

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 19, 2004 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 Meeting of November 17, 2003

President Patti Petesch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Carole Langenbach passed out her cupcakes honoring Kenny Emerick for his many years of service as Youth Chair. Also present were Derrek Berkompas, Bill Hickman, Gwen Robertson, Neal Stoddard, Lawrie Robertson, Bob Springer, Pat Kenworthy, Ed Viering, Ken Weinbel, Dean Ingram, Carole Langenbach, Doug Chandler, Darlene Hickman, Bill Roe, Kenny Emerick, Jack Hoyt, Tom Cotner, Doris Heritage, and Bob Langenbach. Janell Kaufman and Char Engelhardt arrived at 7:27 after hideous traffic problems.

I. MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary: The Secretary announced that Kenny Emerick had e-mailed a correction to the minutes of October 20, 2003. The Youth Officers had only been nominated, not elected. After this correction, the minutes were approved as corrected.
- B. President: Patti Petesch noted there were several new faces, so asked for everyone to introduce him/herself. Following the introductions, she said she had mailed the letter, prepared by Bob Springer and Bill Hickman with her signature as PNTF President, to John Sells concerning safety (inadequate hammer cage) and the lack of sanctioning for his hammer events in Shelton.
- C. Vice President: Derrek Berkompas mentioned that he had been contacting Jerry Ley and other Tacoma area people trying to get more involvement in PNTF activities. Jerry told Derrek he had not received the PNTF Fall Update. Carole will send him one.
- D. Treasurer: Gwen Robertson handed out her monthly report, as of November 14, 2003. After several questions, the report was approved.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Office Manager: Carole Langenbach passed out the list of PNTF delegates to the USATF Annual Meeting, and also the pages representing the paperwork required assigning them to various USATF committees and other details of the delegates.
- B. Officials:
 - 1. PNTFOA: Derrek Berkompas reported that Bob Springer had just gotten the yearly TrackMaster re-certification completed for the upcoming year of indoor and outdoor T&F.
 - 2. Certification and Training: Bill Hickman said he was very pleased with the sessions and the attendance at the Advanced Clinic held at the Dempsey Indoor Facility on November 16th. There were sessions on Hy-tek, Clerking, HJ/PV, LJ/TJ, LaserLynx, and MacFinish (photo finish). Lawrie Robertson reported there will be three Introduction to Officiating Clinics held next year. An 8 hour session at Olympic HS January 10 in Bremerton (Bob Springer and Lane Dowell), two 4 hour sessions February 9 and 23 in Tacoma (Jerry Ley), and an 8 hour session at SW Community Center February 22 in Seattle (Bob Springer).
 - 3. High School and Club Development: Patti Petesch announced Darrin Prince had volunteered to take over this position in January when he returns from his service in Korea, and she had gratefully accepted his offer. There were several comments from those present on his welcome and excellent past efforts at Fort Lewis starting and leading several clubs. Thank you Darrin!
- C. Associations Committee: Bill Roe mentioned the latest concern is about an association's suspension of an individual, who then shows up in a position in another association. Bill Roe said USATF and the

Associations Committee will address this in L&L at the Annual Meeting in December.

- D. USATF Board of Directors: Bill Roe commented on how USOC is using the latest flap over the new drug THG to attempt to re-open prior drug testing concerns that were previously settled, with USOC and IAAF concurrence, by CAS (Court of Arbitration for Sports). There will be two BOD meetings in Greensboro, one prior to and one after the Annual Meeting sessions.
- E. Web Page: Bob Springer said Norm Kaneko had asked to be relieved and there was a request for volunteers in the Fall 2003 Update. There have been several responses, which should be investigated. Patti Petesch appointed committee of Bob Springer, Doug Chandler, and Tom Cotner to pursue the volunteers and make recommendations.
- F. Membership: Janell Kaufman handed out her yearly membership report, showing the totals for clubs and individual members. There were 40 clubs, 443 Adults, and 943 Youth. The Report also showed the distribution of monies to the General Fund (\$1,761.26) and Sport Committees: Youth \$5,581.75, Open \$1,972.64, and Masters \$3,064.11.

