

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, September 3rd, 2015
9:00 pm – 10:00 pm EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

Present: **Jeff Grady** **Lesley Kruzel** **Rob Garren** **Dan Tun**
 Mike Groaning **Graham Wilson** **Jereme Grinslade** **Paul Plummer**

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

Absent: **Michael Wendorf** **Lawrence Giannetti** **Robert Takla** **Tom Reilly**
 Maggi Wettstein **Todd Baldi** **Nick Cunningham** **Juliette Goldstein**
 Mindy Soranno **Dave Kuendig**

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Mideast Regional Championships – Muncie: Update	Lawrence	Next Council call

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:04 pm EST

Opening Remarks – Jim
Roll Call - Michelle

Introductions

- Paul Plummer introduced himself to the Mideast Council. Bio provided prior to the meeting.
- Tom Reilly is the new Mideast Regional Officials Coordinator. He was unable to attend the meeting.

Regional Events Updates

Regional Duathlon Sprint Championships (Jeff Grady reporting)

- Dri-Shark was a great event and the Regional awards were well-received. There were 73 finishers. USAT officials were not scheduled. This incident will be discussed at our next face-to-face to remedy management of securing USAT officials.

Special Qualifier (Rob Garren reporting)

- Venue was good. Council did their best to manage t-shirt distribution despite no live onsite results and no onsite awards ceremony. A new race bid requirement will be implemented that requires the presence of live results and an awards ceremony at any of our Regional Championships or Special Qualifiers.

Regional Paratriathlon Championships (Dan Tun reporting)

- There were five Mideast Region participants at the Detroit race. This race took place in tandem with the ITU World Paratriathlon event. It was a unique, clean venue and race organizers were easy to work with. They are interested in hosting again in 2016.

- Other updates: Chicago Tri had 22 paratriathletes and 18 were from the Mideast Region. USAT Paratri Summit, Sept 16-17, and An Evening to Inspire Fundraiser in conjunction with ITU Chicago, are two events hosted by Dare2Tri. Information was distributed in our Mideast Newsletter.

Race Bid Selection Committee Update – Rob Garren

- Committee has reviewed the race bid application, incorporating a new requirement that ensures live results and awards ceremony onsite post race.
- Set a goal to collect more bids compared to years past.
- Application is online and open for submission until Sept. 14.

RD Symposium Update – Mike Groaning

- Discussed agenda and speaker lineup for the 2015 RD Symposium, Dec 5th, Hilton Garden Inn- Chicago.
- Based on survey feedback from this past year, this year's content will be more focused on the "business" of race directing.
- CEU's for Coaches attending has been approved. CEU's for Race Directors is still pending and being addressed.
- Council members are encouraged to attend this Symposium to meet Race Directors, Coaches, and the speakers.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm EST