

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2003 at The College Club, 505 Madison St. in downtown Seattle. Park free in the College Club garage. Enter the garage off 5th, south of Madison. Optional dinner is from 6 to 7 p.m. in the excellent College Club lounge. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. For those of you who would like to get the minutes by e-mail, please tell me your e-mail address, or send an e-mail to boblang@wolffenet.com. If you no longer wish to receive this, please e-mail me or phone 206-433-8868 to be removed.

Minutes of the PNTF Board Meeting of April 21, 2003

President Bob Springer called the meeting to order at precisely 7:00 p.m. Also present were Lawrie Robertson, Derrek Berkompas, Gwen Robertson, Neal Stoddard, Carole Langenbach, Darlene Hickman, Char Engelhardt, Patti Petesch, Bev LaVeck, Doris Heritage, Ken Weinbel, Bill Roe, Tom Cotner, and Bob Langenbach. Prior to the meeting, Neal Stoddard had served cake left over from his office party that day celebrating his group's move to a new facility near West Seattle Stadium. Thank you, Neal. At this point President Springer said that Scott McCoubrey would present a short video on the White River Trail Run, and we should move quickly to leave time for that video.

I. MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary: Paul Merca had e-mailed the Secretary that he had been omitted as attending the March 17, 2003 PNTF Board Meeting. The minutes of the March 17, 2003 meeting were approved with that correction.
- B. President: Bob Springer had no report.
- C. Vice President: Patti Petesch has responded to Dr. James Field's query about West Seattle Stadium and the lack of a steeplechase waterjump pit. Patti reported that Dr. Fields, a leading authority and advocate of the women's steeplechase, will provide funds for a new pit. Thank you, Dr. Fields.
- D. Treasurer: Gwen Robertson handed out her monthly report. Everything checked out.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Membership: Janell Kaufman was not present. Carole apologized for forgetting to request a report from her.
- B. Office Manager: Carole Langenbach volunteered to produce the spring edition of the PNTF Update. She handed out a brochure on the newly formed SPU Legends Hall of Fame. Dr. Ken Foreman, Doris Heritage, and Steve Gough were among those honored in January 2003 as the first inductees.
- C. Officials:
 - 1. Certification and Training: Lawrie reported there will be the Introduction to Officiating Clinic on Sunday February 22, 2004 at SW Community Center. There will be an Advanced Officiating Clinic at the University of Washington in the Dempsey facility in November, 2003. That clinic will focus on operating the FinishLynx and LaserLynx systems. Lane Dowell is putting together the staff to put on an Introduction to Officiating Clinic in Bremerton next year. Darlene Hickman gave Bob S and Lawrie a copy of the attendees from the Jerry Ley and Dick Unrue Introduction to Officiating Clinic they put on in Tacoma. Bob Springer will add these people to the e-mail and phone notification lists. Bev LaVeck gave her profuse thanks to the officials who officiated at the 10 km Racewalk on April 19, 2003.

- D. Associations Committee: Bill Roe discussed the grievance against the Potomac Valley Association. On a positive note he mentioned that the Tennessee Association is going forward with elections. All previous officers are retiring. The New Jersey vs Mid-Atlantic Association boundary dispute is proceeding with information passed on to the Member Services Committee. Wyoming has been decertified (again). But, they have finally been heard from after the decertification and claim that they are organized and are a viable association. There was a question raised on why the 16 through 18 year olds will not be allowed at the USATF Club Championships in Indiana in July. Bill Roe clarified that since it is a "development" competition, the Development Committee can set its own age limits. The USATF Board will have a conference call April 27 at 6 p.m.
- E. USATF Board of Directors: Bill Roe reported that the USOC has a task force to reduce the size of its Board of Directors. The proposal is to reduce it from 123 to 9! This led to considerable discussion on the possible USOC Board makeup, and a governing body of about 150. This is sort of on the lines of USATF's makeup, with a 30 +/- BOD and 600 +/- delegates in its Congress. Bill Roe also reported that USATF has sent a letter to Congress with their concerns about a representative from major league baseball being the US Anti-Drug Agency representative on the Senate Committee. The concern is the disregard that baseball has for many performance enhancing drugs in violation of USADA rules.
- F. Web Page: Bob Springer reported that the JO information and entry brochure should be available on the PNTF web site soon.

III. ATHLETICS COMMITTEES

- A. Youth: Kenny Emerick was not present, but Char Engelhardt reported the JO Regional will be at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR. There was some discussion about the lack of a hammerthrow competition at the Youth Championships in Buffalo (at SUNY Buffalo). Apparently, the USATF Youth Committee has allowed that event to be optional for the organizers. It was agreed it was unfortunate, as there is an adequate facility at the Buffalo campus. It will be difficult to qualify for the World Youth meet without any qualifying competitions. Dwight Midles, a local parent and coach, is continuing to fight for the right for hammer throwers to compete at Buffalo.
- B. Open: Tom Cotner said that MUT chair, Scott McCoubrey, had planned to be here with the video, but apparently had a conflict. Tom reported that Bloomsday will be the State 12 km Championship race. Beat the Bridge will be the Open Championship at 8 km. There will be a 10 km on the track at the Ken Foreman Invitational on May 10th. There was discussion on where and when to have the Western Regional T&F Championship which PNTF will be putting on. It was suggested Friday June 27th or Friday July 4th.
- C. Masters: Ken Weinbel reported that the committee met on April 8th. They had overlooked Regina Joyce as the 10 km Cross Country Champion at Rocklin last December. The Seattle Masters AC will put on its Spring Fling on April 26th. The Masters Committee has allocated up to \$1,000 of its funds for doors for the hammer cage at West Seattle Stadium. Neal Stoddard reported that Beat the Bridge on May 18th will be the Masters 8 km Championship. He also mentioned that Ken Weinbel was 2nd in the weight throw and 3rd in the superweight throw at the Masters Indoor Championship. David Ortman won the pentathlon, the 60 m hurdles, the long jump, and was 3rd in the high jump. Steve Robbins won the 60 m and 200 m. Tony Young set a US masters record in the 3,000 m at an exhibition Masters race in Boston at the Open Championships.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. White River Video: Scott McCoubrey was not present, so this item was deferred until the May PNTF Board Meeting, scheduled for May 19th.
- B. USATF Clothing: Char Engelhardt has sold very few of the USATF logo merchandise, for which PNTF expended \$700. After some discussion on prices of the merchandise, it was decided that the prices should be reduced to \$15 for the sweatshirt and \$20 for the polo and denim shirts. Moved, seconded, passed. Char plans to have the merchandise available at the May 10th Ken Foreman Invitational, June 14th Seattle international, and the June 28th JO Meet. Lawrie Robertson mentioned that PNTF should not be in the apparel business, which raised the issue of whether PNTF will have to pay Washington State sales tax.

V. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach
PNTF Secretary