

Athlete Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
January 26th, 2011

Opening:

The regular meeting of the AAC was called to order at 7:00PM CST on Jan. 26th 2011 by Barrett Brandon, AAC chair.

Members on the Call:

Barrett Brandon-Chair, Steven Sexton, Victor Plata, Amanda Stephens, Dave Kuendig, and Jarrod Shoemaker

Absent: Greg Bennett

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

Committee Appointments:

These committee appointments were done at an in-person Board meeting in COS after the December 2010 call and before the January 2011 call and confirmed via email.

1. Victor Plata: Nominating and Governance Committee, Executive Committee, and the Bylaw Committee
2. Dave Kuendig: Audit Committee, Compensation Committee
3. Jarrod Shoemaker: International Relations Committee

D. New Business

1. Committee Appointments

a. EASC-Elite Athlete Selection Committee

1. Nominated to EASC: Amanda Stevens

2. Email to all elites who meet the criteria for additional volunteers

b. Hearing and Appeals Committee

1. Email to all elites who meet criteria for additional volunteers

2. Junior/U23 World Qualifying Events

a. These documents, submitted by the USAT HPD, in their current language, passed unanimously by the AAC.

3. Christian Hesch and Nicole LaSelle's request for elite Duathlon License without qualification.

a. The AAC has formed a 3-person panel consisting of 2 professional duathletes and the AAC chair, and will review their results and make a recommendation shortly.

4. 2011 World Championship Elite Qualification Document

The AAC approves the document and the qualifying criteria with the exception of the 2nd Long Course World's Triathlon Qualifier.

Here is the criteria the AAC proposes to select the qualifier:

1. The event must be "competitive".

We defined competitive as a race that has either a large prize purse, has been historically competitive, or has a large point value (assigned to each 70.3 WTC race). The WTC has assigned monetary and point values for all their 70.3 races

<http://ironmanpromembership.com/ironman-70-3-qualifying-information/> and this should provide a reasonable determination of quality of field for the 70.3 series. In some cases, events covered all of those bases. We felt that this will ensure a high quality of field and allow us to field our best team for LC Worlds.

2. The 2 events need to come from different race series.

There are only 3 possibilities: Tri-California (Wildflower), WTC, and REV-3

3. The 2 qualification events must be geographically diverse

i.e. If one is in California, then the other should be located far away. This is why we neglected to include Vineman 70.3 in our suggestion.

4. Time of Year

It needs to be contested within 3 months of race date or earlier.

5. The Course

It should simulate the worlds course: hills, water temp, etc...

*This was our rationale for picking the 4 alternate events we did. The AAC feels that the first qualifying race (Wildflower) **should not** be changed or offered to another race director. It fits every single one of the 5 criteria and it has been one of the deepest fields and longest running 70.3 distance races in the world.*

Here are the 4 recommendations for the 2nd qualifier based on the 5 criteria:

Ironman 70.3 US Championship-Texas

This event has the highest point value (1500) outside of 70.3 world champs, and has the largest prize purse (75,000USD) in US for 70.3 besides 70.3 world champs. It is held April 10, which is quite early in the season

Ironman 70.3 Kansas

This event has the next tier of point value (750) money (50,000USD) and is contested on a hot hilly course.

Ironman 70.3 Eagleman

This event has the next tier of point value (750) money (50,000USD), and is historically competitive. It is contested on a completely flat course.

Ironman 70.3 Muncie

This event has the next tier of point value (750) money (50,000USD), and is contested on a hot hilly course. The date is July 9, so the lateness may be an issue

After examining the race schedule and weighing the 5 criteria, these are the only races that matched all 5 (or very close) of the criteria. If USAT was to submit a RFP to race directors, the AAC feels it should be for these 4 races. The above analysis is by no means exhaustive, but was meant to give some background and context to our decision.

5. WCS suit design-

The AAC was tasked with selecting a suit design, per ITU standards, but was unable to come to a consensus as there was debate to the interpretation of the 2011 ITU uniform rules for WCS races. The issue was tabled until further clarification could be sought.

6. Minutes

- a. Minute recording/submitting duties will be shared by all AAC staff on an alphabetical rotating basis

7. Amendment to 2011 Elite Qualification Document

- a. The AAC board has passed a resolution (5-0) to have this language added to the 2011 Elite License Information Document (attached) under Section 6: Special Consideration. Please submit this for BOD approval:

Under Section 6: Special Consideration

"Any athlete that has finished top 10 and within 8% of the winner's time in the most recent ITU Triathlon World Championships in either the Junior or U/23 category."

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM CST by Barrett Brandon. The next general meeting will be at 7:00PM CST, on Tuesday February 22, 2011

Minutes submitted by:

Barrett Brandon