

AEC Conference Call September 29, 2013

Attendees:

Karen Krsak
Marlene Atwood
Willie Banks
Linda Bommicino

Katherine Branch
Jackie Callendar
Scott Erwin
Val Foss

Maria Johnson
Ed Koch
Jim McKee
Herb Nichols

Patty Petesch
Pat Pretty
Alan Roth
Steve Vaitones

Conference call began at 8:05 pm ET.

Maria Johnson – Karen introduced Maria, our representative to the Sports Medicine and Science Committee. Maria will be at their committee meeting at the Annual Meeting, so if you have any questions for the committee, please let Maria know.

Regional Reps – Jackie talked about best practices and helping with Plans for Improvement in his Region. He also said that there is little support for on-line voting among his Associations. Jackie is holding meetings with his Associations and was hoping to have Desiree on the call, but she was not able to attend.

On-line Voting – New England put this in for discussion. They had people who wanted to vote at last year's meeting, but did not want to attend. This year they had much fewer people attend, but they did not hear about people who only wanted to vote and not attend. This year the elections were only for Committees, not officers. Steve thinks this should be tabled and worked on further. Karen said on-line voting would only be an option to the voting choices. Scott reported that L&L met and discussed it and there are concerns. The committee will continue this discussion at the Annual Meeting. Pacific has already implemented on-line voting and has a secure procedure. They have been doing it for 3 years or so. Steve will summarize his thoughts and send an email to the committee.

Championships – Karen feels there is not good clarity around the Championship accreditation criteria. Herb feels the big problem is that there are 9 LDR races. Ed said the number 21 is probably what scares some people. If you go back and look at the Task Force report, it does state you can do 21 championships in as few as 5 events by combining them. Going from the smaller number to the 21 should not be that difficult if the Association plans ahead. These new requirements are in effect for 2013. In the future, additional criteria may be added to this accreditation category.

Annual Meeting – registration is open and this year it is going through Simply Register. Steve reported that one of his members registered and had to pay an on-line service charge. The fee is now \$175, plus \$3.72 for the convenience of doing it on line. This fee should be rolled into the registration fee; National should be paying for it. As Steve understands it, there was no pre-warning about this fee. Karen intends to have a discussion with Desiree or Renee this week about this.

Ten-Year/International Athlete List – the lists are inaccurate, at best. Some had youth athletes on the list. This should be rewritten in the Governance Manual. Sometimes these athletes commit to being a delegate and then never show up. John Drummond is on board with getting a change.

Sanctions – National would like to make this process paperless right away. This should be transitioned, just like we did when we implemented on-line memberships. It took several years before the on-line membership process was totally on-line.

Grievances – when there are disputes that are not moving forward, new procedures need to be implemented. Right now there is nothing in the Accreditation process that deals with this, but there is a proposal in for Reg 7 that will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Governance Manual - Karen reported that there is talk of a major rewrite of the Governance Manual. She will try to get more information on this before the Annual Meeting. There seems to be questions as to whether everything in the current manual is necessary, and whether or not we are missing some things that are necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm. The next meeting is Sunday, October 20, 2013.

Submitted by
Linda Bommicino, Secretary