

Minutes
USA Triathlon Board of Directors
Teleconference
September 9, 2013

Board Members Present:

Barrett Brandon	
Susan Haag	
Vince O'Brien	
Jacqueline McCook	
Victor Plata	
Steven Sexton	
Barry Siff	
Kevin Smeltzer	
Kevin Sullivan	
Jack Weiss	
Mike Wien	
Bob Wendling, President	

Staff: Kathy Matejka, Event Services Director

Guest: Bob Babbitt

Call to order at 8:00 p.m. EST

Opening Remarks:

Wendling called the meeting to order and explained that the CEO was en route to London and could not be on the call tonight. Kathy Matejka sat in for Rob Urbach.

Kevin Smeltzer joined the call at 8:09

Approval of Minutes:

Motion (by Weiss and seconded): To approve 8/9/13 Minutes as amended by revising the two motions on page 5 to read “to approve the resolution” – Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Barrett Brandon joined the call at 8:18

Treasurer's Report – Weiss

Motion (by Weiss and seconded): to approve the draft audit report from Waugh & Goodman that was circulated to the Board before the 8/9/13 Milwaukee meeting. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Office Update – Wendling referenced the written update circulated to the Board.

New Business

ITU Grand Final – Siff reported that a large number of people will be at the Congress representing USAT, perhaps the most representation of any country. Wendling reported that the elections for the continental Federation will also be taking place.

Foundation

Bob Babbitt joined the call so the Board agreed to discuss the Hall of Fame Guidelines before the Foundation.

Unfinished Business

HOF Guidelines– Siff briefly discussed the issues and questions discussed when the proposed revised guidelines were first brought before the Board, and the U.S. citizen requirement at the time of achievement requirement for the Elite, Age-group, Contributor, and Physically Challenged Athlete categories proposed.

Motion (by Siff and seconded): to approve the attached HOF Categories Proposal as amended by eliminating the Physically challenged athlete category and eliminating the “group of persons or entity” and “A place, entity, or thing” phrases. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Bob Babbitt left the call at 8:48

Foundation – Siff inquired about the status of the Foundation, its Trustees, funds that have been received, and the need for the CEO to present final documents to the Board and for the Board to approve them.

Sexton discussed the ITU congress and the process for the selection of delegates.

Motion (by Siff and seconded): to approve Rob Urbach, Bob Wendling, and Joyce Donaldson as the USAT delegates to the ITU Congress. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Swim Collar Task Force - Weiss reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 9/17/13, which will be after the ITU Congress discusses the recent New Zealand Warm Water study. The Task force is also seeking input from USAT's insurer.

Recumbent Bikes at PC Open – Weiss discussed rules changes suggested by Charlie Crawford and Mike Lenart's review of those proposals.

Plata joined the meeting at 9:10.

Anti-Doping Task Force – Plata reviewed the purpose of the Task Force.

Rules Harmonization Task Force – Siff reported that Jimmy Riccitello, Charlie Crawford, and Joyce Donaldson have agreed to join the Task Force and that he is seeking two age group athletes and two elite members also.

Wien asked which Board members are running for re-election and for Urbach to address two items on his Office Update at the next meeting, namely BAM and Amplify Value Proposition.

Motion: (by Plata and seconded) to amend a Resolution previously adopted by the Board to amend the Bylaws to reduce the athlete directors on the Board to 20% from 25% to change that Resolution to allow the elite athletes to vote for that amendment.

Barrett Brandon	Y
Susan Haag	N
Vince O'Brien	N
Jacqueline McCook	N
Victor Plata	Y
Steven Sexton	Y
Barry Siff	N
Kevin Smeltzer	N
Kevin Sullivan	N
Jack Weiss	N
Mike Wien	N

Motion failed Y – 3, N – 8

Motion: (by Weiss and seconded) to adjourn. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourned at 9:36 p.m. EST