

AEC Conference Call July 19, 2009

Attendees:

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| Karen Krsak | Kevin Lucas | Pat Pretty | Ruth White |
| Linda Bommicino | Andy Martin | Alan Roth | |
| Katherine Branch | Richard Messenger | Harry Simonis | |
| Val Foss | Patty Petesch | Steve Vaitones | |

Conference call began at 8:03 pm ET.

Association Workshop – Executive Committee meeting on Friday will begin at noon and go to 5pm. Karen will send out an agenda in the next week. If there is anything you'd like added, please let Karen know. We also need to review our Operating Procedures and make necessary changes and have them posted to the website.

Birth Verification Question – Val had a case where a youth athlete was told by the Eugene Organizing Committee that his birth certificate would not be accepted in Eugene, even though Val had already verified it. He had been informed that if he did not have his birth certificate in hand, he would not receive his packet. Andy stated that he believed that the question came from his office, as opposed to the LOC as they did go through the process of contacting athletes. Val will send the specifics to Andy and he will check into this further.

Sanctions Task Force – Andy and the task force met a few times and have gathered questions to put together for a questionnaire in an attempt to get a more global picture of what's going on. The variance in the local Association's fees has become an issue and we need to attempt to come to some sort of standard. We will follow-up with any Association that does not provide answers to the questionnaire. A major concern is where Association's are charging more than the National fee. Hopefully, the questionnaire will be out some time in August. The task force will have a report in time for the Workshop. Kevin questioned why we just don't look at the problem Associations instead of going to all Associations. Steve pointed out that this has never been done in the lifetime of USATF. There seems to be different fees in almost all Associations. Trying to deal with this individually has not worked in the past. There needs to be a national policy in place so they can do something about it. Andy said there will probably be a range of fees depending on what programs each Association provides to their membership.

Membership Transfers – About 3 or 4 years ago a new provision was put in Reg 7 about how many athletes in any one club could reside outside of the Association. Each National Championship would need to create their own rules. LDR, the Club Council and Youth have each instituted a rule. Not all Associations want to deal with this, and some have put up 'iron walls' and will not allow anyone to transfer out. Rather than letting different criteria determine whether or not to allow an athlete to transfer, Andy would like to see a National committee of maybe 5 to 7 people to make these decisions. Something needs to be done within the next week as far as language since L&L amendments must be in soon. Andy will get with Scott Erwin to get something composed.

Member Benefits – Katherine reported that she has had no feedback to date. Andy will set up a call with Karen and Lamont to discuss this situation. Katherine is in hold mode until we find out where we are going. Andy told us that we hit a membership milestone of over 92,000 members.

Association Workshop – all the sessions are nailed down, with just some facilitators and presenters needing to be contacted. The agenda is already posted and the on-line registration is open.

Association Grants – we had approximately \$23,000 in requests, about the same as last year.

Stretch Study – now has enough participants – 2,729 and about 1700 reports. No new registrations are being accepted. The results are being worked on now – injury rate for stretchers vs. non stretchers, etc.

There will be no call in June. The next meeting is Workshop!

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Secretary