

November 23, 2010, Teleconference

11/23/10 at 20:12:29 Meeting called to order by Chairman Boris Robinson @ 7:08 pm

Minutes are behind, need to be brought current. Sept & Oct not on YABB. Rene' having YaBb trouble. Rene' will get straight.

Members present: Boris Robinson, Todd Terry, Duke Gill, Rene' LaVergne, Jane Hresko, John Ricca, Merry Prather, Frank Cortese, Doug Fairchild. Absent: Ben Dave, Candy, Shelly, Ruth Ann.

Chair's report: National Chair's meeting in Claremont. Youth budget requested \$70,000. Some regions didn't use all their budget. Our region used the entire budget, including supporting a youth initiative for underprivileged youth in San Antonio. The youth budget was approved at \$2.20 per youth our region has about 4090 youth giving us about \$9,780. Other regions are severely cut. We can broaden our support and increase support. Tasks forces: Regional

Championship committee to reduce the qualifiers for national championships. National office fund RADC and Officials. Regional Council funding formula ie increase regional budget from 3% to 5%. Regional realignment. 10 regions, 8 board members. Boris suggested just adding 2 board members.

Treasurer's Report: Driving. Budget done. Spending set. Budgeted to exact dollars. John needs shirt sizes. Update Todd's email to: tterry911@ yahoo.com.

Championship

Youth: Boris Youth & Junior. Collegiate camp for nationals. We will support if in our region. Doug working on a race in every state. We should have 4-5 races. John ordered additional wrist bands. USAT SMW received an extra 1000 wristbands. First 1000 that were ordered were wrong, so they sent another 1000 changed the logo. We should consider upping the free wristbands. We can make them available for clinics. We have ~ 3,500 in inventory. We could give them out at races. Boris is trying to promote Aquathlon to swim team kids.

Communications: Duke: New design of website. Move away from YABB. The new server for the website has a format similar to YABB. Duke has not had time to fully investigate, his house was damaged by wind and hail during a recent tornado. We will all have email accounts from smwusatriathlon. Camps & clinics updates should be submitted for 2011.

Rankings: Not present

Clubs: Jane. Standings will have to end December 15 (change from the 30) to get checks written by the end of the year. Divisions 3 & 4 are very competitive. Jane would like to increase budget for club championships to increase participation. Tri OKC is a big help to Jane in organizing the standings. Jane working on agenda for club meeting. Tri OKC is expanding Aquathlons. (We can discuss including Aquathlon into regional rankings. This really opens up venues without the hassles of street closures, etc.)

Frost Yer Fanny: Merry. Merry sent out a FYF checklist. Doug & Rene' will handle door prizes. John Ricca will send out letter to race directors for donations. Get club and RD's list to Ruth Ann, prior to Monday. Phoenix award is picked by Chairman. Dave Young is help with framing awards.

Race Directors: Frank. Driving. Camp. National website is promoting Play Tri camp. Frank located sites in OK, AR and LA. The Alabama camp is 1 week prior to National Championships. College breakout @ FYF. May not get great attendance, but gets the ball rolling.

Merry is sending out newsletter Dec 15, needs info.

Happy Thanksgiving.

John asked about minutes. Boris has forwarded template for minutes.

Todd moved for adjournment, Jane seconded,

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rene' LaVergne, Secretary