

**USAT Mideast Region Council
Conference Call
Thursday, July 7th, 2011
9:00 – 10:00 pm EST**

Presiding: Jim Weaver

**Present: Lawrence Giannetti Jeff Grady
Michael Wendorf
Kevin Smeltzer**

Minutes: Michelle C Harter

**Absent: Bill Tough Jenn Finn Kelly Wissolik Casey Hill
Lesley Kruzell Greg Mueller Tom Nagel**

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Task	Responsible	BY (if applicable)
Announcement about SQ tshirts on website.	Michelle	July 13th
Discuss the MOU commitments and our plans for tshirts, swag, and certificates at Reg. Champs with Jim/Joyce Donaldson	Michael	July 13th
Discuss youth grant with Keri.	Jim	July 13th
Follow-up with Greg on the water bottle and tshirt distribution.	Jim	July 15th
Inquire if a qualification standard has been set for Du Nationals which would permit Powerman a qualifier.	Michelle	July 15th

Meeting Minutes

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

Warsaw Optimist Update - Lawrence

- Great turnout, >600 and a beautiful day.
- T-shirts were well received. Those who did not pick up tshirts can get them at the Sylvania Race in August or we can ship them out.
- Announcement will be placed on website concerning tshirts.
- Swag bags handed out. Two people have already taken advantage of the USAT comp membership.
- Slight crowd control issue towards the end of race.
- Water bottles- some juniors did not receive. In hindsight, better to work directly with Race Director on the management and distribution. Jim to follow-up with Greg on the status of water bottles and the funds used to purchase.

Sylvania Regional Championship – Michelle

- Question raised on whether Powerman Muncie Regional Du Champs will be a qualifier for 2012 Du Nationals. Inquire with National Events to determine if qualification standard set for 2012 Du Nationals.
- Lesley, Lawrence, Kevin, Michael (if needed) attending Regional Championships from our Council.
- We will have Overall Winner Certificates for M/F Overall, Age Group, and Masters. We will have a finisher certificate online for all athletes.
- Michael will discuss with Jim/Joyce Donaldson our agreement (MOU) and the awards we are planning to distribute at Regional Championships.

South Beach Tri- Michael

- As our 2012 Special Qualifier, Michael visited this venue to evaluate and ensure we are set for next year's race.
- Venue is good and some paving and resurfacing in the plans this coming year will enhance the course.
- An MOU will be developed to outline commitments and expectations.

MERCERS - Michelle

- Fifteen Clubs actively participating and going well.
- At some point we need to decide on the Overall Team awards to distribute.

Youth Grants - Michelle

- At this point, we have received four applications. Deadline is July 13th.
- Suggestion made that promotion of youth grants occur early in the year when plans are being made. Mid -summer a little late to offer youth grants for current year.

Communications-Kevin

- Reminder that we represent USAT and expected to act appropriately in light of lawsuit.
- AGN is sold out and USAT looking at ways to resolve.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 pm EST

Post-meeting Swag Distribution funded by Council – Jim/Greg

Some ideas were discussed about how to manage the distribution of swag to ensure accountability. This applies to any Council member primarily responsible for swag distribution at a Regional Event:

- Contacting the RD to inform them about any intentions for Juniors for example; who (Greg) the contact for swag at the race site will be, and physical location of person and swag.
- Informing the Council with same information so we can get word out to Council person(s) attending the race
 - where we can find Greg and product
 - whether Greg will be at race venue part or full-time; if not full, then who is "proxy" for Greg to hand out swag
 - any other particulars that can help make the "program" a success