

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, March 13th, 2014
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

Present: **Lesley Kruzal** **Robert Takla** **Rosalyn Popham**
 Lawrence Giannetti **Rob Garren** **Lindsey Cook**
 Michael Wendorf **Kevin Smeltzer** **Todd Baldi**
 Melissa Stockwell **Keri Serota** **Graham Wilson**

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

Absent: Eric Potter Rick Slawinski Mike Groaning Jeff Grady

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Collaborate on sponsors and volunteers for ITU.	Rob/Todd	March 31st
Iron out Regional Events to have a tent available based on Council reps available to man the tent.	Michelle	March 31st
Follow-up with Team RWB on any additional online info or tools to provide on our website to help RD's locate volunteers for races.	Michelle	March 31st
Dare2Tri Fundraiser Invite to Council.	Keri	March 31st
Investigate support from USAT National Sponsors for ITU.	Jim	April 15th

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:05 p.m. EST

Opening Remarks- Jim

- Roll call and greeting.
- Introduction of Todd Baldi, Chicago, IL. Interested in serving on our Mideast Council.

Sharing the news - Jim

- Update on discussion and relationship building with organizations such as Team RWB, who can help us serve the contingency we serve and share stories of success.
- Team RWB is an organization that connects veterans with volunteer opportunities.

Youth Update - Michael

- Incremental funding approved will allow us to fund our usual grant program along with skill camps this year.
- Focus of skill camps will be the youth ages 8-14 but may extend into the junior age range. It is not for high performance youth.
- We will track to ensure money is well spent and evaluate the numbers we reach.
- Youth Grant Applications will be distributed soon to race directors, coaches, and youth organizations.

ITU Chicago Update – Rob

- Still waiting on course being finalized.

- Have been reaching out to solicit manpower for our booth and race presence. Team RWB and Midwest region to help out.
- Looking to reach out to sponsors, approaching USAT National Sponsors first. Dare2Tri is a title sponsor and is willing to help partner and collaborate on the Expo Booth.
- Mideast did receive a \$2000 credit in merchandise for good performance last year. This is one merchandise option for the raffle at our booth.

Elections – Jim

- Kevin provided final words and thanked Council for his time as Mideast National Board Director.

Administrative Update – Michelle

- Discussed options for AGN qualifier shirts this year to minimize cost such as make more generic shirts and/or reduce the quantity printed.
- Tri Shark Club having Central IL Multisport Expo, April 28th and looking for USAT ME rep to be available for a booth.
- Reminder face-to-face will be May 3rd, Four Points by Sheraton, Chicago. More details later.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm EST