



USAT paratriathlon committee meeting
07/29/13 minutes

1. review of minutes from last month
 - a. no additions, deletions, or corrections
 - b. Mike moves to put last month's minutes on the website; he will follow up with Amanda
2. grant application process
 - a. last remaining action point is to turn application into writeable pdf
 - b. we will keep a "Word" version on hand because it is more friendly for visually-impaired viewing software
 - c. grant can be awarded / used for stand-alone sports (swim, bike or run) as well as triathlon
 - i. competitiveness of single-sport applications will depend upon how many applications we receive
 - ii. Travis pointed out that triathlon traditionally recruits athletes from single-sport backgrounds
 - iii. It is our position that the grant, per the instructions, is mainly to support paratriathlon
 - d. grant publicity
 - i. Amanda
 1. publish on website
 2. newsletter to paratriathletes
 - ii. national and regional social media – Facebook, twitter
 - iii. committee members are to be responsible for "getting the word out" to their respective regions
 - iv. contact para-sport clubs and able-bodied triathlon
 - e. application revisions
 - i. clarify timeline for review, notification and disbursement
 - ii. due on 5pm PST sept 15th, discuss/ review on conference call on Sept 30th, October 4th, disburse october 11
 - f. tracking grants from last year
 - i. ask them to submit reports on how they spent that money
 - ii. Eric volunteered to do this
3. status of trike recommendations for Charlie (Keri, Kim)
 - a. edited based on Kim and Deanna's comments
 - b. Keri will send it to mike and mike will draft a cover letter and send it to USAT BOD
 - i. Mike will write up the committee report
 - c. current legality of three-wheeled recumbent trike
 - i. Though we're hopeful for a positive rules revision, this equipment is still banned
 - ii. No firm timeline on when it will be legal to use
4. classification
 - a. USOC wants there to only be three categories for medals, so ITU will probably base their soon-to-be-completed novel classification system off of three categories. Though USAT



doesn't have to be bound by the USOC / ITU classification systems, we probably will because it could affect funding from USOC.

- b. Classification comes from the top down (IPC > ITU > USAT), and it is not within our committee's scope of control (even though we like to talk about it all of the time). Direct classification concerns to Amanda
5. PC open division
 - a. still no minimum disability standard
 - b. reminder that our focus is to increase participation of paratriathletes. Though many athletes are concerned about classification for Rio, classification is only important to elite paratriathletes and is somewhat beyond the scope of our primary mission (build the sport of paratriathlon).
 - c. RD's have the right to inquire about people racing in PC open category.
 - d. Our current position is that we rely on social pressure to keep PC'ers in the PC open, not just any age grouper who has marginal physical limitations.
6. committee openings
 - a. will submit quick bios on potential nominees, confirm their interest, and then plan on voting during august meeting
7. location of nationals for next year
 - a. we still don't know where nationals will be.
8. regional updates
 - a. plan on including all regional reps next month
 - b. East coast (mid-atlantic and northeast) held a talent ID camp July 27 and 28. About 9 athletes came.
 - c. Keri
 - i. Recently held two single-day clinics: one in Rockford, one in Fort Wayne, IN
 - ii. 9-10 athletes at each clinic (kids, adults, vets)
9. end of year budget planning
 - a. Amanda and Mike will get together and draft up next year's budget then to committee, then to board for approval
 - b. All committee members: come to the meeting next month with some ideas about budget for next year and justification for that budget
10. end of year meeting
 - a. we don't have enough money for in-person end of year meeting, so Keri will make other plans
11. budget update
 - a. Mike will follow up with Amanda and will get that info to us
12. open topics
 - a. Jason (handcycle)
 - i. within the tri 1 category, there's no stratification of injuries, and athletes perceive this to be unfair
 - ii. athletes with high spinal injuries are relatively uncompetitive
 - iii. wheelchair racing (olympic) is currently stratified, so athletes may be jumping ship from triathlon (not stratified) to wheelchair racing (stratified)
 - iv. somewhat of a moot discussion because we don't know what will happen with classification
 - v. Joan Murray and John Beasson are good people to plumb for info.