

July 17, 2007

Present: Chuck Graziano, Kirk Sträng, Heidi Chadwick, Jeff Matlow, , Stephen Sutherland, Jennifer O'Day , Lee Zohlman

Absent: Rosayln Popham , Ruth Monnig, Shawna Gibson, Tom Manzi, Sam Veraldi and Rob Vigorito

I. Welcome

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

II. Multi-sport Hall of Fame Update

This discussion continued and progressed from the 5/22 call.

A. Steve wowed us all with a large amount of research on other Halls of fame and their criteria.

1) Pursued 10 different Halls of Fame for comparison

B. Identified four basic phases of the process

1) Establish criteria

2) Establish nominating process – recommended that this be wide open to membership, most probably online

3) Appoint and implement a selection process/committee

4) Announcement of results and induction ceremony

C. Discussed potential categories

1) Regular/veteran

2) Merit/USA/outstanding performance

3) Cannot emulate certain other sports who require retirement for consideration, since endurance athletes never retire

D. Discussed nomination timeframe , often a period in September for January induction

1) Next USAT board meeting is August 6th, 2007

2) Will finalize proposal by October USAT board meeting with approval and appointment of nominating committee

III. AGC Website Maintenance and Updates

A. Launch date approximately mid-August

B. Need contact info, bios, photos from most AGC members

C. Need help from AGC for content of website

IV. Athlete of the Year 2007-2008

A. AGC is responsible for this project

B. Will use rankings, raw data for starting point, as per Jen

C. 2007 Awards entire process has been completed

D. Process to change and streamline for 2008 due to more effective information gathering

E. Earlier target date

- F. Discussed when is most appropriate time to make announcement
- 1) USAT Congress (date TBA)
 - 2) Running USA (this has been used in the past) date late January 2008
 - 3) National championship

V. Expert Wave and Rankings

- A. Currently is in place and is available if requested by Race Director
- 1) Experts are ranked as if in a stand alone event
 - 2) Approximately 30 races are currently implementing this system in the USA
- B. Chuck will re-send detailed info on ranking system to AGC members
- C. There has been a slight change in system to increase accuracy.

VI. Duathlon World Championships

- A. Board met last night to finalize this topic.
- B. Upshot was to spread championships evenly across the calendar and region.
- C. Board will use certified race Directors but not to the detriment of the event.
- D. All Race Directors will be encouraged to become certified.

VII. Nationals Race

- A. Recent event went smoothly, hope to enlarge in future
- B. Participants enjoyed community atmosphere, similar to Ironman
- C. Course and race were executed professionally
- D. This year's venue may have compared unfavorably to last years'
- 1) Less gala atmosphere
 - 2) Less signage
 - 3) Longer waiting time to register – this was due to photography

VIII. Town Hall Meeting

- A. Goal to increase promotion of this event
- B. Spend time in meeting more effectively
1. Time meeting before race not after to foster more broad scoped constructive dialogue
as opposed to race critique
 2. Possible timing would be to do this during congress

IX. Next Call

Next conference call will be Tuesday July 31, 8 PM (see email).

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the teleconference was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Chadwick, Recorder for the meeting

