

## AEC Conference Call June 30, 2013

### Attendees:

Karen Krsak	Desiree Friedman	Herb Nichols	Monique White
Linda Bommicino	Mike Hinz	Pat Pretty	Dave Shrock
Katherine Branch	Ed Koch	Bill Roe	Pam Fales
Jackie Callendar	Don Lawrence	Steve Vaitones	Mike Carr
Tom Confer	Jim McKee	Ruth White	
Val Foss	Richard Messenger	Randy Hopkins	

Conference call began at 8:03 pm ET.

Karen reported that Sherry Quack no longer works for USATF. We can voice concerns over procedures and processes that occur. We cannot, however, spend an hour asking 'why'. We can express our concerns. Karen talked to Desiree and Stephanie and a formal communication will be coming out on 7/1. We will probably hear from people who did not know and if we have any concerns or questions, just send an email to Desiree and cc Karen. Desiree reiterated that they will continue to do everything they have always done for the Associations. Jackie expressed concerned because Sherry was one of the few people at the National Office who actually answered her phone and got back to you if she didn't know the answer right away. Herb asked if we needed to readdress any items that are pending and Desiree said to send her an email. It was stated that the position that Sherry held has been eliminated. If her position has been eliminated, how will her work be divided up? Desiree will handle everything that Sherry was doing for the time being.

Karen acknowledged the four new at-large members, three of whom were on the call.

Association Grant Program - An email will go out directing the Associations to the Association Resource Center so they can view the webinar on grant writing. Please provide feedback.

Regional Championships – Marlene has only received one report back and is waiting for feedback on a survey that was sent to the Meet Directors. Marlene introduced the new East Region Rep, Don Lawrence. Don is President of the Adirondack Association and thanked us for welcoming him. Don reported that the East Region meet actually turned a profit. Tom Confer reported a good turnout and their meet went very well. Mike had to cancel his meet due to low numbers.

Accreditation Standards – Ed reported that the Association Statistics were completed for both the old and the new standards. The Accreditation Subcommittee had its first conference call this past week and will have more before the workshop. A number of Associations were asked to give Plans For Improvements and they are still missing one. 10 Associations met the new standards without a problem. 20 or so did not meet the new standards but did meet the old. Another 20 or so did not meet either the old or the new standards.

Running Journal Partnership – our relationship with Running Journal and other publications will be continued, focusing mainly around a web presence.

Background Screenings - Youth Coaches who are not yet 18 are not able to get a background check through TC LogiQ. Desiree checked on this and found that there is an understanding that they should be 18, voting age. But since we have 16 and 17 year old coaches, the Legal Dept is looking into this and Desiree will get back to us with an answer. Discussion ensued regarding athletes having inappropriate relationships with other athletes.

Online Membership Issues - Desiree reported on a problem between our membership database and the Coach-O system. They had to change a lot of things on the Coach-O side to make our side work. Herb pointed out that this is not new and it has happened for the last few years. Desiree stated it is a top priority for them to get it fixed once and for all.

Logo use agreement states that any printing of letterheads and business cards must be done through the National Office. Steve commented that the prices are very expensive and the paper quality is not acceptable. Bill said

part of the issue was local printers were not getting the colors and fonts right. Desiree will look into this, as well. We also discussed what to do about Associations who abuse the logo use agreement.

Association Communications updates – Associations are invited to call in to a conference call the first and third Friday of the month.

Sanctions will be entirely paperless on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. While this is not a problem for all, it will be for others. It was felt this is not enough time.

This year's Workshop will be different than any previous one. We will do work; talk about by-laws and how to write them; grants and how to write them. We will have forums and discussions, so look at the agenda. Regions will be meeting up front, on Saturday morning. Webmasters will be able to sit down and have their questions answered.

Get with Scot if you have any L&L changes to submit this year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting is Sunday, July 28, 2013.

Submitted by  
Linda Bommicino, Secretary