

Reach for a Star LDR Committee Meeting Minutes 3/22/2015

Meeting called to order 9:52 AM.

Attendance: Irene Herman, association Vice President and Membership Committee Chair, Bill Dodson, ultra co-chair, Don Porteous, XC co-chair, Tamalpa; Tom Bernhard, Men's LDR chair; Nelda Williams Impala RT; Nakia Baird, Excelsior RC; Richard Bolt, Excelsior RC; John Gieng, Pamakids; Jason Reed, Excelsior; Lisa Renteria, Wolfpack; Andy Chan, Pamakids; Brian Percell, Excelsior RC; Colin Alley, Pamakids; Erika Kikuchi, Excelsior RC; Mark Winitz, WVJS; Tony Coffee, ASICS Aggies; Tung Vu, Wolfpack; Krystal Buck, Wolfpack; Bob Shor, Empire Runners

10:00 Motion to approve 11/16/14 Meeting Minutes – approved by acclimation

XC Grand Prix:

Don P. reported on an increase in fees by some races. Chair reported on addition of an 8K heat for 60+ Men at Clubs National due to large field of Masters Men. PA XC GP schedule approved by acclimation.

Road GP:

SVTT – Mark W. reported that the LOC stated they cannot afford PA prize money. The race will continue to have an elite race with a prize purse of \$12,000. Mark will continue to work with LOC to reinstate PA championship. Chair discussed new Road GP races for 2015 – CCC 12K & Freedom Fest 5K. Both events are well established. Date changes: THERx 5K moved to 5/3/2015, to avoid conflict with Mother's Day. Xmas Relays moved to 12/19/2015 to allow teams to rest after Clubs National XC.

Don P. pointed out there is an open weekend with no race – Labor Day weekend. Richard B. asked who puts up prize money for road/XC races. Chair explained – the individual races put up the PA prize money, the value proposition being 125-200 runner increase in registration and increased prestige. Comped runner guidelines were also discussed. Chair also discussed the value of club participation (team competition) to PA membership numbers. Chair motioned that final 2015 PA Road GP schedule be approved. Jason Reed seconded. Approved by acclimation.

MUT Committee:

Tamalpa 50K (Diana Fitzpatrick, RD), 8/29, was awarded the bid for USATF 50K Trail Championship and will provide \$5000 in prize money. Race will not provide ½ price discount for PA members. Richard B asked for clarification. 100 mile trail races have not been providing discounts due to expenses. Flexibility is needed. Emphasize that most interested races to be in GP – runners can score in 7 of 21 races.

Motion: Keep schedule as is with the contingency that Tamalpa National Headlands 50K may be dropped from PA Ultra GP if ½ price discount cannot be offered. Have LDR Exec. Committee decide. Approved by acclimation.

LDR General:

Proposal that there be one “umbrella” LDR Guide consisting of 3 sections.

a. Common (road) section; b. XC Section; c. MUT section

Discussion on TG?:

Mark W. eligibility issue Rule 146. There is a grievance procedure – review by association and/or national office.

Formation of LDR Committee - Executive Committee

Chairs: Tom B., LDR Chair; Verity B., Women's LDR Chair; Lloyd S. Masters Chair; Don P, XC Chair; Bill D. & Hollis L., MUT Chairs; Mark W, Officials Coord.

Tom B. with the input of others will be responsible for the addition of 1 each: Open M/F and Masters athletes.

Rule 4.6 & 23

Motion to allow, as a permanent exception, Diana Fitzpatrick (officially a member of Impala RT) to run for Tamalpa in the PA Ultra GP. 9 in favor; 2 opposed

Mark W. – in order to score, larger clubs must supply certified officials. Clubs have complied but many officials are not actually working. New proposal: per required official, 1 road and 1 XC race must actually be worked per year. Approved by acclimation.

Meeting adjourned – 11:47 AM