

The next PNTF meeting will be held at 7 pm on Monday, October 15, 2001 at The College Club, 505 Madison St. in downtown Seattle. Park free in the College Club garage. Enter garage off 5th, south of Madison.

Note: The October Meeting is the Annual Meeting. Elections for PNTF Officers takes place at this meeting. In addition, the PNTF delegates to the USATF Annual Meeting will be chosen. If you wish to be a delegate or plan on attending, contact Carole Langenbach at 206-433-8868 or boblang@wolfenet.com for a registration form.

Minutes of PNTF Meeting September 17, 2001

The meeting was called to order at exactly 7:00 p.m. by President Bob Springer. Also present were Greg Metcalf, Paul Merca, Orin Richburg, Lawrie Robertson, Tom Cotner, Mark Ward, Gwen Robertson, Doris Heritage, Neal Stoddard, George Mathews, Ken Weinbel, Carole Langenbach, Char Engelhardt, Darlene Hickman, Bill Roe, Brian Oster, Kenny Emerick, Bev LaVeck, and Bob Langenbach.

I. Minutes and Executive Reports

A. Secretary: It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the PNTF Meeting of July, 16, 2001 as published.

B. President: Bob Springer mentioned a variety of information he has received, most of it from the Association Workshop he attended: Revised LDR Manual, a new Association Grant Program, which must be submitted by the Oct. 1, 2001 deadline (\$1000 -- \$2000 available if approved), Accreditation statistics for all associations, and the National Office Staff personnel with phone numbers, and new membership information from the National Office. USATF is asking us for the 2002 competition dates for the PNTF Championships.

C. Vice President: Mark Ward reported that the new USATF logo is being modified and used by several high schools. Even though the usage is probably illegal, it is probably good advertising for USATF.

D. Treasurer: Gwen Robertson handed out her report of activity. We are solvent.

II. Administrative Committee Reports

A. Membership: Janell Kaufman was not present, but had reported to Carole Langenbach that there are 227 Masters, 154 Open, 1143 Youth, and 38 clubs as of September 17.

B. Office Manager: Carole Langenbach announced that Inland Northwest Association is bidding for the 2006 or 2007 USATF Annual Meeting. She reported that Bob Springer had given her a form describing Association financial exemptions and requiring the PNTF Tax ID number, which she faxed to USATF. Kenny asked if the Youth Committee's TAX ID number should also be given to USATF since they come under the tax exempt umbrella also. Darlene suggested that we discuss tax matters later under her Board of Directors report.

C. PNTF Officials:

1. Certification & Training: Lawrie Robertson reported that they are in the process of setting the date for the next officials certification class. He mentioned that Dee Jensen is heading up a new committee trying to figure out how to properly recognize and compensate the officials selected for the USATF National Senior Championships. The committee includes him, Jim Elias, Sandy Snow, and Bob Fontaine.

2. PNTFOA: Derrek Berkompas was not present, but Bob Springer reported that they had met last Thursday and discussed the upcoming year's events they will be officiating.

3. High School and Club Development: Lawrie Robertson and Bob Springer combined to report that the WIAA has set up a committee to improve HS T&F officiating. It is headed up by Mike Colbreze and includes Tuck Gionet, Don Merriam, Bryan Hoddle, Lawrie Robertson, Bob Springer, Lanny Dowell, and Sharon ??? from Inland Northwest. They will have their first meeting October 13. The basis is that each Track meet needs a minimum number of "certified" officials. There will be level 1 and level 2 officials. Level 2 are those who are already USATF certified, or ones who take the (about 6 hour) certification class. Level 1 certification will be those who have taken the Don Merriam-originated 90 minute class. The desire is to have a minimum of 3 level two officials for a meet of 4 schools or less, and 5 level two officials for meets of 5 or more schools. The committee is trying to get this, plus compensation requirements, all set up for the December WIAA meeting. Officials will have to join Washington Officials Association (WOA), which covers officials for all High School sports. The Inland Northwest Association and PNTF have said they will provide clinics anytime and anywhere. This new plan must be fully implemented by the 2004 season. Kenny Emerick moved that PNTF support this High School officiating proposal. Seconded and passed unanimously.

D. USATF Associations Committee: USATF President Bill Roe reported about the Associations Workshop. One of the ideas from the workshop was to meet with the AAU and report back on the "friendship" which is enjoyed. The idea is to move beyond the past problems. There was also a discussion of the requirement that meet referees for USATF National Championships be certified officials. He said that the Associations Committee is preparing lots of proposed changes for USATF Law and Legislation to deal with this year.

