

## USAT SMW Region Council Meeting

**Saturday, August 1, 2009**

Attendees: Dave Young, Chairman, John Ricca, Vice Chairman, Grant Anderson, Treasurer, Rene' LaVergne, Secretary, Doug Fairchild, Todd Terry, Brian Schmidt, Trey Stolz, Boris Robinson, Ben Elder, Merry Prather, Vanessa, administrative assistant.

Meeting called to order 1:58pm.

Overall objective 2010 Budget & regional goals.

Secretary: John moved to accept the minutes as posted, Brian seconded. Motion approved.

Chairman's Report: Dave. Vanessa is our admin assistant. She has taken over the website. She is also responsible for blogging on the USAT national. Vanessa Torres [vanessa@usat.org](mailto:vanessa@usat.org). Today begins elections. We have 4 people running for 6 seats. Vote for national and regional councils. We have been represented at all regional state championships this year. Champions receive their monetary awards by attending the Frost Yer Fanny Banquet. 2009 Goals: 1. Council presence at regional races has been strong. 2. We haven't been as strong on recruiting non-Council members to actively participate in committees. 3. Youth: Junior development race series is strong for juniors, youth is still working. Collegiate is developing. Plan to meet at Texas High school coaches association meeting. Offer as an off season sport to gain acceptance. Achieve Houston much better as coaches are more triathlon oriented. It is very well received and kids are lining up to get in. Interest from Austin and other coaches. 4. Expand regional website feature for information for clubs, coaches, programs & competitive events. Vanessa needs updates to website by the 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Any quicker updates will go on USAT blog space. Webmaster working on Vanessa being able to update homepage stories. 5. Regional Rankings goal of 100% results from 100% of races. Yet to finish. 6. Having regional championships relevant to national championships. This year we rushed, next year we will have a better plan. 7. RD development. We have a RD certification at Cap Tex. We do well with aquathlons, aquabikes.

Officials: Merry. 7 new in north 5 in south. 1 in Arkansas. It is generally too hot for officials to wear motorbike pants.

Youth: John. Wristbands seem to work well. We've given 800 thus far. 4 more races, another 700 bands requested.

Rankings: Todd. No new report. Vanessa will correspond with Todd. [Rankings@smw.usat](mailto:Rankings@smw.usat). Frost yer Fanny has not yet gotten the rankings report in. Contact Brad Davidson and Rick.....

Clubs: Brian. Many newer clubs. Many division 5. Divisions 2,3,4 generally same, some mid sized clubs growing.

Championships: Bid requests will go out for state championships this week. We already have decided the regional (national qualifier) championships.

Communication: Merry. USAT national has recognized our "Out & About" section as an example. Please send in picture submissions. 17 submissions have been received for next issue. 3800 people opened the last issue. We have a regional Facebook. Become a fan of SMWUSAT.

Race Directors: Ben. RD's Associated primarily for insurance. We have a large group of experienced race directors. Race directors are difficult to suggest to.

Goals 2010: Dave. Each person should submit a goal from their area. Make them attainable, measurable and support our mission.

Budget: Grant. Review 2009 Budget. Just received 36,000 from national. We now have \$38000 revenue. 2010 Budget planning session. Grant will re write to present to national. See Grant's budget update.

Dave is writing a RTN article. Submit today.

Next teleconference will be Tuesday, September 15.

Todd moved for adjournment, John seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Rene' LaVergne, secretary.