

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, September 1st, 2016
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm EST**

Presiding: Michael Wendorf

Present: Dan Tun Graham Wilson Todd Baldi Jim Weaver
Lawrence Giannetti Rob Garren Jeff Grady Lucas O'Bryan
Courtney Maddock Jereme Grinslade Lesley Kruzel Kristin Nemitz

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

Absent: Mike Groaning Paul Plummer Daphne Glover
Dave Kuendig Lindsey Cook

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Provide Lucas the USAT contact for Clubs.	Michelle	09/9/2016
Email Council to finalize Face-to-Face Meeting in November.	Michelle	09/15/2016

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:05 pm EST

Roll Call – Michelle

Introductions – Michael

- Lucas O'Bryan, MECTC Collegiate Commissioner.
- Kristin Nemitz, USAT Mideast Regional Officials Coordinator

Chairman's Update - Michael

- Q2 financial update distributed and opened for additional discussion. Mideast Budget is in very good position. Will continue to provide quarterly updates.
- Reminded the group about the role of serving on the Council in light of the USAT organizational objectives. Our fall face-to-face will be dedicated to reviewing our roles and the commitment expected as a Council member.

Council Polos –Rob

- Reiterated the importance of Council members being easily recognized at Events and the opportunity to engage athletes at the Events.
- A vote and discussion on purchasing Council polos is tabled for the face-to-face meeting in the fall.

Paratriathlon Regional Championships

- Our Regional Paratri Championship was held at the Chicago Tri, August 28th.
- It went very well and 10 paratriathletes participated in our Regional Championship. 40 paratriathletes competed in total.

- In general, the ten USAT regions are struggling with getting Regional Paratri Championships off the ground. Discussion has taken place to do a Special Qualifier instead of Regional Championships for National Paratri Championship.

Race Bid Selection Committee Update – Todd

- The Committee is wrapping up which 2017-18 Regional Championship Events will be offered for race bids.
- Race Bid Applications will be available online the week of 9/5.

Race Director/Coaches Symposium – Michelle/Mike

- Symposium will be held Dec. 3rd in Chicago.
- The Midwest has met with us to discuss their financial support and involvement for this year's event.
- Speakers and content currently being finalized.
- Registration is anticipated to go live by Sept 15th.

---Update via email from Mike:

The Talent ID Series experienced lower participation numbers this year for the boys and nearly the same for the girls. One of the biggest changes to this series was the absence of a championship race with the loss of the Detroit triathlon that had been the draft legal event to end the series the previous two years. That lack of a championship race to end the series could have been one of the biggest drivers towards lower numbers but that is not based on any data/surveys. I will reach out to Eva Solomon/Bill Burnett and see if it will be back next year. If it isn't, we may need to find another event to serve as a championship race. As reported earlier, the early season clinic/race was much better attended this year compared to past years with very large attendance from the MMTT squad.

We had a meeting with the Midwest Region on Tuesday regarding the RD/Coaches Symposium and the support from them has grown from simple financial support to more planning involvement. We gave ourselves a deadline of September 9th for finalizing the agenda/speaker lineup in order to get the registration set up by the middle of September. I can send out a copy of the agenda once we confirm the speakers for everyone to see.

Admin Update – Michelle

- Face to Face meeting will likely be Saturday, November 5th.
- An email will go out to vote upon location preference.
- A suggested topic/question for fall meeting was posed regarding the role of the Council with Safety and Awareness, given the tragic events that have occurred.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 pm EST