E. USATF Board of Directors: George Mathews, Darlene Hickman, and mostly Bill Roe reported on the BOD conference call of September 16, 2001. USATF will be putting on the NACAC under 25 meet either in 2002 or 2004, depending on other bids. On the drug testing front, USADA is trying to require that athletes must tell USADA where they will be every day for the next 6 months! This is so they can have out of competition testing performed. Bill reported he attended the Melbourne IAAF GP. The IAAF Pres, Lamaine Diack, was not there as his 32 year old son, who had been in ill health, passed away during the meet. Darlene passed out a two page report from USATF on Association financial reporting requirements to maintain PNTF under the USATF tax exempt financial umbrella. She said all PNTF organizations should give Bob Springer all the financial reports submitted to the IRS from 1998 on. This topic will be continued for discussion next meeting.

F. PNTF Web Pages: Bob Springer reported that the pages were recently updated to include the Open events.

III. Sports Committee Reports

A. Youth: Kenny Emerick reported that he had handed the XC schedule to Bob Springer to have it placed on the web site. As had been reported at the last meeting, the scoring program used for the JO's had real problems. The computer glitch in the

updated program caused several crashes, and results had to be done manually. Eventually, the results were placed on the PNTF web site. At the Youth Committee Annual Meeting last Sunday, the new fees for USATF membership were increased to \$15 for 2002. In addition, the Youth Committee is requiring that all meets receive USATF sanctions for their events.

B. Open Committee: Tom Cotner reported that the XC schedule has been set and is on the web site. All XC races will be at Lincoln Park: UW Sundodger Sept. 22, PNTF Championship race Oct. 28, Regional Nov. 18, Seattle Open Jan. 26, 2002. The SJJ Half Marathon Road champions were Eric Tollefson and new citizen Tatiana Salazar.

C. Masters Committee: George Mathews mentioned that they had held the SMAC Classic and the National Weight, Superweight, and Ultraweights. The US vs. Canada Masters XC Challenge had been held in Coquitlam BC on Sept. 16th (the Canadians won). He announced his resignation as PNTF Masters chair, as he is moving to Carlsbad, CA. Neal Stoddard reported that the Issaquah Salmon Days 10k will be Oct. 7 and will be the masters championship.

D. RaceWalk: Bev LaVeck reported that she had attended a RW Clinic and RW judging Clinic in Pendleton, OR.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Audit Committee: Bob Springer reported that he has been unable to get with Doug Chandler, committee chair, to finalize the audit.

B. Nominations Committee: Carole Langenbach reported that the PNTF officer elections will be at the PNTF Annual Meeting October 15th. She presented the officers she had recruited to run: Bob Springer--Pres., Mark Ward--VP., Gwen Robertson--Treas., Bob Langenbach--Sec. Nominations were opened. None were received from the floor, but nominations can be made at the October meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. January 2002 Meeting date: Carole reported that the College Club will be closed on Jan. 21. It was decided to hold the meeting on Jan. 28, 2002 instead.

B. 2004 Olympic Marathon Trials: Brian Oster and Bill Roe proposed that PNTF make a bid for both the men's and women's races. The bids are due by October 10. It is expected that about 5 cities, of the 15 thinking about bidding, will actually present bids. Brian said that Immunex is thinking of providing a lot of the necessary funds to support the race. He asked for \$1000, for each race, from PNTF to support the bid. The money will be returned if Seattle does not receive the bid. Darlene moved that the PNTF support the bid. Seconded. Lawrie Robertson offered a friendly amendment that the PNTF liability be limited to \$2000. The amendment was incorporated into the original motion. Passed by a vote of 8-4. Note: The Secretary was informed 9/22 that Immunex decided against the big monetary support for the bid, so the bid will not be submitted.

C. UW indoor meets: Orin Richburg asked for PNTF support for the indoor meets that are being planned for the new Dempsey Pavilion. It has a five lane 300 meter Mondo track surrounding a FieldTurf football field. The first meet is to be Dec. 8, with three meets on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. Additional meets are being planned. Bob Springer, Kenny Emerick, and Bob

Langenbach agreed to meet with him and Greg Metcalf on Sept. 18 at the Pavillion to look at the facility and help with the setup of field events that will be held on the FieldTurf surfaced infield.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach, PNTF Secretary