

AEC Conference Call September 27, 2009

Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Pam Fales	Ron Mascarenas	Alan Roth
Willie Banks	Val Foss	Richard Messenger	Steve Vaitones
Linda Bommicino	Ed Koch	Pat Pretty	Ruth White
Jackie Callendar	Andy Martin	Bill Roe	

Conference call began at 8:06 pm ET.

L&L Package – Bill reported that the Volunteer Council's strategy is to streamline our by-laws by eliminating all the unnecessary things are currently included. Therefore, L&L is moving everything that is not mandatory or important enough to require a 2/3 vote out of the by-laws and into the Regulations. The revised package has pretty much what we asked for pertaining to the Associations. Karen is confident that Scott will ensure that our submissions are included. Ed asked if we should put something on the listserve since we haven't had any discussions since the Workshop. Just a synopsis of the changes; maybe a discussion of the difference between by-laws and operating regulations. Bill suggested the consultant to the new board on strategic planning, who has a good grasp of what needed to be in by-laws and why. An outsider's perspective might be clearer for those of us who are so close to it. The changes discussed at the Workshop are in the package. When the package becomes available, it will be published on the website.

Associations Operating Procedures - We have only had one revision to the Associations Operating Procedures since 2002. We will need to overhaul them this year and wants everyone to review them before the Annual Meeting so we are prepared. Steve feels the Sports Committees should be reviewing their procedures, as well as the local Associations by-laws. Andy said the by-law review group talked about doing a comprehensive review of all Associations by-laws. Andy found one case where an Association had gone 'backwards' and taken out some of the language that had been approved with Reg 15. Karen is in favor of a universal by-law and then making exceptions based on the states or locality that the Association resides in. Ed said this could be mandated to the degree that USATF wants to and would need to be voted on by the group. Andy suggested he and Karen should get with Scott and Lamont to see what could be done.

Workshop Comments – Steve thought the session with Doug and Stephanie was pretty good. He liked the presentation that was made, the big picture, and he left feeling positive. Ed thought the right Board members were there to speak to the group. In general, the Board came up with language that was inclusive and looked at both ends of the court. It will take time for people to feel entirely comfortable with the new board since it was picked in a way that we are not used to. Ed thought the session was necessary, but too long and was well received and did quiet some of the concerns people had. Ruth feels the Workshop is now a mini convention, which is good – it covers a lot of territory. Ed thinks will need more break out sessions in the future and Bill agreed. Everything should be scheduled twice so that people have the opportunity to attend all the sessions they want to. We also decided it would be a good idea to have a 'first-timers' badge and Andy said he would look into it.

Communications - Jesse has resigned as Communications Chair, so Karen is building a job description for that position. Karen will send it to Andy and Sherry for their input as well. Alan suggested that there be other people on the committee to share the workload.

Annual Meeting – the AEC meeting will be on Wednesday from 12:00 to 5:00. Karen has also asked for a membership and sanctions session, preferably both, but if there can be only one, it should be sanctions. Andy has plans already for an hour and a half meeting with Mike Price for Risk Management. Karen has also asked for the Zone Meetings to be on Thursday after the opening session. Karen will send out the full schedule as soon as everything is confirmed. Karen asked that any ideas and suggestions for the meetings be sent to her.

Level 1 Coaches Ed – Steve reported that New England held a Level 1 in July and the school went well. Steve had good conversations with Dave and some back and forth with Boo and Steve said it was the best discussion he has ever had with anyone about Coaches Ed. Steve feels it's going in the right direction as they are more cognizant about what's going on at the Association level. Karen said the Youth Exec Committee would be discussing doing Level 2 on their own. Steve feels if there is something advanced just for youth, it should be called something other than Level 2. Bill thinks that there are some areas in Level 2 that are very valuable and

should not be lost from the curriculum. Bill mentioned that Doug wants Coaches Ed to be a certification program. Right now we call it a school, because we are not representing that a coach has a better set of qualifications because they went through our school. What Doug wants is a way to actually certify a coach through a program that we, as the NGB, put on. The program must have some meat so that the high school federation, the NCAA, for example, could require coaches to have the certification in order to do the job. The real acceptance issue is whether there is an organization that requires our certification program for a coach to do something professionally.

Truck – Karen asked Andy for a schedule for where the truck will be this fall. Andy will check and let us know.

Associations Wholesale Store – Val didn't realize that there was one until she needed a tablecloth and talked to Ashley. Andy thinks it would be to everyone's benefit to go to the Associations Resource Center to see what's out there. Bill suggested we put it on the listserve.

Association Issues – Two issues; one has been resolved and the other needs to be handled in the South Zone to start with. Jackie and Linda will get together and inform Karen and Andy of what was decided.

Board Meeting – Willy reported that there will be a board meeting on October 9-11 and he will bring up some of the things we talked about on the call. Willie will be on our next call to tell us what happened at the Board meeting.

The next meeting is Oct. 25, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Secretary