 with shipping (current estimate \$1.25-1.50 plus shipping). Rene moved, second amended by Dave that John order the wrist bands for youth awards up to 2 years worth at best price he can get. John commented on the RADC proposal from Shelly Campbell. Concerning the drop in youth enrollment. John thinks the decreased enrollment is from decreased youth events. John suggests to encourage race directors to increase youth events. Clarify youth as 17 year old, or 16. Youth license up to 17. Dave suggested all questions on Shelly's proposal be emailed to Shelly and copied to Rene'. Olen suggested cc all board members.

Collegiate: Nick: Scholarship not this year. Bids for collegiate series. Mike Greer collegiate nationals (Lubbock) April 18th. April 26 Texas State Sprint Tri in San Marcos (cap 800). U of North Texas (Denton) Oct 4. Nick would like to keep this open, hopefully get a September tri. His goal is a 4 race series. Next step is to form a collegiate student committee. Nick will come up with a purse structure for the collegiate series by the December meeting.

Rankings: Grant: Dave & Grant. More race directors have submitted results. Remind race directors to submit to National & SMW Region Rankings. Updated article in Runner Triathlete News for submission of questions or errors. Grant will reissue list of races that have not submitted results. Awards will be compiled for age groupers.

Championships: Trey: Playtri regional sprint championship is considering moving from April 26, 2009 to some time in June or July and changing venue. We will consider when date & venue formalized.

Communications: Merry: Mid December communication about FYF. January will go out after FYF. Board update & FYF results. Please send in articles and athlete spotlights.

Unfinished Business: Nick asked for some suggested September tris... CajunMan, CATS Sprint tri, Meat Pie Tri. Rene' asked Candy to send a list of Award criteria and past winners. Specifically Phoenix award, President's award, Super competitor (Starling award).

Rene moved to adjourn. Seconded By Dave, motion passed.