

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, May 8th, 2014
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

Present: **Lesley Kruzell** **Rosalyn Popham** **Keri Serota**
 Lawrence Giannetti **Rob Garren** **Maggi Wettstein**
 Michael Wendorf **Nick Cunningham** **Jeff Grady (9:15)**
 Graham Wilson **Mike Groaning** **Dave Kuendig (9:15)**
 Mike Wien

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

Absent: **Robert Takla** **Todd Baldi** **Rick Slawinski**
 Lindsey Cook **Melissa Stockwell**

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Follow up with RADC to determine status of the TalentID Series.	Jim	May 15th
Send eblasts to promote Regional Champs.	Michelle	May 23rd
Send updates/announcements for the Regional e-newsletter due to go out early June.	All	May 23rd
Email Michelle if interested in serving on the Race Bid Selection Committee.	All	May 31st

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:04 p.m. EST

Opening Remarks- Jim

- Roll call and greeting.
- Introduction- Mike Wien, National Board of Directors – VP, and Regional Councils Liaison.
- Mike presented the slide presentation from the Regional Chairs National meeting the previous weekend. Topics included the mission, goals/objectives, and best practices of the Regional Councils in light of the overall USAT organization.
- Introduction-Maggi Wettstein, newly elected Mideast Council member
- Introduction – Nich Cunningham, interested volunteer for the Mideast Council

Youth Update - Michael

- 24 grant applications have been received and reviewed.
- Fund distribution recommendations were sent to the Council prior to the meeting for review. Allocations of funds were proposed based on programs being aligned with the Mideast Youth Development Program goals. Events/programs represented all states as well as different types of events including races, clinics, skill camps, training programs, and splash and dash.
- A few applicant allocations are not determined and will be contacted to ensure there is clear understanding of how the funds are to be used.
- Accolades given to Michael for a fantastic job on this program.

- Motion made by Jeff to approve the youth grant distributions among the applicants as outlined by Michael.
Motion seconded by Graham.

All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

ITU Chicago Update – Rob

- The Race Course is finally determined and posted.
- 80% of the entries sold.
- A meeting with Lagardere will occur within the next week to discuss details of the Mideast Expo Booth and Tent at the Race.

Paratri Regional Champs update -- Keri

- Mideast Paratri Regional Championships will occur at Fox Island on Aug 17th.
- Keri and her staff had a chance to attend a race at this venue last weekend. This provided an opportunity to note any improvements or changes necessary in preparation for this Regional Championship.
- Keri and Michelle met with the RD to review the improvements and suggestions.
- Awards are being provided by the Mideast Council. We are waiting on a quote.

Administrative Update – Michelle

- Conflict of Interest email announcements are coming. COI will be completed online this year.
- Our Regional E-newsletter is due out early June. Send any articles or announcements to include.
- Send an email if interested in serving on the Race Bid Selection Committee – responsible for selecting the Regional Champs 2015-16, SQ 2015, Du Champs 2015, and Paratri Champs 2015.

Additional Updates:

- Our Regional Championship entries are low. The RD has reached out to us for help in promotion.
- Suggestion made to send an email to our MERCERS clubs encouraging them to sign up.
- Eblast and regional Enewsletter will also be going out to feature this event.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:12 pm EST