

Agenda

USAT SMW Region Council Meeting

Face to Face Meeting June 19, 2010 9:30AM

Members present: Boris Robinson, John Ricca, Duke Gill, Doug Fairchild, Rene' LaVergne, Candy Cheatham, Shelly Campbell. Teleconference: Ben Elder, Jane Hresko, Rachael Leif, Dave Young.

Meeting called to order: Boris Robinson, 9:42 Chair USAT SMW Region

Attendance:

May Council Meeting Minutes: discussion/approval: Doug moved approval, John second, motion passed

Chair's Report: Spoke w/ Lance from Runner Triathlete News. Members of SMW region does not get free. Budgetary discussion. Championship bids timeline for national.

Treasurer's Report: Budget update: Todd is doing a great job, it is getting more user friendly. Just pay attention to budget line. He is realigning costs like travel, vs lodging. New template for 2010 budget

Championship Committee: Status of Regional Championship bidding for 2011: Dave Wood absent. Special qualifyers can qualify 10 months in advance.

Youth Committee:

Junior: Shelly. 2 camps National Select Camp 9 athletes. lite b/c Mexico is not sending. The second is supported by nationals, 22 athletes. Several athletes qualified for worlds @ Budapest, William Huff

Collegiate: Discussion with several teams. They want a camp next year. Summer lull, Texas A&M really wants to take the lead and host camp. John has encouraged RD's to include Collegiate category. Jack Weiss has, Texas A&M, Texas Tech has included these in their races. We need to follow model of others like soccer, lacross. Boris saw UT team coming together. Frank is working hard, if you identify a possible team, connect with Frank Cortese.

HS/U23: High school on break. U23 we have a few athletes from the region. Alex Webber represented us in Spain (definitely the youngest athlete there)

Youth: Doug has been asked to write a youth curriculum for Texas schools. Primarily 5th & 6th grades, before kids become dedicated to other sports.. Boris has been able to get his team approved by the Round Rock independent school districts. He checks attendance & gives credit. John reminded all to send youth RD's to website for wristbands. The forms are there, you just have to follow instructions.

Additional funds for youth from National Office: We have not yet requested. Other regional chairs have asked for the template. This can be for things like F1 development races, camps, participation focus like 1030 series.

Communication Committee: Website, Blog & Articles for Newsletter: Boris said the website looks great. Duke said it is only as good as the information you send. We really have to engage others to involve the entire region and demographic. Officials, race directors, Runner Triathlete News, Boris tries to get a variety. Please send in ideas. Next article is para-triathletes. Duke said they don't allow him to post

articles on website due to trademarks. Boris will address later. YOU Tube videos. As it stands now, the blog can accommodate, not the website.

Rankings: Dave Young. Everyone is getting used to email format. Thank you for the hours of tedious work. No complaints have been heard about rankings. Ruth Ann's constant updating database helps.

Clubs: Jane up to 100 clubs in the region. 25 out of 100 clubs are participating: 1 Arkansas, 5 Louisiana, 3 Oklahoma, 16 Texas. The competition is close in all categories. Next year we may ask race directors to include as a question on registration page. This is a tedious job for individual clubs to keep up with. Duke will help on website. No complaints about clubs thus far.

Officials: Upcoming clinic.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Annual Council Minutes approval (need to execute) February meeting in Katy. Jane moved to accept as amended, Duke seconded. Approved.

- Regional Youth Triathlon Series Championship: Covered previously.

-Runner Triathlete News Support: Boris & Lance emailed. Lance sent an email to help get more members on the RTN membership list. Boris thinks that we may be able to work with them in some way. Candy said we used RTN as a newsletter requirement for nationals to get our rebate. They helped out at costs to them. Boris will continue the dialogue with Lance about working together and the copyright issue. John-Coupons with USAT race number to get the discount. RTN works with individual, verify through nationals.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Candy National Board update: a2 1/2 days meeting in Des Moines, IA. Candy met on the executive board, ethics committee, nominating, strategic planning committees. National championship for Para-triathlon New York City. International Relations committee ITU. Liaison for women. We now know we are equal, not burning our bras anymore, but we want to continue to work with the issues of the demographic. Liaison for regions, she will ask for our guidance. Need to continue to improve communications to regions. On the committee she heard, easy money, why haven't regions applied, b/c we are waiting for the forms. Financial forms are developing to better understand what regions are doing. A new regions operations manual is coming soon. We need to keep local control somewhat. For instance having a regional checking account: Being able to write checks for this meeting, not having expenses sent in to national for 3 month reimbursement. Rachel said that the check book issue is completely optional, and is not going to be mandated. Total enrollment up, youth up 12% adult 29%. One day single event had decreased. It is a source of revenue that we need right now. Maybe we are just becoming more popular and that some people just get the annual instead of one day. Clubs 130%. Sanctioning procedure has had some rough spots. Board has approved to have an in house IT, to decrease the problems that we've had with 2 private companies. Rule changes, recently the Youth Sanctioned event, officials are DQ'ing 7 year olds. Rule changed to variable time penalty, to decrease the harsh penalty. Wetsuit rule now limits to 5mm at any point. We are now in compliance with WTC & ITU. New rule goes into effect in 2013. Candy will get minutes posted on our website. She has to wait till she delivers to board at face to face. Background checks for youth contact is still an issue.

-Bidding process for 2011 Championship: Dave Wood absent.

-Support to Wounded Warrior Foundation (Para-triathletes). Most are wounded warrior in Brook Army Medical Unit in San Antonio. They had a dinner on Thursday prior to Cap Tex. That was there championship. These kids testified to the fact that triathlon gives them hope to live. One kid was shot 14 times, was put in a body bag, he sat up when they opened the bag. He said the prayer prior to the tri. John, previous board members went to Brook to visit with the wounded warriors. He would like to continue to interact. There are also civilians having accidents. Shelly suggested we create a group of people to interact with this. Shelly has a doctor, Jennifer Kennedy who went to nationals. National and local wounded warriors don't always agree. Boris served under Andy McDonald, the national chair of wounded warrior.

-2011 Elections (Race director contingent). There may be up to 5 race directors running for board positions. Anyone welcome to run. We are doing the right thing. We have no complaints. Those who are up for reelection. You must apply by July 1. Everyone check on your term limit. Boris asked Rachel to tell us our terms. Rachel said our region has no elections this year.

ADJOURN: Doug moved for Adjournment, Dave second, adjourned @ 11:22am.