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USATH Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 30, 2014

Location: Conference Call

Time: 1800 EST

Duration: 60 min

In attendance:

Board Members:

Harvey Schiller, President & Chairman

Bob Djokovich

David Palmer

Jennie Choi

Attila Agoston

Tomuke Ebuwei

David Palmer

Tom Zelenovic

David Thompson (absent)

Mike McNees (absent)

Maurice Godwin, Meeting Secretary

Staff:

Mike Cavanaugh, CEO

Guests:

Candy Marturano, Accountant

Rod Oshita, Foundation Board Member

1802 – Quorum established, Roll call, Meeting Secretary Assigned

1804 – President's Report, Harvey Schiller:

- o USATH in a financial challenge
- o USATH entered into financial agreement with Nike through 2016
 - additional incentive upon qualification for Rio
- o There needs to be an increase in revenue generation; need Board to be engaged
- o USATH to reach out to Alumni, Olympic Teams, and National Team members
 - Where are they?
 - Inform them of USATH activity/get them involved
- o Some funds have been raised through philanthropy (Schiller, Djokovich et al)
- o Goal: raise \$100-200k by the end of 2014



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- o USOC High Performance Funding may not support USATH coaches in 2015
- o USATH has reached out to USOC CEO Scott Blackman, CoachesAid, Jet Set Sports, and others
- o USATH grateful for services from Auburn, but have not provided a cash component at this point
- o Need focus on athlete registrations as revenue source
- o USOC Olympic Training Site designation may bring in additional revenue/VIK generation from Auburn

1809 – CEO Report, Mike Cavanaugh

- o Recent trip to PATHF Congress (Argentina)
 - Dominican Republic situation investigated
 - DOM President banned for life from PATHF Functional Positions
 - National teams suspended for three years
 - New internal review tribunal at PATHF
 - Met with President of IHF, and HF President (from Spain)
 - explained new leadership of USATH
 - shared optimism of USATH's future
 - learned Uruguay also wants to bid for Repechage
 - Non-qualifier nations for Caribbean Games may also want to bid
 - Bidding closed Dec. 15, decision to follow
 - Repechage will be held the first week in March
 - USATH has favorable chance to host event due to various circumstances
 - New Markets program and Handball in Schools initiative to increase exposure
 - Curriculum at Auburn, AL in the near future
 - hopefully will branch out to other SEC schools
- o Beach Handball is now very high on IHF and PATHF radar
 - Brazil has beach HB venues, other PATHF nations looking to BRA as an example. IHF is big on beach HB; looking to get more involved

1825 – Financial Status, Candy Marturano

- o Audit complete; successful analysis and no discrepancies.
- o Recommend financial support from USTH Foundation should go through USATH in future
 - some support went directly to referees for programming
- o Nike agreement should be included in financial statements
- o Internal Quickbooks will now be used for bookkeeping and payroll – this in an effort to reduce operational costs
- o Monthly reports will replace quarterly reports

1831 – Auburn University Olympic Training Site Designation, Cavanaugh

- o Excited about possibility



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- o University of Illinois was given OTS Paralympic Training Site Designation after 13 months
- o Will be shorter for AU - possibly by EOY
- o Dr. Dave Pascoe (AU professor) visited USOC
 - submitted application for OTS Designation with recommendations and local Auburn/Alabama government support
 - application is now under legal review
- o USOC Staff to visit Auburn University Oct. 7-8
- o May lead to more financial support and jobs for athletes

1836 – Alumni Program, Bob Djokovich

- o Letter from Coach Javier went out to alumni
 - Mike Lenard working with USOC Communications to create Alumni website
 - old re-mastered pics will be available for downloading (free service to alumni)
- o Another letter will be sent out to alumni in 30 days – then regular follow-up

1845 – Foundation Report, Rod Oshita

- o USATH and USTH Foundation continue to improve working relationship
- o Grants from USTH have been given out to support events, National Teams, club teams, and referees
 - o Team Handball Hall of Fame
 - presented at next Open Nationals
 - HOF Induction dinner planned for one evening

A statement of appreciation was offered to thank the Foundation for their continued support.

1846 – Athlete Advisory Council Report, Tomuke Ebuwei

- o Ombudsman has retired
 - replacement needed
- o New initiatives needed to help athletes with health insurance
 - proposal sent to USOC for assistance for smaller NGB's
 - Ted Stevens Act

1852 – New/Old Business, Schiller

- o Kronike Group (Denver) has been referred to USATH by USOC
 - handball initiatives to start in schools; may include beach
 - events and broadcasting to follow
 - they would like to move forward with ideas and concepts
 - Board approved for them to continue with their planning / proposal
- o Anti-doping, bullying, and harassment receiving more attention
 - USOC/NGBs to create a 3rd party, Safe Sport entity to manage all cases and issues, and will conduct future investigations



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1858 – Questions

- o Outreach to clubs planned but not executed yet – Bob Djokovich to follow up
 - o Support grants for local clubs/events
 - Local clubs must register with USATH to receive promotion and funding
- 1901 – Next meeting date will be coordinated; Meeting Adjourned