

October 20, 2010 Teleconference

12/11/10 at 07:39:58 USAT SMW Region, October 20, 2010

Meeting called to order by Boris Robinson, Council Chair

Members Present: Boris Robinson, Jane, Ben Elder, Duke, Frank, John, Candy, Shelly, Rene', Dave Young, Todd Terry, Merry Prather, Tara McCarthy.

Secretary Report: Rene': Minutes will be presented next month.

Chairs Report: Boris. Recently returned from Colorado Springs Chairs Meeting. Tim Yount acting head. USAT constantly expanding. Last year over 3000 sanctioned events in US. Duathlon Nations 1700 athletes, concern is the concentration on east coast. Next year Tuscon, Arizona. Age Group Natnl Championship sold out. Headquarters have about 50 staff members. This year was first time for drug testing. Random drug testing was performed. Feedback has been positive. WTC is adding 50.5 races (Olympic Distance). Team USA qualifying will still be USAT sanctioned regional and National championships. Iron Kids, Iron Girl, 70.3, now 50.5. Candy: Resumes are still being taken for CEO. Search committee has been appointed. Boris: National board moving methodically. USAT will continue to grow in numbers and services. Jeff Dyrek discussed National Championships. The move to make triathlon an NCAA recognized sport is in final stages. It appears they will accept women first. Collegiates and club teams are a USAT function. Shelly got the same from RADC meeting. Operations: Data Base will be contained in Col Springs. This is a major problem given the numbers of members. Hopefully the new system will work better on race director post race reports. Tim Yount Sport Director services: RD certification, coach certification, youth coach certification, new services are coming: mechanical certification, health certification, developing Aquabike should get some emphasis. Fund raising as a non profit. Regional councils are under sport development. We are not committees, the proper place for regional councils within the organization. Budgeting process: Feb 1-25% of budget, April 1-25%, then June 1-50%. Money can go out with an emergency request. Carryover from previous year influences the outlay.

Treasurer's Report: Todd. 2010 Todd has updated the spreadsheet on the very complicated budget. We can carryover up to 25% of budget to next year. We are getting this number down. Candy reports that the national board frequently asks if the existing budget is spent before allocating for next year.

Championships: Dave absent. Jane reports that the OK state championship. RD thought it was off road race. Jane told them championship was for on road race. Jane proposed that they both be listed for championship. The council agreed that we voted for the on road race to be the state (& regional) championship.

Youth: Shelly. Junior Development Series waiting on National schedule. Collegiate: Frank, Collegiate Triathlon Association working with PlayTri on a camp near Tuscalousa for next year. Frank is thinking to concentrate funds for spring break to attract more regional athletes. Texas A&M, Texas Tech have strong programs. Submit Wish List for 2nd camp to nationals. High

School and U23. National is looking at developing a high school curriculum. Youth Series, Doug is working on next year.

Communications: Duke's website is just amazing.

Rankings: There are some problems with championship races having proof of sanctioning. There are approximately 20 races that Dave cannot find. Dave Young explained our regional ranking system to Tara McCarthy, our new regional coordinator from USAT national office.

Clubs: Jane. Trouble getting feedback from national office.

Officials: Merry. We have a new Cat 1 official. Dean North has been promoted. OK needs more officials.

Race Directors. Ben has gotten feedback. Notice for championship applications, logos, announcements, etc. Letter to those RD's that lost the bid. Not awarding championships to first time events and to non-certified RD's. Championships, council to help out with state & regional championship awards (this happens). Ben can contact LA RD's for Youth series.

FYF:Merry. Secured hotel, contract signed. Craig Pennington straightened out. Website for banquet coordinating with Duke. Newsletter has not been sent out till website is online. Agendas being prepared for Clubs and Race Director's meetings. The focus of November's meeting will be FYF. Please get donated items for the banquet give away.

New Business:Hall of Fame nominations. email to members on council website. Procedures to nominate to hall of fame. This first year, we will have up to 5 inductees. In future years, the committee and former inductees vote on nominees.

8:38 Rene' moved to adjourn, John seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rene' LaVergne, Secretary