

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, May 3rd, 2012
9:00 – 10:00 pm EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

Present: Lawrence Giannetti Lesley Kruzel Jeff Grady Jenn Finn
 Kevin Smeltzer Lindsey Cook Keri Schindler Drew Heintz
 Graham Wilson

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

Absent: Greg Mueller Casey Hill
 Michael Wendorf Bill Tough

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Send any ideas about Club Rankings Program to Lesley	All	Ongoing
Submit any youth grant money use stories to Michelle.	All	Ongoing
Compose and distribute email promo for Du Champs via USAT.	Michelle	May 7th
Compose Tri Mag Article.	Jim/Michelle	May 8 th
Determine budget money available for Regional Championship awards.	Michelle	May 15th
Promote MERCRS among Mideast Region Clubs.	Reps	May 20th

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:06 p.m. EST

Introduction - Jim

- Graham Wilson was introduced as the prospective Coaches Liaison, a new position for the Mideast Council.
- Graham described his background and the purpose of the position.
- The position is charged with assisting and supporting coaches in the Mideast region. The potential plan is to hold a Coaches Symposium, similar to our Race Director Symposium, to help coaches network and learn ways that USAT can support them.
- Motion made to appoint Graham to the Council as the Coaches Liaison for the Mideast. Motion seconded. All in favor.

Club Rankings Initiative – Lesley

- Lesley described two initiatives that she is involved with regarding the development of a club ranking program regionally and/or nationally.
- Data was used from our MERCRS rosters 2011 to analyze and evaluate how a ranking system might be developed. This is still in progress.

- Any ideas or thoughts that Council members may have about implementing a club rankings program can send to Lesley to communicate to USAT.

Youth Grants - Jim

- Most youth grants have been distributed. Michelle waiting on a few organizations to submit their paperwork.
- Any success stories on how funds were used can be submitted to Jim and Michelle.
- Mid-year we will approach all applicants to report on fund use.

Du Champs – Lawrence

- Ron Knoll selected and accepted to be host for our Mideast Regional Duathlon Championships
- MOU was just secured and promotion will begin week of May 7th. Email Blast, website and FB posts.

MERCERS Update - Michelle

- Ten clubs have registered. Three have begun submitting scoring sheets.
- Reps will contact clubs to remind them about MERCERS.
- Discussion took place regarding the reason for low participation this year.

Admin Update – Michelle

- Council attendance at SQ – Lawrence and Jenn volunteered.
- Tshirts will be charcoal tech shirts with black/white print.
- Tri Mag article due to Michelle by May 8th. Jim and Michelle will compose.
- Discussion about giving our OA winners at Regional Championships a nice jacket like our Du Championships. Budget will be reviewed for allocation toward this award purchase.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 pm EST