

USA Triathlon Town Hall Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting

Hosted by USA Triathlon Age Group Committee and Presented with Officers of the USA Triathlon National Board of Directors and Executive Director

Burlington, Vermont

August 18, 2012

Secretary General's note: A quorum is 100 members. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting. It is unknown how many attendees were USAT members. . USAT Board members who attended the meeting included:

Bob Wendling

Barry Siff

Jack Weiss

Victor Plata

Steve Sexton

Kevin Smeltzer

Kevin Sullivan

1. Call to Order and Welcome – *Chuck Graziano, Chair, AGC*

2. Introduction of Board Officers – *Bob Wendling, President*

a. There was a motion to approve the minutes from 2011 and an affirmative voice vote was taken...however there was no quorum to transact business.

b. President gave an update on the business of USAT.

3. Introduction of Rob Urbach

A PowerPoint presentation (see attached) was made that included: membership information - up 3% Including one-day memberships, there are over 500,000 members. Sanctioned events - ~4,200.

Membership recognition programs: the Century Club, Athlete of the Year, Hall of Fame.

4. Treasurer's Report, *Jack Weiss*

5. New Business, Bob Wendling

No motions for new business were made.

Open Discussion, Q/A, - Panel: Rob Urbach, Charlie Crawford, Bob Wendling

Q: what is the status of the medical report that USAT was working on?

A: The medical panel of doctors and race directors has produced an internal report that has been socialized with additional medical personnel. That document will be released in the next couple of weeks.

Q: Why aren't there more duathlons?

A: There is an active USAT duathlon committee that puts resources and support for duathlon. The economics of the sport and the popularity of duathlon ebb and flow. We want to provide choice for members but it is up to race directors to be able to offer the service. It has not been easy to get the numbers to support race directors.

Q: Why doesn't USAT's aquathlon race format mirror the structure and format of the ITU Aquathlon World Championship?

A: There has been inconsistency between the USAT and ITU aquathlon race format. The problem is that USAT didn't have notice of the World's format in advance. If we know the format, then we will conform to that format.

Q: Has there been review of regulations to disqualify athletes based on an abnormally fast race split in the swim, bike or run?

A: An unusual split (outside the realm of possibility) does get scrutinized on a case-by-case basis. If a split appears outside the realm of possibility, then race officials will take a closer look at the individual competitor to make a judgment whether the performance is reasonable in light of the athlete's age, gender, and other factors. If a split is reasonable, officials do not review further. This policy is required to be known by all officials.

Comment – Last year a participant at Nationals requested that the “more mature” athletes start in an earlier wave to ensure that they finished. The suggestion was adopted, and the participant wanted to thank USAT officials personally.

A: You're welcome!

Comment – a participant was concerned about cyclists not giving sufficient notice while passing on the bike during the race.

A: more education can be included in the pre-race meeting about the importance of verbalizing when overtaking a person during the bicycle leg. The proper warning, and how to interpret the warning should be explained.

Q: what cities are vying for duathlon short course long distance and triathlon Olympic and sprint distances for 2013.

A – 8 cities are vying for AGNC. An announcement will be made by September or earlier.

Q: What is the current status on becoming an NCAA sport for triathlon?

A: It is an uphill battle. Many sports are being cut by the NCAA. NCAA recognition process is a tough one. We are soliciting letters from schools. We have 7 schools and need 3 more. With letters of support from NCAA schools we will earn the right to be considered for “emerging sport” status. If any members have contacts with NCAA presidents contact USAT CEO Rob Urbach to make an introduction and start a conversation. In the meantime, USAT Collegiate Nationals is very successful, and a great event for collegiate athletes to compete in a designated collegiate event.

Q: What is the Elite Triathlon Academy?

A: A university-based program in Colorado Springs that offers college scholarships to the best student-athletes in the country. The best high school juniors and seniors are being recruited. Traditionally there has not been a pathway to elite triathlon at the college level. This initiative was created to fill the gap. Those interested may email Rob Urbach for more information.

Motion to adjourn (Weiss/Seconded)

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

USAT Annual Membership Meeting

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August 20, 2011

Presenters:

Bob Wendling President, USAT Board of Directors

Steven Sexton Treasurer, USAT Board of Directors

Chuck Graziano Chair, Age-Group Committee

Rob Urbach Chief Executive Officer, USAT

Tim Yount Chief Operating Officer, USAT

Chuck Graziano, Chair of the Age Group Committee called the meeting to order at .

Board Introductions and Proceedings---Bob Wendling

Bob Wendling discussed the growth of triathlon and current programs, acceptance of Paratriathlon, USAT National Youth Program, Rankings upgrade, Swim safety, Women in governance, and London 2012 Olympics and future medal sports.

Introduction of Rob Urbach---Bob Wendling

Treasurer's Report---Steve Sexton

Steven Sexton explained that many were involved in directing and overseeing the USAT budget, finances, and accounting procedures and that the Board approved the audit and IRS Form 990. He went over the revenues, expenses, and net assets for the year.

New Business---Bob Wendling

Discussion and Q&A Forum

Meeting adjourned.