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USA Team Handball Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2010 at Palmer House Hilton, Chicago
12:00-1pm & 2:00-3:30pm

Attendees: Dieter Esch, Tomuke Ebuwei, Brad Krassner, Marilyn Gauthier (phone), Kerry Moeller (represented by Dan Wollman), David Thompson, Ralf Uhding, Jeff Utz, Heins Kart Pedersen, Steve Pastorino

Absent: *John West*

GUESTS: Greg Myers, April Garstin, Kathy Rex, David Gascon, Andrzej Krasnicki, *President of Polish Handball Federation*

Steve Pastorino opened meeting and welcomed board to Chicago, noting this was best-attended (in person) USATH board meeting ever.

BOD met in Executive Session to discuss financial matters related to Germany-Poland game, plus personnel issues.

Germany-Poland game: A formal summary of the game shall be delivered to the board following the game. Projections are for break-even, but with significant long-term value based upon new/enhanced relationships with European partners, Comcast SportsNet, sponsors, Polish community in Chicago, handball community across USA, and many other stakeholders.

Personnel decisions included:

- Approved hiring of April Garstin in SLC as Director Sponsorship & Business Development, effective immediately
- Approved change of Dan Bush to full-time (Membership & National Teams) in SLC
- Announced departure of Angie Webb
- USATH to assist AAC Reps in election of third Athlete Rep with election to take place within the next month.



Steve Pastorino then recapped federation activities since last board meeting:

- Dieter/Steve/Jeff/Greg/Ralf attended Lufthansa Final Four in Hamburg. Finalized discussions of POL-GER match. Visited Grundfos in Bjerringbro, Denmark and laid groundwork for SLC-Bjerringbro club partnership.
- Dieter / Ralf attended EHF Final Four in Cologne.
- Mariusz Wartalowicz/Dan Bush held USA Men's Regional Camp in Dormagen, Germany, with Mariusz serving as coach
- Mariusz/Dan hosted USA Men's Regional Camp in Chicago, coached by Darrick Heath.
- Kathy Rex took U14 team (from Colorado Springs & Salt Lake City) to Partille Cup Olympic Solidarity program and tournament
- College Nationals successfully completed in Myrtle Beach, SC
- High School Nationals successfully completed in Colorado Springs, CO
- Club National Championships concluded successfully in Las Vegas, NV
- Salt Lake Handball Club hosted Big Mountain Jam handball tournament & clinic

National Team Update

- Selection procedures for Coach and Players for Pan Am Games qualifier (men and women) vs Canada in January 2011 to be announced asap with deadline for coach selection of Aug. 1, 2010.
- USATH Board reiterated its unequivocal support of athletes currently training for National Teams (youth, junior & senior) while reiterating that funding is extremely limited.
 - o USATH will provide staff support, including creation and execution of selection procedures, federation relations (Canada, PATHF and IHF), referee scheduling and other logistics related to athlete and coach selection.

USA Team Handball has been invited by the Polish Handball Federation to hold its next board meeting on Sept. 27, 2010 in Warsaw, Poland. This shall be discussed internally, and is subject to Polish Handball Federation providing room & board for USA Board of Directors.

At 3pm, meeting was adjourned.