AEC Conference Call October 2, 2011

Attendees:

Karen Krsak Jackie Callender Mike Hinz Alan Roth
Marlene Atwood Tom Confer Andy Martin Steve Viatones
Linda Bommicino Pam Fales Jim McKee Sherry Quack
Katherine Branch Val Foss Clif McKenzie

Conference call began at 8:05 pm ET.

Communications Committee – Jim wrote up a procedure on how to scan with the barcode scanner. It is a simple process that is on one sheet and Jim can probably show people how to do it as easy as give them the directions. Karen doesn't think we will be able to purchase scanners this year. The Board is adamant about having larger first names on the badges, so Sherry is trying to figure out how to fit that and a bar code on the front. The Officials and Associations committees already have scanners, and Jim has a second one he will bring with him for another committee's use.

Workshop Wrap-up –Sherry reported that we have 68 total responses to the survey and has sent them to Karen. Andy suggested we send out another request for responses.

Sanctions Taskforce – met at the Workshop and focused in on two main areas. Trying to come to some degree of standard fees, but when looking at the varying discounts, it ranged from \$0 to \$1,500 for member clubs. The taskforce decided to have the Associations Committee come to an agreement at the Annual Meeting. The second area discussed was at what point were Associations just charging too much. There were some that had the same fee for any sanction. Other Associations local percentage of the National fee was too high and the group decided that an Association could not charge more than 50% of the National fee. Once the fees are all solidified, they can fit it into on-line sanction system. Andy stated that he is in the process of composing a memo regarding 'mud runs' and 'adventure runs' advising that we will not sanction those events. These events can have a lot of injuries associated with them.

National Communications vendors – Sherry reported that she has received about 60% of the Associations responses for a person to be identified to work with the new vendor. We already have about 7 or 8 Associations who Jason is working with to bring their websites under the USATF website.

Organizational Services Committee – We discussed what the Associations Committee can do to help the Accreditation Committee with their tasks. Andy will look at recirculating a document that was sent out a few years ago. Plans in the past have been so vague, so the Regional Reps can step in and give suggestions on actions that were taken in other associations. The majority of the Associations only have to update their previously submitted plans. Only a few new Plans for Improvement have been requested.

Associations Manual – Andy has some people working on reviewing the chapters from a legal standpoint. The Annual Meeting is the new projected deadline.

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Grievance Coordinator item for L&L – Karen has asked Scott to put a placeholder in L&L for a Grievance Coordinator. Pam said she heard a rumor that it did not go over too well with the L&L Committee, and that there was another proposal to eliminate the Regional committee. Karen will talk with Judge Murphy.

AEC Agenda Item for Annual Meeting – if you have something you want on the agenda, please send to Karen because she will start working on that next. Andy said the Legal Dept wants to do a Risk Management session. Steve suggested a session on developing competition. Something is really missing. The numbers in track and field meets are shrinking, yet track used to be the largest participation sport in high schools and colleges. As a committee, we need to discuss and talk about competition. There's negativity toward competition that's growing. We're going to lose a lot of our purpose if our sport just becomes a big fun run. Andy thinks the numbers of serious recreational runners are not out there anymore. Our reality is how to get those serious recreational runners to become a little more competitive. Some sort of round table discussion on how to make good competitive programs would be helpful.

Membership – we offered the discounted year-end membership again this year in an attempt to try to get new members. In 2008, 1149; 2009, 1716, 2010, 1875; 2011, 2300 joined in the time period of the end of August to Oct 2.

AEC meeting during the National Convention will be Thursday, Dec 1st between 1 and 3:50.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. Our next meeting will be at the National Meeting in St. Louis.

Submitted by Linda Bommicino, Secretary

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