

USAT SMW Regional Board of Directors' Meeting

January 24, 2009

President Dave Young Called meeting to order 8:35 am

Members present: John Ricca, Grant Anderson, Boris Robinson, Merry Prather, Doug Fairchild, Rene' LaVernge, Brian Schmidt, Nick Seidel.

Guests Shelly Campbell, RADC, Rachel Roebke (Regional Coordinator, USAT National)
Rene' LaVergne Minutes from previous meeting posted on message board, unanimously accepted.

President's Report: Dave presented plan for meetings.

Attended National President's meeting in Colorado Springs, Pacific Northwest meeting resigned. Regional Ops manual proposed (not yet passed). We would become a "council" vs "board of directors." Dave presented an outline of national governance hierarchy. RADC & Regional Coordinator of Official will be a non-voting member of the council. Funding will be \$1 per member, if 5 criteria were met. Additional \$1.50 per member, with other stipulations. Only 3 regions out of 10 (SMW included), met all criteria and received full funding. Presidents proposed 10% of dues come back to membership in regions. National and council term limits are in continual dialogue. 115,000 members across 10 regions. Approx 3 million come from annual members. Approx 2.3 million comes from 1 day members.

USAT is the fastest growing sports organization in the US.

Hall of Fame inductions was a special evening. See National website.

Dave presented complimentary USAT membership and conflict of Interest / Ethics statement. All read and signed.

Part-time assistant to the board. \$10 / week max. \$13 per hour. John Ricca is working on guidelines. Rene' suggested deciding on conflict of interest stipulations.

9:30-9:40 break.

Dave called the meeting to order.

We will have a page on the National website. Merry & Dave (any other members available) will attend a webinar next week. Contact Dave or Rachel if you wish to attend. Rene', Boris, Shelly will attend.

Current webmaster is on hold. He is OK with this.

Drug testing for age – groupers will probably happen by 2012. Website <http://www.usantidoping.org/>

Goals / Visions 2009 submitted by Dave published in USA Triathlon Life.

Highlights: Board presence and make presentations at every Championship.

Get 100% submission to regional rankings from every sanctioned race.

Youth Summit meeting @ noon. Any member may attend.

Candy Cheatham, popped in and out, Olen penn popped in.

Treasurer's Report: Grant Anderson. Olen prepared budget vs actuals. Grant submitted 2009 budget worksheet.

Officials: Merry Prather officials coordinator North (27), Dean Ford, South (24). Merry will attend nationals to try to recruit officials. We need more officials in AR & LA.

Officials must be a current USAT member in good standing, weigh under 250 #, good

demeanor. Merry will submitting a budget request to assist with required uniform changes (motorcycle pants ~ \$125), and reimbursement for an official.

Youth: John Ricca presented youth medals vs wrist bands. New wrist bands are in. Each race may receive 200 complimentary bands, \$.50 per additional band, requirements on record keeping will continue. Kids races average ~ 150 participants. This program is to encourage participation.

Doug Fairchild: High School program. Opportunities to get Triathlon into public education. Coaches and backgrounds are a concern.

10:30-10:44 break

Dave called the meeting to order.

Merry & Dave discussed history of tri with disrobing at transition.

Shelly Campbell: RADC. Youth meeting over lunch in SMW 4842, next largest region is 3800. We are losing members after youth. We need to implement retention programs. Youth, Junior, U23 development on a national, international level. Cap Tex and Ok ..youth elite. Pan-Am athlete development camp, followed by a skills camp. Skills camp offers coaches CE credits.

Awards & Rankings: set up tonight will tell.

Rankings: Ben Elder presented for Trey. Goal to be more inclusive (ie off road du). Dave reports more events in region for 2009.

Clubs: Brian Schmidt. Less participation 2008 vs 2007. Consensus is submission process is very tedious work. Excel spreadsheet for every race, participants and points, total score for race. Brian moved to pay 3 deep in Cat 1 & 4, for 2008. Cat 1, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$100. Cat 4 2nd place \$125, 3rd place \$100. Total \$475, still under budget cap of \$2,800. Motion carried unanimously. We will look into rules change for future years.

Collegiate: Nick Seidel. Discussions about conflict with NCAA regulations concerning cash awards to winners for collegiate series. Nick withdraws the funding for series awards. Nick will discuss funding for collegiate clinics, whereby a school hosts a clinic that smaller schools would be attracted to larger schools. Shelly reported a national collegiate recruiting coordinator. We can work with the national coordinator for our regional support. This discussion will continue at the lunch summit.

Communications: Merry Prather. Please send bio by Monday. Members are expected to submit more personal stories. Please report board member presentations at races, especially championships. Wednesday is deadline for 1st quarter submissions.

Race Directors: Board liason. Dave will work on. Race Director's trade association. Jack Weiss, Fred Phillips, Brad Davidson combining with 40 or so others to form associaton. Frost Yer Fanny Board Banquet assignments. Complimentary tickets at door. Be exciting with awards.

Dave went over schedule for the day. Board members required at meeting 4pm. Banquet @ 6pm.

Motion to adjourn 11:45am. Passed

Respectfully submitted,
Rene' LaVergne, secretary.