

Registration Report October, 2010

- 1) **Club Safety Officer:** Several clubs have sent in non-athlete registrations for individuals whose only reason for registering is because they will be listed as the Club Safety Officer. Since USA-S has removed the requirement for clubs to list the CSO and because I didn't want to subject them to the extra expense of the criminal background check, I have refrained from entering those registrations at this point.

Action Item: Do we need/want to register individuals who only join USA-S because of the previous requirements for the Club Safety Officer?

- 2) **Non-Athlete Registrations:** I have renewed all of the registrations that I have received to date for officials. However, by direction of USA-S, I have not printed any 2011 membership cards but will do so as soon as I am given the go-ahead from them. I have informed anyone who has registered that this is the case.
- 3) **Address on non-athlete registration form:** I have not put the mailing address on the athlete registration forms posted on the website. This was done at the recommendation of the registration chair from another LSC and I believe is a good idea to keep athlete registrations coming through the teams rather than individual families. To be consistent, I have done the same with the non-athlete forms. The address of the Office is on the homepage of the website so I feel this is not an inconvenience once people get accustomed to looking for it there. If you want me to change this, I can and am willing to do so.
- 4) **Golden Goggle Awards:** I received a hand-written note from Mike Unger inviting us (at the price of \$10,000 a table) to the Awards which will be held on the East Coast this year. I also received a phone call yesterday offering us a "deal" if we would like to attend - we can get a table for \$6000.

Action Item: Does VSI want to purchase a table for 8 (cost \$6000) at the 2010 Golden Goggle Awards?

- 5) **Banquet Date and Location for 2011:** If we want to go back to the Koger Center next year for the Swimposium and Banquet, we have two choices: (a) change the weekend or (b) deal with the Pipe Smokers Convention. While there have been challenges dealing with the hotel we are using this year, the situation improved after I spoke with the Sr. Sales Agent. However, it is more costly than the Koger Center. I will also do a better job of organizing it in another year. The USA-S Convention is

scheduled for the same weekend next year (Sept. 14-18) and I do think it will be difficult to get information related to legislative changes compiled and ready for presentation any earlier than the first weekend in October. At this point, I think we should assess the service provided and costs of holding the event at the Hilton this year before making the decision as to location and date. However, I ask that we make the decision as soon as we have the information necessary to make an informed decision. Can we handle this by an email vote?

- 6) **Reimbursement for Athlete Travel:** Because several of the reimbursement letters have never made it to the athletes, I would like to change the process that we use. I would like to post the Request for Reimbursement Form on the website with an letter/memo explaining the process to be followed as well as the criteria for reimbursement. Athletes would then download the form, complete it, and send it in. Once I receive the request, I would then check to see if the swimmer qualifies for reimbursement and either send the info on to Bill or inform the swimmers that s/he doesn't meet the requirements.

Action Item: Approve putting Reimbursement Form for Athlete Travel on the website so that athletes initiate the process of requesting reimbursement. (Action on this item can be postponed until a later meeting desired.)

See Report for October HOD for additional items.