III. ATHLETICS COMMITTEES

- A. Youth: Kenny Emerick announced that he was giving his last report as Youth Chair. He is happy to pass it on to Doug Chandler. Last weekend was the Youth JO XC at Lower Woodland. It went well. Thanks to all the officials who helped. Next Saturday is the Regional JO XC, also at Lower Woodland. The Youth Election results are Doug Chandler as Chair, replacing Kenny, and the other officers remained the same: Patti Petesch as Vice Chair for T&F, Darryl Genest as Vice Chair for XC, Char Engelhardt as Treasurer, and Holly Genest as Secretary. Kenny then mentioned how the Nike Border Clash (Oregon and Washington High School XC races) has affected attendance at the JO XC races due to the scheduling conflicts. It would be nice if Nike would coordinate with the states before setting their date. He asked Bill Roe if he could talk with Nike about setting dates with the Oregon Association and Washington's two Associations (Pacific Northwest and Inland Northwest). Bill said Nike is trying to set up a nationwide program to replace Footlocker, so Nike really needs to work with USATF at the Association and Regional Level. Kenny mentioned that the USATF Youth Committee has some rules proposals that need to get started for next year, which is a Rules year.
- B. Open: Tom Cotner said that the PNTF Association XC was November 9th at Lower Woodland Park. Paul Kezes and Lyuda Vasilyeva were the individual winners and CNW won the men's and Seattle Running Company won the women's team titles. The USATF Regional is November 23 at Lincoln Park.

- 1. MUT: Scott McCoubrey was not present, but Tom reported that Scott Jurek won the Montrail Cup and will receive it in a ceremony December 4th at the Seattle Running Company Store.

- C. Masters: Ken Weinbel reported that there had been the PNTF XC Championship on Nov.9 at Lower Woodland following the Open races. He then turned the discussion over to Neal Stoddard. Neal reported that the Masters XC competition was also the US vs. Canada Cross Country Challenge for the Fleischmann Cup, which has been held since 1977. The US won decisively, for a change. Following the races, there was a pizza and soda social at the Green Lake Rec Center. The winner of the cup and the Masters Age Group prizes were awarded. Next year, the competition for the Fleischmann Cup will be in Canada on the East Coast
- C. Racewalk: Bev LaVeck was not present.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Annual Awards Dinner: Char Engelhardt reported that she has secured the College Club on January 30, 2004 for the dinner. The price is the same as last year - \$20. Kelly (Blair) LaBounty will be the speaker.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting Issues: Carole had earlier passed out the list of delegates. Jack Hoyt accepted the position of PNTF rep to Mens T&F. With minimal discussion, \$500 was approved for PNTF's Hospitality function to be held Friday evening Dec. 5 during the Annual Meeting.

Bill Roe and Darlene Hickman graciously offered the use of the suite they are sharing. Patti Petesch then appointed Kenny Emerick as Hospitality Committee Czar and volunteered her services to help. Char Engelhardt and Dean Ingram also volunteered their assistance. Patti then asked when our delegation get together would be, and it was decided on Thursday Dec. 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Roe-Hickman suite. Coffee and Danish/muffins will be provided.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Convention L&L: Bill Hickman said that everyone should have received the L&L and Rules package. If not, they are on line at www.USATF.org. There was discussion of the IAAF starting/false start rule. Will USATF follow that? It was agreed that the present IAAF false start rule is unfair to the athletes. He also mentioned that the USATF Officials Chair, Linda Melzer, had sent out a fax objecting in her blunt manner to the T&F Chair selecting starters for the USATF Championships. It was agreed that Officials selection is one of the tasks of the National Officials Committee.
- B. Annual Meeting Elections: Danny Grimes will resign as Men's LDR Chair, and a new chair will be elected at the meeting. It was noted that the resignations of Anne Timmons as Cross Country Chair and Dan Pierce as RW Chair will not result in elections. Mike Scott and Vince Peters, respectively, will move up from their Vice Chair positions. Darlene Hickman commented that Sandra Farmer Patrick has recruited Jackie Joyner-Kersey to the USATF Board. Joyner-Kersey said that she wishes to give back to the sport after so many years of reaping its rewards.
- C. Course Measurement: Tom Cotner said he had presented a course to four prospective running course measurers. Three have completed the lecture and the measurement "exam", and the fourth will be doing the "exam" shortly.
- D. PNTF Officiating Brochure: Ed Viering passed out a sample of the brochure he had prepared. He will add the proper dates for the Introduction to Officiating Clinics and distribute the PDF file for the brochure to those who wish it. Patti Petesch will print those she requires, Doris Heritage will print some and distribute at the Nike Border Clash, and Tom Cotner will distribute them at the Seattle Marathon expo.
- E. PNTF Christmas Party: Bill and Darlene Hickman will be hosting the party on December 14 at 2:00 p.m.
Ken Foreman T&F Invitational: Jack Hoyt said that he thinks the meet will be held after all. He is meeting with other GNAC coaches and UW coach Greg Metcalf to ensure that the date is OK for them and the UW Stadium. The proposed date is May 15, 2004.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach
PNTF Secretary