Introduction

Welcome to USAT Regional Paratri Reps, introductions, discussion on working together (Committee and Regions)

Regional Paratri Reps

SE (Brad Smith), NE (Justin Model), MA (Dawn Rudolph), FL (Hector Torres), ME (Keri Schindler), PNW (Tyler Blackwelder), SMW (Darrick Walls), SW (Jim Girand), RM (Jim Flint), MW (Open)

Committee Alignment:

SE (Mike Lenhart), NE (Ami Cole), MA (Deanna Babcock), FL (Kim Romanchuk), ME (Keri Schindler), PNW (Chris Baker), SMW (Mike Lenhart), SW (Travis Ricks), RM (Eric Averill), MW (Jason Fowler)

- Welcome and remarks and introductions from Mike
- purpose of collaboration
    - opportunities, grant monies, exerptsee, other needs to be shared from PC committee to region
    - we need this colloboration to happen if we continue to gro
    - PC committee is grass roots based
    - amanda duke is high performance
    - need to be working together
    - mike proposes regional reps join once a quarter
        - chat liason with regional rep
- SE (Brad)
    - pc tri club formed within ATC
    - se regional tri series getting put together with help from mike
- NE (Justin)
    - lost a good helper, so have been scrambling
    - working on having a NE regional championship
    - primary rep on committe is ami cole – USAT official
    - eric aslo NE region?
    - trying to get NE out of dormant state
    - Mighty Montawk
- MA (Dawn)
    - Kim and Deanna have been both helping (Kim is on regional committee)
    - para tri clinic was in Apr (white lake weekend)
        - age 7 and up
        - about 20 each year
        - hector came up this year and also found local coaches / voluneteer
    - regional grant
        - fund paratriathletes in region up to $500 / person / year
        - last year bought an adult hand cycle if somebody wants to give it a shot
        - also have a used hand cycle
    - regional chamption ship september in atlantic city
    - website, facebook listserve
    - good program, good support from regional chair
    - good proximity to walter reed
        - some difficulty connecting to wounded warriars
    - ambassador program a network
- FL (Hector)

    - march 3rd annuanal regional championship
    - march was also para tri camp
        - 3 day camp
        - kim was there
    - two clinics a monoth
        - running or swimming
    - work with paralympic sports club
        - central fl tri club
        - had a guest coach come visit
    - travel grant $$
    - achillies founadion in fl has helping also connect with new athletes
- Mid east
    - dare 2 tri is run by kari
        - serves chicago and southern wisconsin
        - 3 day para tri camp (from mid east and country)
        - bring in high level coaches
        - 3rd year this year
    - 2nd year kid camp
    - have an elite team sending 12 to natinonals this year
    - linking with a group in indiana
- pac nw
    - working on 2 day para tri clinic
    - and 1 day clinic focused on intro
    - timing and places of clinics still in the works
- south mid west
    - derek not on call
- sw
    - focusing on reg pc championship in September
        - trying to recruit athletes
        - may offer travel
    - nathans (life time fitness) tris in arizona will be champtinohip
    - passabilities
        - just did a clinic there
        - did a triathlon for abled / pc athletes
- rocky mtn eric
    - jim flint regional paratri rep and RD
    - rattlesnake will be regional championships
- mid west
    - still trying to identify an official rep
    - camp early September
    - working on wrangling some pc athletes for specific races

Committee business topics:

- Review March meeting minutes (see attached)

    - up on website?
        - yes.
    - approved march minutes
        - amanda will put them on the website
- Conflict of Interest forms (COI)
    - everyone should have submitted by now
    - waiting on one mystery person to submit
- Open Committee seat and USAT governance impact
    - Patricia has stepped down, so we have an open seat on the committee
    - from a governence perspective, we need to have a certain % of pc athletes on the committee, and those athletes need to be elite (defined as national or international comp level)
    - if we can't find a suitable person, we may be forced to have someone from the aac
    - multiple people could fill
        - sarah R could fill – but we are concerned about business
        - we will work on developing a short list of possible new members
        - from there, find some candidates. we want people who can work.
        - when deanna races, she will fill that elite 20% rule on the committee
        - rosenfeld texas
        - david kyle alabama
        - patricia was vis impaired, so may be looking to fill that spot again
        - need to have raced at ITU / national champ level since 2010
- National Championship registrations status
    - 75 open and national (total)
    - only 5 in open – so mostly in nationals
    - reg closes wed midnight at pacific time
    - a person must have qualified before wednesday in order to race in nats and not pc open
    - last year had about 50/55 total
    - final year in NY had 72/74. this year may be largest national championship ever
- Sub-committee brief reports (see attached)
    - meet and greet at nationals
        - eric leading.
        - nearing completion of arrangements to have a place at the finish line festival
            - will have tent / tables / chairs
            - will encourage racers to come and hang out
            - details still in process
        - may have visors for all atlhlets that come
    - outreach and education
        - Chris is the designated leader
        - nothing formally yet
        - have discussed different areas of emphasis
        - would like to clarify pc open rules
        - would like to support regional groups
        - would like to build central web portal of information for PC tri
        - homework: we need to come up with more solid ideas and in Austin be ready to present proposals with how we will move forward with our areas of emphasis.
    - usat club development

        - travis
        - big focus in SW – getting a club
        - need to have eyes on all regions and make sure we're working
            - can lean on regional reps as part of that effort
        - they would like to have a list of existing clubs
            - know who is where, etc
    - regional para development grant
        - amy and deanna
        - we don't know how process should go about
        - amy looked at mid atlantic women grant prcosess
            - follow in their foot steps
            - and link to mission
        - want to make sure dispersement of funds is reasonable
        - need to make sure $$ we disperse is held accountable
            - question for jack: do we tally regional spending on paratri
                - yes. we have all regional budgets.
                - make sure regions who don't have a lot cooking are actually spending the $$ as they said they would.
                - we can help them also spend their money. in a good way.
        - side note: how is regional dev grant different from club development?
            - groups vs. things?? check goals budget etc
    - pc friendly race apps
        - still trickeling in from various regions
        - little recent activity.
        - over 20 so far.
        - the more we have athletes at races, the more we can get races certified as parafriendly.
        - reach out to para-athletes to get some feedback from them on courses they've raced on.
            - she means on races already certified as pc friendly
            - proposes that the pc friendly race needs to be included with the paperwork to sanction a race
                - need to have more education first, because rd's don't know about this yet.
                - i could look at some NCTS races and maybe give them a hand with screening courses

Budget update

- amanda sent a budget report this afternoon

austin meetings

- sunday morning in palmer events center
- should have till 1 or 2 pm to meet

usat rules updates

- updated on usat website
- we are generally encouraging pc open racing

pc open category

- anything goes as long as it’s safe - but this isn’t written anywhere
- amanda will follow up
- stabilizer wheels – adult traingin wheels – legal for pc open
- is getting resolved 1 thing at a time
- kim can rewrite