

Meeting called to order 10:29 am.

Attendance: Irene Herman, association Vice President and Membership Committee Chair, Tony Coffey, Aggies; Bill Dodson, ultra chair, Mark Winitz, LDR Officials Coordinator; Don Porteous, XC co-chair, Tamalpa; Tom Bernhard, men's LDR chair, Frank Ruona, Tamalpa; Bob Shor, Empire; George Rehmet, Para Athletics Chair, Allan Stanbridge, Excelsior; Phillip Reid, Aggies

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

MUT: Bill Dodson – committee working on travel criteria for World Champs ADP (how to allocate funds for training or already qualified).

New WCs – 100K, Doha, Qatar, 11/28; 24hr, Soochel, Taiwan, Dec.

Bill & Hollis are in communication with Jon Olsen and Suzanne Bon whether they will do either or both.

Cross Country: The 2013 Cross Country Grand Prix was discussed. The discussion is shown below under "2014 Cross Country Grand Prix."

Sponsorship/Fundraising: No report

Physically Challenged Athletes: George Rehmet – athletes will be comped by race. Humboldt Half will be on Physically Challenged circuit. Brisbane 5K may need to modify course for PC athletes.

2014 CROSS COUNTRY GRAND PRIX

Don Porteous – All 2014 bids are in. 2014 XC GP to have 11 races, reduced from 12 as RC Rebels and FF Sac consolidating (RCR taking over Ancil Hoffman meet). 2014 XC GP schedule change to allow more time between PA XC Champs and SV Turkey Trot to accommodate Open runners. Most XC GP races to keep pre-race reg. to \$15. All races to have pre-race reg. except GGP and Aggies Martinez. Frank R motioned for scheduled to be accepted, George R seconded – all voted in favor.

See Appendix A for 2014 Schedule

2014 ROAD GRAND PRIX:

Tom Bernhard –Brisbane & TherX 5K4Play 5ks will both be on Saturdays.

VOLUNTEERS:

XC Co-chair Sarah Broyles is moving to TX, position open. Chair asked Don P to write position description which Tom will then post on PA site.

LDR BANQUET:

As no PA club was willing to host so Irene Herman stepped-up and secured a venue. LDR Committee hosted Banquet at Henry's Hunan, 924 Sansome Street, SF. The Assn. turned a profit of approx. \$200. 83 awards given out.

LDR BUDGET: No discussion

RULES CHANGES

Tony Coffee's proposed change from the GGP 2013 meeting was discussed further.

All runners are scored in true age groups, though teams can declare runners into different age groups in advance by notice to scorer. Could give standing instructions for given runner or age group. Automatic drop downs currently incorporated in the late scoresheet submission rules are included. Teams must submit list of all runners in each race by following Wednesday.

Tony's rational - get away from the "manipulation" of the results. The desire is to determine the results on race day, but also have the flexibility to allow runner to drop down. A team can provide standing drop down order for particular runners but results still reported on Wednesday after the race.

Frank Rouna - Tamalpa has a difficult time having runners obtain USATF cards

Clarification: as an example – a team has 8 40+ runners. The top 5 will score for 40+ team and the slowest 3 will automatically drop down unless runners were declared ahead. Older division to have priority.

Allan Stanbridge – Excelsior tries to organize via Yahoo & email but still has a problem trying to determine who is running.

Don Porteous – said his teams don't know who is running

Mark Winitz – in XC it makes sense to do it.

Tom Bernhard – i.e. Iain Mickle as a standing 40+ runner instead of a 50+

Frank Rouna – what if a club has multiple incomplete teams? The suggestion is to move excess runners in a division down to the next lower division, i.e. 50+ to 40+. There is still a problem with not knowing who shows up.

Tom Bernhard asked for a vote on Tony's concept.

Mark Winitz – lets vote on Tony's concept and work out the details later if approved.

Vote: 2 in favor; 6 opposed; 1 abstention. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

Protests/Appeals:

Phillip Reid presented his appeal to the ruling that he was not eligible to score for the Aggies at the NorCal 10 Mile race because he obtained his 2014 USATF membership after the race concluded.

Tom Bernhard – Phillip obtained his membership at 4:00PM the day of the NorCal 10 Mile race (the race started at 10:00AM). Membership decisions with regard to USATF Regulation 3 are normally made by the PA Membership Chair (Irene Herman) and are not handled by the LDR Committee.

Phillip Reid – it was an oversight and would not affect Aggies team score, but will displace some team members.

Mark Winitz – suggest we get an interpretation from USATF national office.

Editors Note: The USATF national office agreed to grant Phillip his appeal based on the fact his USATF membership status was unchanged from 2013 to 2014.

AADP:

Tom Bernhard proposed the AADP (Assn. Athlete Development Program) athlete selection criteria for the 2014 PA Road GP be the same as 2013 (top M/F Purdy-Gardner scores. For the Long Series the eligible races would be: NorCal 10 Mile, ATB 12K and SACTOWN Ten Mile. For the Short Series the eligible races would be: Brisbane Health and Wellness 5K, TherX 5K4Play and the MMD 10K. The selected athletes would receive a \$250 grant for participating in a national championship road race. The eligible national champion races would be:

Short Series:

USA 10 km Championships (Peachtree), Atlanta GA, 7/4/2014

USA 5 km Championships (CVS), Providence RI, 9/21/2014

Long Series:

USA 7 Mile Championships (BIX 7), Davenport IA, 7/26/2014

USA 20 km Championships, New Haven CT, 9/1/2014

USA Marathon Championships (Twin Cities), St. Paul MN, 10/5/2014

The M/F athletes with the highest Purdy-Gardner scores will be the first to be offered the grant. If they decline the athletes with the next highest score will be offered the grant. The grant will only be offered to the top three athletes of each sex for each series.

Other New Business: From Mark Winitz

Club requirements to supply LDR Officials for the Road and XC GPs

Recap – a couple of years ago a requirement was put in place requiring clubs, based on their size, to have a minimum number of LDR officials among their membership. This requirement has not met the need for LDR officials who are actively working races. Propose to amend the requirement so that club member officials work a minimum number of PA LDR races.

Bob Shor asked – does LDR mean road & XC? Mark's response – LDR refers to road, XC, and Ultra.

Based on the size of the club, a minimum number of working officials would be provided. If a club did not meet its in a specific year, then they would be required to make up those officiating slots plus those required for that year or the club would be suspended from scoring in GP events.

Frank Rouna – Mark Winitz should evaluate PA member clubs to access the number of officials required.

Don Porteous – Asked that Mark to run the numbers to see how it affects each club.

Mark Winitz agreed.

No additional business

Meeting adjourned – 12:05PM. Next meeting, MMD 10K, 5/26/2014.

Submitted by Irene Herman, ad hoc LDR Secretary

Appendix A

2014 CROSS COUNTRY GRAND PRIX SCHEDULE

Aug. 16	14th Annual UC Santa Cruz XC Challenge
Aug. 23	4th Annual Rebels XC Challenge Sacramento
Sep. 07	29th Annual Golden Gate Park Open

Sep. 13 3rd Annual NorCal XC Challenge
Sep. 20 10th Annual Garin Park XC Challenge
Sep. 27 6th Annual Willow Hills XC Open
Oct. 04 16th Annual Presidio Challenge San
Oct. 12 19th Annual John Lawson Tamalpa Challenge
Oct. 25 17th Annual Aggies XC Open
Nov. 01 22nd Annual Phil Widener Empire Open
Nov. 16 29th Annual PA Cross Country