

**Minutes of the Age Group Committee Meeting
March 11, 2008**

- I. Members on the Call:** Chuck Graziano, Chair, Jennifer O'Day, Staff, Steve Sutherland, Lee Zohlman

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM

- II. AGC Member Participation:** In consideration of the number of people on tonight's call, a policy for the AGC will be considered to ask anyone who will not be on the call to let everyone know, by "replying to all" when the reminder comes out, and further, that any member who can not make at least 67% of the calls (about 4 calls per year) should consider withdrawing from the AGC. Chuck will check with our Board Liaison to be sure that the Board will support this policy.

- III. Hall of Fame Status:** The Selection Committee has been populated and is tentatively scheduled to have their first call next week to begin to set up procedures. In the meanwhile, Chuck is writing a brief article announcing the activation of the Hall of Fame so that we can meet the deadline of getting into Tri Life Magazine. The deadline for receiving nominations will be May 31st.

- IV. Athlete of the Year Status:** All award recipients have been notified. We need to order awards from vendor recommended by National Office. Jen will check on whether we will order directly, or if staff will handle. Next item is to figure out what we're going to do relative to the presentation program at Congress in September.

In order to simplify the process in coming years, Jen suggested that we start with raw data provided from the National Rankings and have Jerry MacNeil serve as our consultant to help overlay some subjective information on the rankings to determine the truly best athlete to receive the award. A small group from the AGC will serve on a committee to review the recommendations that are made and vote on the final presentations. Deadline for starting the process this year will be November 19th.

- V. Web Site:** The AGC web site is up. The URL is www.usatagc.org. Jen will check with Jason to see if the link has been established yet from the USAT main web site. In searching the site during the call, it did not appear that the link has been established yet.

- VI. Youth Memberships:** Jen reported that a resolution is being drafted to change the youth membership fees (currently \$5.00 for those 17 and under) to \$10.00 for those 15 and under. There would also be a regular adult membership available on line to those between 16 and 24 available at \$25.00 per year.

Those over 65 would also be eligible for a \$25.00 membership.

Chuck asked if members of Team in Training could have an easy mechanism to convert their one-day membership to an annual membership and take advantage of the credit for the one-day membership paid for by Team in Training. Jen indicated that there are a number of ways to do this. It appears to be an informational issue for Team in Training to get this information out to its participants.

- VII. ID at Races:** Steve Sutherland has heard comments from athletes about why they are required to bring their identifications plus membership cards with them to races, when they've already provided their membership numbers when registering for the race. Jen explained that the Race Directors, for technological reasons, did not currently have access to the information needed to verify memberships, but that they would have that capability shortly.
- VIII. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next regularly scheduled conference call will be held on May 13th at 8:00 EDT.