

**USAT Mideast Region Council  
Conference Call  
Thursday, January 10, 2013  
9:00 – 10:00 pm EST**

**Presiding: Jim Weaver**

**Present: Lawrence Giannetti      Lesley Kruzel      Kevin Smeltzer  
         Jenn Finn                      Keri Schindler  
         Drew Heintz                   Jeff Grady  
         Bill Tough                      Michael Wendorf**

**Minutes: Michelle C Harter**

**Absent: Greg Mueller              Hayley Braun              Graham Wilson**

**Meeting Minutes**

*Meeting Called to Order 9:03 p.m. EST*

Youth Grants - Michael

- Youth grant applications will be distributed within the week to the RD's for 2013 awards.
- \$10000 is available for distribution
- Applications received by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> will receive initial consideration. Those received after will be considered as they come in. Awards will be determined and distributed on or around March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Submission of follow-up documentation from last year will be part of the application review if applicant received grant funds in 2012.
- Conflict of Interest discussed concerning Council members applying for youth grants. Council member must abstain from any decision-making and/or voting.

Regional Championships Update – Michael

- Olympic Distance Aquabike will be offered. There is a challenge with bike course will be resolved by Feb.
- Jeff Mallot agreed to design unique design for Event T-shirts.

Special Qualifier Alternative – Jim

- America Multisport offered his venue for a second Special Qualifier this year if we wanted one to help open up AGN opportunities.
- Council declined given that our 2012 Regional Championship served as a qualifier for 2013 as well.

2013 Regional Duathlon Championships – Jim

- The Duathlon Committee will be reviewing and confirming the status of the 2013 Regional Duathlon Championships.

Additional Updates/Action Items – Michelle

- Materials needed by Jan 26<sup>th</sup> Team Toledo Expo for our booth. Materials will be sent to Lesley.
- Michelle will price out face-to-face meetings in both Chicago and Indy and follow-up with Council.
- Jim and Jeff to convene on networking to obtain sponsors.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:54 pm EST