



# MINUTES

USA Team Handball Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010 at 10am (MT) at 2330 California Ave., Salt Lake City

PRESENT: Dieter Esch, Reggie Wilson (SnapSports), Jeff Utz, Steve Pastorino  
(secretary)

VIA PHONE: Marilyn Gauthier, David Thompson, Ralf Uhding, Heins Kart Pedersen  
Tomuke Ebuwei

ABSENT: John West

Steve Pastorino opened the meeting and presented the results of USOC Allocation, which was a 20% cut in funding from 2010 levels. This action is contrary to direction provided by USOC since 2008 that USATH was making substantial progress.

BOD voted unanimously to appeal funding and instructed Steve Pastorino to craft a letter to USOC for the appeal. BOD went into executive session to discuss other potential actions.

Two BOD terms (Ralf Uhding and John West) expire 12/31/10. BOD voted unanimously to:

- 1) Thank John West for his participation in the founding of USATH and seek a replacement
- 2) Thank Ralf Uhding for his participation and encourage him to seek a second term as the representative of the HBL (German Bundesliga)

Discussion continued regarding to addition of an additional athlete representative to ensure that USATH BOD meets USOC 20% rule for athlete participation. (USOC Lead Auditor Debra Yoshimura has agreed to manage this election on behalf of USATH.)

Steve Pastorino provided update on preparations for USA vs Canada series in late December in Lake Placid and Montreal. Dieter Esch and Jeff Utz indicated their intention to attend the LP match and represent BOD (David Thompson will participate as a rostered athlete). USOC Team Leader Wes Barnett is also expected to attend.

USATH staff was reduced to three full-time on Nov. 4, 2010 as a direct result of USOC funding cut. All staff let go are eligible for re-hire should circumstances/funding improve.

USATH is proceeding with plans to offer three National Championships in 2011:

- a. College Nationals at UNC, Air Force or Army (April)
- b. Elite & Open Nationals at Salt Lake City (May)
- c. High School Nationals in Barrington, IL (June)
- d. Formal contracts and announcements shall take place in January 2011.

USATH BOD shall reconvene immediately upon resolution of Allocation Appeal.

At 11:30am, the meeting was adjourned.