

## **Athlete Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes  
July 26th, 2011

### **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the AAC was called to order at 7:30PM CST on July 26th<sup>st</sup>, 2011 by AAC Chair Barrett Brandon.

### **Members on the Call:**

Victor Plata, Jarrod Shoemaker, Barrett Brandon, and Gwen Jorgensen (joined call at 8:00O CST).

Absent: Amanda Stevens, Steve Sexton, Dave Kuendig

#### **A. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

#### **B. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were deemed approved as submitted in accordance with the procedure adopted by the AAC. (If no objections- changes/corrections- are received by the specified date after circulation, they are approved)

#### **C. Open Issues**

I. Off Road/Cross Triathlon-This was tabled last meeting and brought to a vote via email.

A. Action-The AAC feels the entire Pro Qualification System need to be updated and reworked. The AAC voted to table a specific vote on Xterra/Cross triathlon Pro Qualification in lieu of taking a systematic approach to reworking the entire the entire document based on analysis of the professional field today.

i. The AAC voted to commission a study detailing the total number of professional license spots available to amateurs each year, how many of those slots are accepted by amateurs in the timeframe, and compare the growth of USAT amateur members with that of the professional members.

#### **D. New Business**

I. FISU Qualifying document

A. The AAC would approve the FISU qualifying document presented by Steve Kelley on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the following additional premise:

"The international governing body for FISU World Championships provides USAT with 6 slots per gender. The AAC recommends that the qualification criteria allow athletes to contest for all 6 slots. Funding to the event may be at the discretion of the High Performance staff."

## II. Appoint Athletes to Committees

We will take these nominations to an email vote and the appointments will be reflected in the next month's agenda

- A. Prize Money Task Force-
  - i. Nominated-Gwen Jorgensen
- B. FISU selection committee-
  - i. Nominated-Barrett Brandon
- C. U/23 Selection Committee
  - i. Nominated-Barrett Brandon

## III. Changes to the High Performance Long-term Plan:

The AAC agrees that HP Plan should be submitted to the AAC in a reasonable timeframe. We received the document within 24 hours of our call. Based on that short timeframe, these are the recommendations the AAC came up with:

- A. Eliminate the user fee going forward for all WCS events
- B. If the majority of "high level" (WCS and WC) ITU races continue to happen in Europe, explore the option of setting up a European Base to facilitate access to and success at these races.
- C. When selecting a new HPD, the AAC feels that it would be most appropriate to seek out a high-level administrator to run the program...not necessarily a world class coach.

## IV. Elite Development Races

- A. The HPD has requested that both Buffalo and Myrtle Beach EDR races that will provide the top 3 finishers in each gender with professional licenses.

This item will be brought to an email vote and reflected in the next month's agenda.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by Barrett Brandon. The next general meeting will be at 8:00PM CST, on August 30th, 2011

Minutes submitted by: Barrett Brandon