

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 16, 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 May 19, 2003

President Bob Springer called the meeting to order at precisely 7:00 p.m. Also present were Gwen Robertson, Bev LaVeck, Derrek Berkompas, Neal Stoddard, Ken Weinbel, Carole Langenbach, Jona Silva, Bill Roe, Janell Kaufman, Taegla Kaufman, Char Engelhardt, Patti Petesch, and Bob Langenbach.

I. MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary: Dr. James Fields sent a correction to the minutes concerning the steeplechase pit at West Seattle Stadium. His e-mail to Patti Petesch had said he was prepared to help in the purchase of the water jump barrier, if its cost was a concern. The secretary had misunderstood/mis-reported that he was planning to assist in the funding for the water jump pit. He also hopes to hear back from Ms Petesch on that part of the West Seattle Stadium plans. He also asked that the comment, "Dr. Fields, a leading authority and advocate of the women's steeplechase" be excised, as he claims neither role. The minutes of the April 21, 2003 PNTF Meeting were approved with those corrections.
- B. President: Bob Springer mentioned that several of the High School League meets had experienced high winds, hail, and lightning.
- C. Vice President: Patti Petesch did not report, as she had not arrived.
- D. Treasurer: Gwen Robertson handed out her monthly report. Everything checked out and the PNTF is still solvent. At present, the balances in the various funds were: Youth \$5,788.84; Open \$4,004.03; Masters \$8,403.37; General \$11,328.17. Following the report, there was some conversation concerning the requirement by the National Office that an IRS Form 990EZ be submitted, even if the Association does not need to submit the form to the IRS. There was significant grumbling about the requirement, but Bill Roe explained that such forms are necessary for the National Office to help determine the financial health of the Associations. At present, the PNTF finances are in the process of being reviewed by our accountant to ascertain what type of form(s), if any, that PNTF is required to submit to the IRS.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Membership: Janell Kaufman aided by her daughter Taegla, gave her report. 395 Youth, 100 Open, 170 Masters, and 30 clubs are registered as of today. She will be out of town from June 4th through June 14th, so it is in the best interest of the Youth Clubs to get their membership in ASAP to avoid a crunch at JO time.
- B. Office Manager: Carole Langenbach announced that Myron (Tad) Godwin, a long time official from the Pacific Association, had died after a long illness. She passed around a sympathy card for those present to sign. She also mentioned that she had produced the Spring edition of the Update and gotten it mailed.
- C. Officials:
 - 1. Certification and Training: Bob Springer reported again on the upcoming fall advanced clinic, and the standard introductory clinics that will be held next January/February. Information is on the PNTF web site www.pntf.org.

2. PNTFOA: Derrek Berkompas reported that the last meeting was short, as Carole wasn't there. The next meeting will be in September.
 3. High School and Club Development: Bob Springer mentioned that the class in Bremerton next year will be essentially focusing on the high school rules.
- D. Associations Committee: Bill Roe announced that the 4 regional track meets are up on the USATF web site www.usatf.org. He also repeated the requirement that one must be a USATF member to be entered in the USATF Regional or National Championship Meets. Also, the article on hyponatremia (over-hydration/water poisoning) is on the web. He said that the National Officials had inspected the Greensboro site for the USATF Annual Meeting for 2003. They highly praised it. Patti Petesch then reported on her activities with the committee. She is a member of the Coaches Screening Task Force, which is preparing guidelines. She has set up a matrix of what organizations do this, and how they do it. Youth Soccer is following the format pioneered by Little League Baseball. One of the concerns is where should the checking/gatekeeping be done to ensure the coaches are OK. Patti thinks that should be done at the Association level, not at the club level. If anyone is interested, contact her at patti.petesch@ci.seattle.wa.us and ask her to e-mail you the "Coaches Screening Task Force Draft Report." She will be the PNTF's representative at the Association Workshop this August in Miami.
- E. USATF Board of Directors: Bill Roe reported that they held their conference call, lasting two hours, on April 27th. They hired Tom Jackovic as director/fundraiser for the USATF Foundation. They also have revised the method used for team staff evaluations. They will be reviewing the reports/evaluations submitted by the team staff and athletes and putting it in a format so that it can be accessed and used for future selections.
- F. Web Page: Bob Springer reported that the information for the June 14th Seattle International is missing, but will be taken from the CNW site.

III. ATHLETICS COMMITTEES

- A. Youth: Kenny Emerick was not present, but Char Engelhardt reported how things are going. Even though several clubs dropped their meets, other clubs took up the slack. Things are moving well towards the Association JO Meet. She mentioned that her son Jim has been able to get the 4 computers, of those persons doing the JO stuff, communicating with each other. This should eliminate most of the problems they've experienced in the last few years.
- B. Open: Tom Cotner was not present. Bill Roe reported that the time schedule has been set for the June 14th Seattle International Meet. It will be about 9 hours long now. Scott McCoubrey was not present to give a MUT report.
- C. Masters: Ken Weinbel reported that the committee met on May 5th. They discussed the Spring Fling which was held April 26th. They had discussed the hammer/discus cage netting and the need for proper gates for the hammer. The next Masters meet will be the June 7th Parks meet at West Seattle. The Greater Seattle Senior Games will be held in conjunction with that meet. Following that will be the SMAC Track & Field Classic on July 26th. Neal Stoddard reported on the masters championship road races: Beat the Bridge was held yesterday, but results were not available; the Fremont 5k will be on Friday June 6th. Note: Race date is actually Friday June 20.
- D. Racewalk: Bev LaVeck reported that Stan Chraminski is doing a web page for the Pacific Pacers.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. White River Video: Scott McCoubrey was not present, so this item was deferred again until the June PNTF Board Meeting, scheduled for June 16th.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wizard of OZ: Peter Thompson, the PNTF's representative to the UK, has accepted the job as head (convener) of the Australian Track and Field Coaches Federation. Congratulations! He would appreciate it if the PNTF would submit a letter of recommendation to further his request for a "distinguished talent" visa, similar to the US "green card" which will give him permanent residency there, instead of needing his visa renewed every year. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that Lawrie Robertson write the letter in his support which will be signed by President Springer for the PNTF.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach
PNTF Secretary