

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, April 4th, 2013
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

**Present: Keri Schindler Lesley Kruzel Robert Takla
 Kevin Smeltzer Rosalyn Popham**

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

**Absent: Greg Mueller Drew Heintz Jeff Grady Melissa Stockwell
 Lawrence Giannetti Hayley Braun Michael Wendorf Graham Wilson**

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Call to Vote on the MERCRS purse.	Michelle	April 10
Call to Vote on the Regional Championship Grand Masters Award.	Michelle	April 10
Call to Vote on the ROC budget proposal.	Michelle	April 10
SQ 2013 Race Bid Committee to revise Race Bid Application to streamline information and address compliance efficiently.	Lesley, Robert, Jim, Michelle	June 1

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:00 p.m. EST

Opening Remarks- Jim

- A Conflict of Interest (COI) concern regarding Bill Tough, Mideast Council member, was brought to Jim's attention.
- The COI concern consisted of two elements: self-officiating promotion with RD's in the Mideast Region and his involvement with a new business organization, Multisport America, which organizes and promotes non-USAT sanctioned Events.
- Jim spoke with Bill about the concerns and issues presented. Bill addressed them, assuring Jim there was no basis for concern or a conflict.
- Jim thanked Bill and explained that the Council would be updated on the conference call with commentary from Bill.
- Bill unexpectedly submitted his resignation as the Mideast Council Race Director Liaison, effective April 4th.

MERCRS - Lesley

- We are reinstating the prize purse based on feedback from past participants.
- Total purse will be \$2000. A \$50 incentive prize will go to Clubs with at least 85% of their members as USAT Annual members by Series end.
- Series will run April 1st through Oct 31st.
- Call to vote on reinstating the purse will take place via email due to no quorum on the call.

ROC Budget Proposal - Rosalyn

- Summarized Budget Proposal which was divided between top priority items, nice to have and low priority items.
- Total fund request is \$1915.
- Discussed whether the funds needed for Road ID's was appropriate as a Regional Council expense.
- Suggestion made to fund those items that make the biggest impact.
- Call to vote on Budget approval for ROC will take place via email due to no quorum on the call.

Regional Championships Grand Master Award – Michelle

- Michael proposed that Council award the Overall M/F for Grand Masters division at our Regional Championships.
- Total additional cost of the merchandise award (jacket or vest) would be less than \$100.
- Call to vote on awarding Overall M/F for Grand Masters Division at our Regional Championships will take place via email due to no quorum on the call.

Additional Updates

- Keri announced that the Paratri One day clinic will take place in Ft Wayne, Indiana, July 26th, 10-4 pm
- In partnership with Turnstone, this clinic will include both a paratriathlon 101 component and a train-the-trainer component.
- Chicago Tri has signed their MOU to host our 1st Regional Paratri Championships.
- Rosalyn held two teleconferences for the Region's officials. Over 75% participation.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm EST