

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 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 pntf@wolfenet.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 Annual Meeting of October 20, 2003**

President Bob Springer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Gwen Robertson, Jona Silva, Neal Stoddard, Ken Weinbel, Paul Merca, Tom Cotner, Bev LaVeck, Patti Petesch, Doris Heritage, Darlene Hickman, Carole Langenbach, Derrek Berkompas, and Bob Langenbach.

### **I. MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Secretary: It was moved, seconded and passed that the minutes of September 22, 2003 be approved as published.
- B. President: Bob Springer reported that Bill Roe had to stay late in Indianapolis for USATF business, and Kenny Emerick could not be here.
- C. Vice President: Patti Petesch had no report.
- D. Treasurer: Gwen Robertson handed out her monthly report, as of October 18, 2003. There has been little activity in the past month. Everything checked out and the PNTF is still solvent.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Membership: Janell Kaufman e-mailed her report to Carole: 936 Youth, 187 Open, 255 Masters members and 41 clubs. She remarked that the numbers are very similar to last year at this time
- B. Office Manager: Carole Langenbach reported that a previous PNTF member and Official, Fred Grandfield, passed away in July. He had been living in Vancouver and was actively involved in the Oregon Association as Officials Committee Chairman. Carole sent his widow a sympathy card from PNTF. Also, Jan Kavadas received recognition from Snohomish County for her efforts as a T&F and Swimming Official.
- C. Officials:
  - 1. Certification and Training: Bill Hickman was not present, but Bob Springer announced that there will be an Advanced Clinic on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Dempsey Indoor Facility. There will be several training classes on various subjects. Notification to all certified officials has gone out by e-mail and/or US mail. An 8-hour Introductory Clinic will be held at Olympic HS in Bremerton on January 10, 2004, two 4-hour sessions in Tacoma on February 9 & 23, 2004, and an 8-hour session in Seattle at SW Community Center on February 22, 2004.
  - 2. PNTFOA: Derrek Berkompas reported that they are buying a new printer to better interface with their entry and timing system.
  - 3. High School and Club Development: There is no one assigned to this position. Any volunteers?
- D. Associations Committee: Bill Roe was not present, but Bob Springer reported that the USATF list server had been very active about Association Clubs.
- E. USATF Board of Directors: Darlene Hickman made brief mention of the recent USATF statements concerning the new performance enhancing designer drug, THG. USATF has just been made aware of it and is preparing a response.
- F. Web Page: Bob Springer said he had given Norm Kaneko a few items to put up on it.

### **III. ATHLETICS COMMITTEES**

- A. Youth: Patti Petesch reported in Kenny Emerick's absence. The Youth Committee had its Annual Youth Meeting on Sunday October 19, 2003. It was suggested that several Sunday meetings be held each year as the meeting was well attended and lots got accomplished. The Youth competition schedule was presented, and elections were held. Doug Chandler was elected Youth Chair replacing the almost irreplaceable Kenny Emerick. The rest of the Youth officers stayed the same: Char Engelhardt - Treasurer, Holly Genest - Secretary, Daryl Genest - XC Vice Chair. They also proposed several rule changes on false starts, where to hold the hammer throw competition (suggested with the USATF Junior Meet). There was discussion on fees for the Youth National Meet. The Cross Country Meets this Fall will be: PNTF Association on Nov. 15, and USATF Regional on Nov. 22, both at Lower Woodland Park.
- B. Open: Tom Cotner said that the committee did not meet this month. The Road Race winners were Uli Steidel and Tatania Salazar for the Issaquah Salmon Days 10 k. The PNTF XC Championships will be November 9 at Lower Woodland Park - 10 km for men, and 6 km for women. Paul Merca will put on the Northwest Regional XC on Nov. 23 at Lincoln Park. The information for the Regional XC is on the Club Ballard web site ([www.ClubBallard.com](http://www.ClubBallard.com)). There is also a link from the USATF website to the Club Ballard site. Tom also reported that Jennifer Tonkin made the USATF B Standard at the Chicago Marathon.
- Masters: Ken Weinbel reported that there was no meeting in September, but the Masters Committee will meet this coming Monday. Competitions included the Masters Weight and Superweight Championships, which was combined with the Ultraweight throws. He had received feedback on how to streamline the event, and is also planning to have three throwing circles operating simultaneously next year to significantly shorten the length of the meet. Neal Stoddard reported on the Masters Road Champions. Tony Young and Lisa Escobar were the first 40+ finishers at the Issaquah Salmon Days 10 km. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> will be the combined PNTF Masters XC Championship and US vs. Canada Fleischmann Cup competition over 6 km at Lower Woodland Park.
- C. Racewalk: Bev LaVeck reported that Jim Bean will put on a RW judging clinic next January or early February in Oregon. Also, Dan Pierce, USATF RW Chair has resigned as of October 31. Vince Peters, the present Vice Chair will replace him.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Elections: It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that this item be shifted to the end of the meeting.
- B. Bylaws Changes: Bob Springer briefly commented on the changes that had been proposed at the last meeting: No hired employees are eligible to vote, unless they are eligible to vote under another position. The change involved removing the last sentence [Such employee(s) may not participate in the elections process, but may vote if otherwise eligible] from paragraph E of Article 9 Board of Directors and adding a new paragraph J [No employee may participate in the election process, but may vote if otherwise eligible] to Article 7 Meetings of and Voting in This Association. After minor discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve the changes, which were approved unanimously. President Springer will make the changes to the Bylaws and submit them to the USATF National Office.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. USATF Annual Meeting: Carole queried those present and got a list of those who wish to be delegates to the USATF Annual Meeting, and what committee assignments these people will have. She will submit the list to the National Office. Doris reported that Ken Foreman was not selected to the USATF Hall of Fame this year, partly because the bio that USATF used didn't properly present his efforts and accomplishments, particularly concerning his efforts on behalf of women's Cross Country and LDR. Darlene and Doris will work on rewriting the bio.

- B. PNTF Annual Awards Dinner: Carole reported that Char is asking for appropriate dates for the event. January 23, 24, 30, or February 13 were open date possibilities for Char to consider.
- C. Youth Hammer Cages: Bob Springer had an article showing the cage at the High School Hammerama conducted by John Sells. It was obviously unsafe, and did not meet the USATF cage requirements. Bob Asked Ken Weinbel to work with him on a letter to Mr. Sells indicating their concern and willingness to work with him on improving the safety of the event. They will ask Bill Hickman to review the letter prior to sending it.
- D. PNTF Update: Carole asked for submittals to the Fall Update, which she will prepare. She also mentioned that Martin Rudow has brought up the possibility of having the PNTF Update as an insert in NorthWest Runner. Carole and Tom Cotner will work with Martin on this idea.

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- C. ELECTIONS: Carole presented the slate that she, Bev LaVeck, and Brad Barquist arrived at: President - Patti Petesch; Vice President - Darlene Hickman and Derrek Berkompas; Secretary - Bob Langenbach; Treasurer - Gwen Robertson. President Springer asked for further nominations. There being none, he asked for election of the uncontested positions by acclamation. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. He then appointed Ken Weinbel, Tom Cotner, and Neal Stoddard to count the ballots (provided by Carole) for VP. Derrek Berkompas was elected. It was moved, seconded, and passed to destroy the ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach  
PNTF Secretary