

**Minutes**  
**USA Triathlon Board of Directors**  
**Teleconference**  
**February 3, 2014**

**Board Members Present:**

Barrett Brandon
Susan Haag
Jacqueline McCook
Vince O'Brien
Victor Plata
Steven Sexton
Barry Siff
Kevin Smeltzer
Kevin Sullivan
Jack Weiss
Bob Wendling, President
Mike Wien

Staff: Rob Urbach

Call to order at 8:02 p.m. EST

**Opening Remarks:** Wendling called the meeting to order and

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** (by Siff and seconded): To approve the 1/6/14 Teleconference Minutes. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report** – Weiss summarized the reports circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting.

**Office Update** – Urbach discussed staff changes, including Chuck Menke's promotion to CMO, other staff promotions, and the termination of an employee today; the drafting of safety initiatives to amplify the USAT shared responsibility document; the NCAA initiative success resulting in much more work for the staff; the planning for the super sprint series in San Diego and Las Vegas in conjunction with Interbike; a partnership with the Boy Scouts with respect to the Splash and Dash Series and with USA Swimming; a complex partnership with Lifetime and related IT issues; the USAT television shows 3 pilots in production; and sites for collegiate and age group nationals in 2015.

## **New Business**

**Drug Testing Task Force** – Siff discussed the Board’s presentation by the ITU and WTC representatives last year and whether there is a need to reform this task force. The current Chair of the Task Force assented to the reformation of the Task Force. Siff will investigate the status of the current Task Force and make recommendations to the Board at the next meeting concerning reforming the Task Force and developing a new charter.

**ITU Winter Triathlon** –Wendling reported on the ITU Winter Triathlon and ITU’s request to have a USAT representative in the new format ITU event in Canada. Urbach reported that no US athlete chose to attend the event although some initially expressed interest. Urbach will insure that a USAT representative will attend the event.

**Foundation Status Report** –Urbach reported 9 prospective trustees have been identified, he is waiting for a 10<sup>th</sup> before presenting candidates for the Board’s consideration, background information on 6 of the 9 has been assembled, and background on all Trustee candidates will be presented to the Board by the next meeting (but may be ready within the next few days). Adding diversity as an initiative for the Foundation and the need to have the Foundation Bylaws finalized and approved by the Board were also discussed.

## **Unfinished Business**

**Regional Supplemental Budget Request** – Smeltzer summarized the requests from the four regions requesting supplemental funding: MA, ME, PNW, and RM.

**Motion:** (by Weiss and seconded) to approve the supplemental incremental requests from those four regions with Siff’s friendly amendment to approve the requests from the following three Regions ME, PNW, and RM, and to request additional information regarding the purpose for which the money will be used (i.e. the specific amount requested, how it will be used, what the money will be spent on, and what the results of the new program will be) from the MA Region. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**2014 Board Schedule** – Wendling discussed the election timeline on the USAT website, and suggested the Board consider changing the March in person meeting to a telephone conference on March 3 and reschedule the in person meeting to April 4 - 6 in Tempe.

**Motion:** (by Siff and seconded) to change the March in person meeting to a telephone meeting on March 3 and reschedule the in person meeting to April 4 - 6 in Tempe. Approved by voice vote with one abstention.

**Motion:** (by Siff and seconded) to go into Executive Session. Approved by voice vote.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. EST and returned from Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

**Motion:** (by Weiss and seconded) to adjourn. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourned at 9:45 p.m. EST