

April 3, 2007

Present: Chuck Graziano, Lee Zohlman, Rob Vigorito, Kirk Sträng, Sam Veraldi

Absent: Heidi ??, Rosayln Popham, Stephen Sutherland, Greg Grunner, Ruth Monnig, Shawna Gibson

I. Welcome

Chuck opened the meeting at 8:00 PM (EST) and welcomed the group.

II. Multi-sport Hall of Fame

The Age Group Commission (AGC) supports the formation of the USAT Multi-sport Hall of Fame.

A. AGC will provide the USAT Board with its recommendation on a basic structure of the Hall of Fame.

B. If the USAT Board approves the formation of the Hall of Fame, the AGC will provide recommendations on the following details including:

1. Classes of people to consider for induction into the Hall of Fame such as administrators,
coaches, athletes (elites and/or age groupers), race directors, etc.
2. Number of inductees per year
3. Criteria for selection
4. Location of the Hall of Fame
5. Hall of Fame Budget

Action: Rob will provide the AGC with the results of his due diligence on possible Hall of Fame structures.

III. AGC Website Maintenance and Updates

AGC will improve its website and provide timely updates for our constituents. The current site has been cumbersome to have updated.

A. AGC Website will contain the following information including:

1. Mission Statement
2. Commission members
3. Contact information
4. Meeting minutes
5. Meeting agendas
6. AGC decisions and recommendations

B. AGC will develop a budget for website maintenance and updates, explore the possibility of hiring a Webmaster, and request approval of the website budget from the USAT Board of Directors.

Action: Sam will contact USAT to gain access to making changes to the AGC's website and will start updating the website with the new information listed above.

IV. Rankings System

AGC agreed the age group athlete ranking system should be improved and a running status should be maintained throughout the year.

A. AGC will research why the current system can not provide a running tally of rankings, and make recommendations on what can be done to improve the system.

B. Rankings system should be designed to determine the Athletes' of the Year Awards. This information will provide raw data to be used to establish a "short list" of candidates in each division.

C. Possible solutions discussed included getting the Regions involved and narrowing the scope of events impacting rankings

Action: Chuck will manage this issue and discuss recommendations to improve the rankings system with the USAT Board of Directors.

V. AGC Conference Call Schedule for Remainder of 2007

AGC agreed the remaining meeting conference calls are scheduled for the first Tuesday of June, August, October and December. Inter-meeting issues will continue to be discussed through emails managed by Chuck. Teleconferences will begin at 8PM EDT, 7PM Central, 6PM Mountain, 5PM Pacific time.

VI. Publication Schedule for AGC Updates in Tri Life

Rosalyn previously volunteered to provide an AGC article for Tri Life on the Grant Program.

Action: Deadlines for submitting articles for upcoming publications will need to be obtained from Jason. Publication deadlines should be circulated among all AGC members so that items they are working on can be included in Tri Life in a timely manner.

VII. 2007 Agenda

AGC will focus on the Hall of Fame proposal, our website, rankings and Athletes of the Year process, grant program, and Tri Life updates.

VIII. Other Business

What are the rules that govern when pros switch to competing in multi-sport competitions as age groupers?

Action: Lee will research this issue and report his findings to AGC.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the teleconference was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Strang, Recorder for the meeting