

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, September 4th, 2014
9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. EDT**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

Present: **Lesley Kruzel** **Keri Serota (9:15)** **Robert Takla** **Lindsey Cook**
 Rob Garren **Maggi Wettstein** **Melissa Stockwell** **Juliette Goldstein**
 Nick Cunningham **Graham Wilson** **Mike Groaning**

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

Absent: **Todd Baldi** **Michael Wendorf** **Lawrence Giannetti**
 Jeff Grady **Dave Kuendig**

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Submit face-to-face November 8 th availability and lodging needs to Michelle	All	asap

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 9:03 p.m. EST

Opening Remarks- Jim

- Roll call, greeting, and “positive” 30 second updates from each attendee.
- Introduction- Juliette Goldstein, new Mideast Council committee member.

ITU Update – Rob

- Mideast borrowed booth set-up from the Midwest Region and had a successful presence at the ITU event in Chicago. Jim and Rob represented the Council during the entire Event.
- Booth was an opportunity to meet a lot of athletes and to educate athletes about USAT and the Mideast Region.
- Gave out Mideast sunscreen and bottles of water. Prize drawing offered for gear giveaways.
- Jim recognized Rob for taking the lead on coordinating our Booth at this Event, noting that was a huge impact on the ITU community.

Regional Championships/SQ Update – Jim

- Great weather and good turnout, although lower numbers than in previous years.
- AGN Qualifier Shirts and awards distributed. Will improve how many shirts we order for next year to use budget funds effectively.

Paratri update -- Keri

- 20 paratriathletes at ITU competed (Elite and Open Divisions).
- Dare2Tri was a title sponsor which helped give the organization great exposure.
- They will be sponsoring next year’s ITU event as well.

TalentID Series – Mike

- TalentID Series was revived in a short amount of time. Mike had volunteered to take the lead due to the RADC stepping down.
- A solid Series was organized and well-received.
- Partnered with Bill Burnette for a Series Championship in Detroit, which served two purposes including ID'ing talent and providing experience with draft legal racing.
- Jim recognized Mike for the effort and time contributed to keep this Series alive this year for the Mideast region.

RD Symposium Update – Mike

- Have secured speakers for the Dec. 6th Symposium in Chicago. Bill Burnett, EDR Series, and Karen Smyers, two-time Hall of Fame inductee (USAT and ITU), will be keynotes. Karen will be offering a fun run Sat morning prior to the Symposium.
- Partnering with Midwest Region again this year.
- Registration information coming.

Race Bid Selection Committee Update – Rob

- Deadline for Race Bid Applications is tomorrow (Sept 5th)
- We have four bids submitted for Regional Championships and one bid for the Regional Paratri Championship.
- Holding a Special Qualifier in 2015 will be discussed among the Committee members to determine if we will offer or not.

Admin Update – Michelle

- Face to face is Saturday, November 8th, at Four Points, downtown Chicago. Please submit whether you will be attending and if you need lodging arrangements.

Additional Updates

- Lindsey, who has served as a guide, gave recognition to the Dare2Tri organization in regards to the international impact they are making as seen at the ITU event. The club's contribution to the sport is inspiring.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50 pm EDT