USAT paratriathlon committee meeting
03/18/13 minutes

1. Minutes
    a. Committee members should to get additions/corrections out within a week of minutes being sent
    b. There's a place on the USAT website where we can post our minutes to update monthly
    c. Mike points out minutes will be a good resource to direct questions to
    d. Mike moves that minutes from last month are suitable to publish
    e. Amanda has sent a template to make the minutes look more official

2. Sub-committees
    a. Meet and greet at Nationals
        i. Mike, Eric, Keri
        ii. Are already hard at work since nationals is fast-approaching
    b. Outreach and education - grassroots
        i. Eric, Ami, Kim, Deanna, Chris, Jason
        ii. Chris will step up and get things moving
    c. Development of USAT clubs
        i. Travis and Chris
        ii. Travis will step up and get things moving
    d. Regional paratriathlondevelopment grants
        i. Ami and Deanna
        ii. Ami will get things moving
    e. Para-friendly race applications
        i. Eric, Keri, Kim, Travis
    f. Sub-committee plans
        i. First draft due in April
        ii. Finalize in May
        iii. Mike reminded us that each sub-committee has a budget to work within

3. Austin updates
    a. Specific timeline of events from RD will be forthcoming
    b. Travel
        i. rooms are taken care of
        ii. Need to book your own flight. If cost is an issue, contact Amanda.

4. Regional updates
    a. Northeast - Amy
        i. Working on securing para-friendly race applications from RD's
        ii. Trying to find a race for regional championships
        iii. In process of legalizing adult training wheels for ITU
    b. Midatlantic – Deanna and Kim

i. Kim recently worked with wheelchair athletes at sportable
ii. Deanna recently worked with small group of ambulatory athletes at sportable
iii. Paratriathlon camp April 6 and 7 in Baltimore
iv. Paratriathlon camp June 6, 7, 8, 9 in Charlotte

c. Southeast – Mike
    i. Brad Smith is a wheeler and on regional council
        1. Has been hosting 1-2 rides per month in Atlanta area
        2. Is working on developing paratriathlon race series modeled after a club series race
        3. Is encouraging individuals to qualify for nationals

d. Florida
    i. Recent paratriathlon camp in Orlando had 9 athletes
        1. 3 days long
        2. Mixed reviews from attendees
        3. Possible trouble spots – some downtime between sessions and training areas were geographically dispersed
    ii. Regional championships March 23 in Clairmont. Hector is speaking with RD about paratriathlon-friendly race designation
    iii. Possible pre-Austin training camp in April.
    iv. Regional representatives will be representing paratriathlon at some expos in May and June

e. Mideast
    i. Recently had their 2nd annual one-day clinic
        1. indoor turf for ambulatories
        2. rollers for wheelies
        3. 33 athletes from kids – adults – vets
        4. seasoned to newbies
        5. Jason and Carlos coached
    ii. Chicago triathlon
        1. regional paratri championships
        2. kids, super sprint, sprint, oly
        3. sprint will be regional championships, but paratriathletes are welcome to race any race
    iii. Keri presented webinar recently for USAT on how and why to make races para-friendly

f. Midwest – Jason is traveling

g. Pacific NW – Chris
    i. Tyler Blackweather – contact on regional chair
    ii. Are working on paratri friendly race course design
    iii. Looking for regional championship

h. Rocky Mountain – Eric
    i. Paratriathlon liason is Jim Flint

i. Southwest - Travis
    i. Has a call with SW paratriathlon committee

5. Para-friendly race designation
    a. Push to get more races designated
    b. Benefit to RD is increased entry of able-bodied athletes

    c. Not required for regional championships this year but will be required next year
6. amanda is working on a camps website for this year
    a. tell amanda about your camp and she can add it
7. Open issues
    a. Paratriathlon camp website
        i. Amanda is working on publishing a website of paratriathlon camps this year
        ii. Make sure she knows about your events
    b. Committee participation
        i. Members need to participate
        ii. Tell Mike if you're too busy
    c. Conflict of interest forms
        i. All committees, regions, councils need to sign
        ii. Ask if you have questions about it ask eric
        iii. Just put down things you're involved in that could be a conflict
    d. Paratriathlon camp best practices book / info sheet
        i. Mike raised the question of should we take the time to develop and publish a set of best practices for paratriathlon camps
        ii. Information could be dispersed from committee to regional liasons to be put into practice within regions
        iii. Another route to go is develop recommendations for coaches, as camps are generally run by certified coaches
            1. Best practices could be incorporated into the coaching curriculum
            2. USAT is looking into making an additional coaching certification or CEU
            3. Currently some info about coaching paratriathletes in the level 1 curriculum but no classroom time
        iv. Regardless of the route we take, information on how to better coach paratriathletes is needed
        v. CEUs for coaches at paratriathlon camps
            1. In practice, not happening
            2. In theory, could happen
    e. Regional liasons
        i. Some concern that regional budgets are not being used
        ii. Could try to have more camps / clinics
        iii. Work with region to make sure that money is used
    f. San Diego ITU race
        i. USAT board meeting in San Diego open to public
        ii. 41 athletes racing
        iii. We can only see US athletes who are registered currently, but should be some from other countries (Canada, Brazil, Ireland have all reached out)
    g. Puerto Rico
        i. Governed by their federation, not USAT
        ii. Having a paratriathlon worlds for kids?
        iii. Would not be an official ITU race, but trying to align with ITU
        iv. Need to iron out classification process
    h. Next meeting April 29 at 8 pm EST (last Monday of the month)