USAT Board of Directors

Teleconference Call

April 5, 2010

In attendance:

Brian Harrington, president
Eric Averill, vice president
Candy Cheatham, secretary
Bob Wendling, treasurer
Celeste Callahan
Melissa Merson
Jim Donaldson
Victor Plata
Steven Sexton
Dave Kuendig
Jim Ryun
Skip Gilbert, Executive Director

Absent:
Vince O'Brien
Rob Kasper

Brian Harrington called the meeting to order at 6.00 pm MDT.

National Office Update
Skip Gilbert discussed:

- Business Unit changes with Event Services and Operations

- Dates of recent National events

- ParaTriathlon lettering and capitalization to needs to be consistent and align with ITU.

Jim Donaldson motioned, Jim Ryun seconded to approve the change of lettering and capitalization from ParaTriathlon to paratriathlon.

Motion passed unanimously

- Financial Update
- Retention strategies

- Community give back program

Prize Money Task Force
Victor Plata presented the idea and goal of the task force. Skip recommended Vince O'Brien as moderator.

Action item: Since Vince was not on the call Skip will connect with him on serving as moderator of the prize money task force. Once moderator is established communications will go out to the task force this week.

Board Goals
Eric Averill provided an update on the 2010 goals. Eric is asking for BOD support to achieve these goals in 2010. Because several goals are of a financial nature Eric suggested that a financial refresher course be provided to the BOD in June.

Action item: Eric Averill will provide a report for each BOD meeting on the status of the BOD goals.

Resolution

Resolution for Board Action April 5, 2010

Subject: The Race Director Certification Program and how it relates to National and Regional Championship races.

Background: The Race Director Certification program was formally launched in January 2007 at the USAT Congress in Colorado Springs. Although the program had the support and direction of the USA Triathlon Board of Directors and the Event Services staff, it was never formalized by a board resolution.

The program has met with great success with more than 350 race directors certified as level I and over 50 as level II. The Race Director Commission proposes to validate the program and to formally require that national and regional championships be directed by certified race directors. This will secure the foundation of the program and solidify the high levels of safety and the quality that these events deserve.

Relevant and Affected Bylaws, Rules and Procedures: none

Financial Impact: none

Whereas, the race director certification program would benefit from validation by the Board of Directors of USA Triathlon; and,

Whereas, the Race Director Commission seeks to build upon the success of the race director certification program; and,

Whereas, the Race Director Commission seeks to enhance the quality and safety of all USAT Championship races; and,

Whereas, flexibility is necessary in order to ensure high quality championship events where choices are limited,

Now therefore be it resolved that:
Beginning in 2010, all USAT National Championships and all USAT Regional Age-Group International-Distance Triathlon Championships and Special Qualifiers may be awarded only to a USAT-Certified Race Director; and,

Be it further resolved that:
Beginning in 2012, all USAT Regional Championships and Special Qualifiers shall be awarded only to USAT-Certified Race Directors; and,

Be it further resolved that:
By exception, and on a case by case basis, waivers to this policy may be granted for Regional Championships and Special Qualifiers when the total number of eligible races in a given format/distance category is less than ~~eight (8)~~ six (6). Any such waiver shall be reported to the Board of Directors.

Submitted by:

Jim Donaldson
Brad Davison
Chairman USA Triathlon Race Director Commission

Bob Wendling proposed a friendly amendment to change number from eight (8) to less than six (6) in the section of 'Be it further resolved that:'.

Record of Board Vote:
Bob Wendling - no
Eric Averill - no
Celeste Callahan - yes
Jim Donaldson - yes
Rob Kasper - yes
Victor Plata - yes
Steven Sexton - yes
Candy Cheatham - yes
Dave Kuendig – yes

Motion passed

Elite Athlete Association

BOD discussed the elite athlete association and its link to USA Triathlon. There are those on the board that feel that the membership mandate is justified and should continue. There are others that feel that the mandatory link should be removed. Skip stated that he does not believe that there should be any link to this new association and that position was supported by legal counsel and the USOC. No action was taken on this issue.

Action item: Skip will survey the NGBs to see if any other links exist between athlete associations and their respective sport NGB.

Paratriathlon Budget

Candy Cheatham presented the budget increase of $22,590.00 on behalf of the paratriathlon committee. This breaks down to $6410.00 for NYC Classifiers and $16,180 for London expenses.

Victor Plata motioned, Bob Wendling seconded to approve a budget increase of $6410.00.

Motion passed unanimously

Action item: Board asked Candy to get with Jon Beeson, Chair of the paratriathlon committee to further discuss the addition amount and USA Triathlon's budgetary situation.

Population of Committees

Brian Harrington asked the Board to review the February in-person BOD draft minutes and the population of USAT Committees.

Celeste Callahan motioned, Candy Cheatham seconded to approve the 2010 committees as populated in the February 10, 2010 BOD meeting.

Motion passed unanimously

Victor Plata addressed the requirement to have 20% Elite committee representation. Discussion occurred regarding the process of asking for a USOC dispensation not to populate all USA Triathlon committees that does not affect the Elite athletes.

Action item: Victor Plata will send Brian Harrington the Elite Athlete that will serve on the Executive Committee.

Action item: Skip Gilbert will contact the USOC to find out how to apply for a dispensation.

Region Wish Lists
Eric stated that wish lists have been posed for BOD review. No action taken.

Foundation Update
Prior to the BOD call Skip Gilbert emailed a 9-page document on the Foundation. Suggestions are recommended between now and the May 5th Board call. If need be Foundation will be discussed on the May 3, 2010 conference call.

Celeste Callahan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm MDT.