

USAT BOD Teleconference Call August 27, 2007
Minutes

At 5:59 pm MDT, Rob Kasper called the meeting to order.

In attendance:

Rob Kasper
Jeff Matlow
Joe Umphenour
Mike Greer
Andy Kelsey
Eric Averill

Absent:

Melissa Merson
Brian Harrington
Jim Donaldson
Celeste Callahan
Mark Fretta
Skip Gilbert

ITU Resolutions

Elections:

Elections are covered under Chapter 10 in the ITU Constitution. The following nominations were received by the deadline of 60 days prior to Congress.

Audit Committee

3 candidates:

Gerardo Zetina, Mexico
Ivan Schuway, Switzerland
David Hoong, Singapore

Rob stated that the three (3) candidates up for election have passed the ITU nominating committee's criteria.

Motion passed unanimously to place USA Triathlon's vote as a yes for Gerardo Zetina, Mexico; Ivan Schuway, Switzerland; David Hoong, Singapore; to sit on the ITU Audit Committee.

Resolutions to the ITU Congress, 3 September 2007. **Resolutions from the ITU Executive Board**

Resolution #1: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, the success of ITU has resulted in an increase of new and highly intelligent officers in our various National Federations, and following the practice of other I.F's and the I.O.C.

Therefore, be it resolved that ITU increase the number of Vice-Presidents from one (1) to four (4) with the following provisions:

- a) A minimum of one (1) shall be a woman
- b) Not more than two (2) to be elected from any one (1) of the five (5) ITU Continental regions.
- c) The assignment of roles and responsibilities of the Vice Presidents shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

The Board agreed to table USA Triathlon's position on this resolution until more information is gathered.

Resolution #2: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, the long-distance ITU World-Championships was reduced to double the Olympic distance and whereas many of the long-distance athletes have complained that this distance is too short and not sufficiently challenging, Therefore, be it resolved that the ITU long-distance event be increased to triple the Olympic distance i.e. 4 km swim X 120 km cycle X 30 km run.

Rob Kasper opened this resolution up for Board discussion. Joe Umphenour provided a brief background on the premise of this resolution and from an athletes perspective there are no negatives.

Motion passed unanimously to accept the ITU long-distance event be increased to triple the Olympic distance i.e. 4 km swim X 120 km cycle X km run.

Resolution # 3: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, ITU in the past had introduced the concept of the "Rainbow Jersey" to be worn by the athletes – one-man & one woman who were leading the World rankings, and the proposal had been shelved,

And whereas, the athletes have proposed it become a feature of the World-Cup leaders – commencing in 2008,

Therefore, be it resolved that ITU establish an "orange jersey" to be worn by the leaders of the World Cup Series.

Discussion centered on implementation concerns, including the ability to place athlete sponsors' logos on the jersey in a timely manner.

The Board agreed to table USA Triathlon's position on this resolution until more information is gathered, or the resolution is amended to address implementation concerns.

Resolution # 4: ITU Executive Board

Whereas, compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code is one of ITU's priorities as a member of the Olympic Family,

And whereas, there is a requirement by WADA that ITU ensure its members fully comply with the WADA Code, under the threat of penalties by WADA and the IOC,

Therefore be it resolved that the annual affiliation to ITU depends upon the following:

- a. That National Federations submit quarterly updates on anti-doping results of all athletes ranked in the top 150 on the ITU Points List who have been tested by their relevant National Anti-Doping Agency or other ADO's who have reported results to them. Testing must be done in accordance with WADA rules and include both in, and "out of competition" testing.
- b. And that NFs consistently ensure that athlete whereabouts information submitted to the NADO by its athletes is available to the ITU and WADA through the use of ADAMs or a similar centralized database.

Discussion focused on need to amend language to allow USA Triathlon athletes to continue to report whereabouts using the USADA system.

The Board agreed to table USA Triathlon's position on this resolution until amended language is worked out to address implementation concerns.

Resolutions from National Federations

Resolution # 5: British Triathlon Federation

Whereas, the ITU encourages the sport of Triathlon to be included in the major multi-sport Games, such as the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia, the 2006 Asian Games in Doha, Qatar, the 2007 Pan Am Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the 2007 South Pacific Games in Samoa;

Whereas, inclusion in such high profile multi-sport Games is important for the development of Triathlon worldwide and the promotion of the Olympic ideals;

Whereas, successful Triathlon competitions were held as part of the 2002 and 2006 Commonwealth Games in Manchester and Melbourne, but Triathlon will be excluded from the programme for the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi;

Whereas, Glasgow in Scotland is the only candidate city for the 2014 Commonwealth Games to have included Triathlon in their bid proposals;

Be it resolved, that ITU Congress endorses the candidature of Glasgow for the 2014 Commonwealth Games;

Be it further resolved that Congress urges its member national federations included in the Commonwealth to use their best efforts to encourage their home Commonwealth Games Federation to support the candidature of Glasgow when the Commonwealth Games Federations meet in Sri Lanka on 9th November 2007 to decide the host city for the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Motion passed unanimously to accept resolution #5: British Triathlon Federation as written.

At 7:09 pm MDT Jeff Matlow moved that the meeting be adjourned.