

May 22, 2007

Present: Chuck Graziano,, Rob Vigorito, Kirk Sträng, Heidi Chadwick, Jeff Matlow, , Stephen Sutherland, John Hunnicutt

Absent: Rosayln Popham , Ruth Monnig, Shawna Gibson Tom Manzi, Sam Veraldi Jennifer O'Day and Lee Zohlman

I. Welcome

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

II. Multi-sport Hall of Fame

This discussion continued and progressed from the 4/3 call.

A. Chuck mentioned that Judge Michael Jones concurs that USAT should create a Hall of Fame and has provided input. Rob Vigorito reported on where we are at this point:

- 1 . Sport has a 27 year history
2. Many individuals have had a huge impact in the development and promulgation of Triathlon and deserve recognition.
3. The first induction may need to be larger than 1 per year, due to the large number of worthy recipients.

B. Developing ideas for selection format.

C. Hope to debut this concept at the January 2008 Congress. This would necessitate finalizing plan and committee by July 2007.

D. USAT Board, who will not meet physically again til October, will discuss this in their next conference call.

1. Need to create mission statement for honoring.
2. Need to clarify who is eligible to nominate (member? Race director? Board member?) .
3. Need to clarify size of nomination committee.

a) original size , 3 members, may be too small to accurately reflect the needs of 93,000 USAT members.

E. Will review guidelines from swimming, cycling, and track Hall of Fames.

F. Hope to create a physical wall space in USAT headquarters to showcase plaques.

Action: Chuck will develop timeline for Hall of Fame. Exploration Committee has been formed which includes Judge Jones, Mike Greer, Rob Vigorito, Chuck Graziano, Steve Sutherland, and Tim Yount. Rob Vigorito will work with Tim Yount to get framework used by USA Cycling, USA Swimming and USA Track and Field.

III. AGC Website Maintenance and Updates

A. A URL has been reserved for the use of the AGC. The website is currently

under construction.

The URL is USATAGC.ORG

- B. Ruth Monnig has volunteered to write for the website.
- C. Chuck would like contact info from AGC members for the website (see email)
- D. Website will include link to USAT discussion board which is currently underused.

IV. Rankings System

Expert vs open ranking needs to be examined. Rob Vigorito mentioned that those racing in an Expert Wave (where provided) were having their results included for the annual rankings. Chuck stated that if that was so, it is contrary to the rankings system and formula that was revised by the AGC about 3 years ago. Chuck will check with Jen O'Day to see if such a change was made without the AGC being aware of it.

V. Grant Program

Program was originally written by Chuck.

- A. Geared to providing education on rules and racing safety.
- B. Maximum amount is \$300
- C. Requests must be safety related, including coaches, travel to clinics, or creating awareness of safety rules of Triathlon.
- D. AGC hopes to increase application in future years with a clarified application form and inclusion on website.
 - 1) Application needs to request where money would go, and how it will relate to rules and safety.
 - 2) Lee Zohlman will be asked to work on the application form that was developed by he and another AGC Member about 2 or 3 years ago. The application will be made available on the AGC website.

VI. Senior Task Force Report

- A. Chuck reported that John Hunnicut, a new AGC member has volunteered to be the Chair of the Senior Task Force, which is a subcommittee of the AGC, previously chaired by Ken Whitney.
- B. Set goal to analyze Age groups, especially older age groups, allowing for degradation of performance.
- C. All present on the call agreed with continuing 5 year spacing up to age 80.
- D. Suggestion of creating a Masters' Expert or Pro division was met with enthusiasm in the interest of keeping great players in the sport. .

VII. Next Call

Next conference call will be Tuesday July 3, 8 PM (see email).

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the teleconference was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi Chadwick, Recorder for the meeting