

**Minutes**  
**USA Triathlon Board of Directors**  
**Teleconference**  
**March 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 8:01 p.m. EST

Haag joined the meeting at 8:03

Sexton joined the meeting at 8:05

**Opening Remarks:** Wendling called the meeting to order and commented on the election results expected Friday and a potential impact on the scheduled April meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** (by Weiss and seconded): To approve the 2/3/14 Teleconference Minutes. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report** – Weiss summarized the profit and loss and revenue reports circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting, including the fact that we are tracking slightly behind last year, but ahead of budget, and lower youth one days since this is the first year there was no spill over from the previous year.

**Office Update** – Urbach discussed the successful ITU Continental Cup race last weekend, Collegiate Nationals in Tempe next month, Foundation, NCAA summit meeting in Tempe, pilot

TV show, and Sharing the Win Bonus proposal – an Olympic bonus proposal for 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### **New Business**

**Rules Harmonization Status** – Siff referenced the recommendations he provided to the Board last week including a pilot program for 2014 non-CPSC stickered helmets to be evaluated at the end of the year.

**Motion:** (by McCook and seconded) to approve the Rules Harmonization Task Force's recommendation that the USAT Board of Directors approve USAT Staff allowing the below exemption in line with the 2014 "Elite Helmet Rule Pilot Program," as recommended by the Rules Harmonization Task Force.

*In addition to the US CPSC standard, Elite participants competing at Ironman, Ironman 70.3, or ITU events, may use a helmet with any one of the following approvals: Snell B-90, Snell B-95, ASTM 1447-12, CEN European Standard, Canadian Standards Association, Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand AS/NZS, and Japanese Industrial Standard JIS. The standard must be clearly labeled by the manufacturer as satisfying such standards. This would include a supplemental waiver, modeled after the one used in Kona.*

Brandon Friendly amendment accepted:

Substitute “*Elite athlete participants competing at Ironman, Ironman 70.3, ITU* or other selected events” for “*Elite participants competing at Ironman, Ironman 70.3, or ITU events*”

Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PATCO Events & Congress** – Wendling and Urbach informed the Board that a lot of planning is taking place including invitations to the PATCO Congress, and formulating a PATCO best practices symposium. The International Relations Committee has also been involved.

**Hall of Fame Update** – Siff stated the Hall of Fame nominees will be announced tomorrow. The Hall of Fame Committee's has several recommendations. Its immediate recommendation is to amend the rules to require that a male and a female age group competitor be selected for induction annually beginning next year. Currently, only one age group athlete is required, and in five years, no males have been selected. Also of note, 18% of inductees have been age groupers, 36% elites, and 46% contributors.

**Motion:** (by Siff and seconded) to amend the Hall of Fame selections policy to require that a male and a female age group competitor be selected for induction annually.

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Foundation Status Report** –Urbach referenced the 10 potential Foundation Board members and the Foundation Bylaw documents he circulated last week.

**Motion:** (by Weiss and seconded) to accept the 10 potential Foundation Board members and the Foundation Bylaws.

Motion withdrawn by Weiss.

**Motion:** (by Weiss and seconded) to approve the 10 potential Foundation Board members. Approved by unanimous voice vote. Friendly amendment to approve the 8 individual potential members and one of the two potential members that are married.

Roll Call Vote:

Barrett Brandon	A
Susan Haag	Y
Jacqueline McCook	Y
Vince O'Brien	Y
Victor Plata	A
Steven Sexton	Y
Barry Siff	Y
Kevin Smeltzer	Y
Kevin Sullivan	Y
Jack Weiss	Y
Mike Wien	Y

Motion passed Y- 9, N- 0, A - 2

**Drug Testing Task Force** – Siff reported that an additional athlete has been approved for the Task Force and requested Board input via email or otherwise regarding issues the Board would like the Task Force to address.

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

Adjourned at 9:54 p.m. EST