

USAT Board of Directors

Teleconference Call

November 1, 2010

In attendance:

Brian Harrington

Eric Averill

Bob Wendling

Candy Cheatham

Rob Kasper

Victor Plata

Dave Kuendig

Steven Sexton

Jim Donaldson

Vince O'Brien

Celeste Callahan

Jim Ryun

Melissa Merson ex Officio

Brian Harrington called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm EST.

Update/Discussion

Tim Yount presented an update regarding USAT business. Among topics discussed was budget. It was decided that Tim will get all info out to the Board before the Clearwater meeting in order that BOD members will come into meeting prepared to vote on budget.

Regional Chairs Meeting

Candy Cheatham presented a report about the regional chair meeting that was held in Colorado Springs Oct. 15-17. The Regional Chairs formed three Task Forces to address specific issues pertinent to the 10 regions. Task Forces are: 1. Regional Championships, 2. Regional Funding, 3. Regional Realignment. The findings of these task forces will be presented at the Regional Chairs February face-to-face meeting in San Diego.

International Relations Committee Update

Melissa Merson presented an update on international issues. She thanked Tim Yount for his intervention in the helmet issue at the IM World Championship. She stated that the goal was to keep this from happening again through the establishment of global rules. Melissa also reported on the Patco governance training that had just taken place.

Proposed BOD Meeting Schedule.....Brian Harrington

Brian Harrington led discussion about the proposed change from the first Monday to the first Tuesday of the month. It was decided that attendance had been good on Monday nights and there was no reason to change it. There were no objections and therefore the monthly teleconferences will remain on the first Monday of the month.

Coaches Letter.....Eric Averill

Eric Averill received a letter while in Tuscaloosa that represented the coaches. The senders of the letter would like a response from the BOD. Eric said the letter was in regard to the responsibility and power given the High Performance Director. The letter from the coaches was urging that the HP Director be given more authority and responsibility. The BOD decided that Brian Harrington should respond to the letter and that he should express the BOD's gratitude but express that the BOD does not want to micromanage a staff position.

ED Search Update.....Eric Averill

Eric Averill reported that the ED search committee completed initial screening of 122 applicants. The committee has narrowed the list down to 11 candidates. The portfolios will come to BOD members in the mail. Following interviews the committee will suggest candidates that will come before the BOD.

Board Action

Pan American Games Staff Selection Criteria

Tim reported that all parties were in agreement with the criteria that were presented.

Victor Plata moved that the Pan Am games staff selection criteria be approved. Bob Wendling seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was no opposition and no abstentions.

Discussions followed regarding BOD time management in Clearwater and the need to start earlier and get all pertinent information before the meeting so that BOD is prepared. Some questions about the ED search and Strategic Planning were also discussed.

Celeste Callahan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Jim Donaldson seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm EST.