

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, April 3rd, 2014
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

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| Present: | Jeff Grady | Robert Takla | Rosalyn Popham |
| | Lawrence Giannetti | Rob Garren | Melissa Stockwell (9:45 pm) |
| | Michael Wendorf | Dave Kuendig | Todd Baldi (9:55 pm) |
| | Graham Wilson | Mike Groaning | |

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

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| Absent: | Lesley Kruzel | Maggi Wettstein |
| | Lindsey Cook | Keri Serota |

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

| Task | Responsible | BY (if applicable) |
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| Contact Maggi to author the next USAT Magazine article. | Michelle | April 14th |
| Email Michelle if interested in serving on the Race Bid Selection Committee. | All | May 31st |
| Send updates for the website, facebook, and next newsletter to Michelle. | All | ongoing |

Meeting Minutes

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

Opening Remarks- Jim

- Roll call and greeting.
- Introduction of Dave Kuendig, newly elected Mideast General Director:
 - Law School - Univ of Kentucky '05
 - Undergrad - Univ of Kentucky '02 - Varsity Swimming, Team Captain
 - Currently Employed as Sales Rep for an Arthrex distributor, medical equipment manufacturer. Arthrex is an American company, started in early 80s, now based in Naples, FL.
 - Did my first tri in 1990. "Tortoise and Hare, Midsummer Dare" in Ocala, FL.
 - Did a few triathlons per year through college, including old Bud Light Sprint Series, St Anthony's, and Clermont.
 - Raced as U-23 elite in 2003 at New Zealand ITU World Champs, while in law school.
 - Was on the USAT B.O.D. as an elite member for two terms of 2 years each.

Maggi Wettstein, newly elected Mideast Council member (absent – to be introduced at next meeting)

- Originally from the Central Illinois area. Graduated from SIU Carbondale '02, '07.
- Currently work for RLI Insurance Company in Peoria.
- I've been a runner for 15 years. Began triathlon in 2011.
- I've done all distances except a full Ironman. Right now I'm focusing on the Olympic distance.
- I race for Team Bushwhacker in Peoria.
- I've started getting more involved with USAT as a ref.
- I want to continue to learn more about USAT and thought that the Mideast Council was a great place to start.

- The best part about the sport is the camaraderie of the participants.

Youth Update - Michael

- 23 grant applications have been received.
- Review of applications will take place over the next few weeks to determine the appropriate distribution of the limited funds allocated toward this program that maximizes our ROI.

ITU Chicago Update – Rob

- Still waiting on course being finalized. Weather has caused damage resulting in reconsiderations. Event requires overhead coverage and showcasing Chicago landmarks, which is part of the consideration for course layout and restrictions.
- Race entry is 75% filled.
- Working on securing an Expo both.
- Ambassador meeting is occurring the next evening, and he will update Council with any new information.

Council Appointments – Jim

- Three Mideast Council seats are open for two year terms.
- Motion made by Robert, and seconded, to appoint Michael Wendorf to a Mideast Council voting seat.
All in Favor. None opposed.
- Motion made by Robert, and seconded, to appoint Mike Groaning to a Mideast Council voting seat.
All in Favor. None opposed.
- Motion made by Robert, and seconded, to appoint Rob Garren to a Mideast Council voting seat.
All in Favor. None opposed.

Administrative Update – Michelle

- MERCRS kicked off April 1st with 13 clubs already registered. This is double the amount we typically start with in April. New scoring guidelines implemented this year included double point races and incentive prize money for top scoring club at the ITU and Club Nationals events.
- Any Council member interested in serving on the Race Bid Selection Committee can contact Jim and Michelle. We will be selecting the Regional Championship (2015-16), Du/Para Regional Championships (2015), and Special Qualifier (2015).
- USAT Magazine article due early May.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm EST