

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 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 January 19, 2004**

President Patti Petesch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter. Thank you Patti for opening this facility since the College Club was closed for the day. Also present were Derrek Berkompas, Carole Langenbach, Neal Stoddard, Bev LaVeck, Gwen Robertson, Bob Springer, Darlene Hickman, Doug Chandler, Bill Hickman, Doris Heritage, Jona Silva, Lawrie Robertson, Bill Roe, Char Engelhardt, Scott McCoubrey, Paul Cook, Kenny Emerick, Ken Weinbel, Jack Hoyt, Paul Merca, and Bob Langenbach.

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

- A. Secretary: The minutes of the November 17, 2003 PNTF Meeting were approved as published.
- B. President: Patti Petesch had everyone introduce him/herself, as there were several new faces. She then passed out the schedule for the University of Washington Track Meet schedule for the weekend of January 31-February 1. She also asked Bill Roe to be the Master of Ceremonies for the PNTF Awards Dinner on January 30 at the College Club. Bill accepted, and asked those present to get him their information for the program.
- C. Vice President: Derrek Berkompas had no report.
- D. Treasurer: Gwen Robertson handed out the Treasurer's year-end, and explained some of the details. After several questions, the report was approved unanimously.

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

- A. Membership: Janell Kaufman had e-mailed her report to Carole Langenbach, who reported that there were 135 Youth Members, 64 Open Members, 128 Masters Members, and 13 Club Members for 2004 so far.
- B. Office Manager: Carole handed out her year-end Sanctions Report. She reported that the National fees have gone up, again, this year. Following some questions on the sanctions, her report was approved unanimously. She then brought up the cost of the PNTF phone number, about \$20 per month, and asked if it is worth the expense. After some discussion, Doug Chandler moved that the PNTF phone number be maintained. Seconded by Kenny Emerick and passed unanimously.
- C. Officials:
  - 1. Training: Lawrie Robertson talked about the great clinic Lane Dowell put on in Bremerton on January 10. There were 34 attendees, of which 21 were new. Lane did a good job setting things up and advertising it to the school districts. The clinic was aimed at High School officials, so the emphasis was on those rules, with the exceptions for NCAA and USATF/IAAF rules noted. Coming clinics will be in Tacoma by Jerry Ley at Foss HS from 5-9 pm on February 9 and February 23, and in Seattle by Bob Springer at South West Community Center from 9 to 5:00 pm on February 22. Lawrie is revising the Officiating CD to emphasize the High School rules. The WIAA is authorizing clock hours for the classes.
  - 2. Certification: Bill Hickman had no report, but commented on the favorable reports from the Bremerton clinic.

3. High School and Club Development: Patti Petesch said Darrin Prince has accepted the challenge, and will be returning from his service in Korea shortly. She has also recruited Kwajalein Griffin, and will be approaching Mark Ward to help in the effort.
- D. Associations Committee: Bill Roe mentioned that there has been considerable discussion about the choice at Greensboro of Hawai'i. Ed Parrot has been making an effort to get the choice rescinded. Bob Springer moved that the PNTF support the selection of Hawai'i for the 2007 USATF Annual Meeting. Seconded and passed unanimously. In other Associations Committee business, they are asking the USATF BOD to undo the error of re-instatement of National Clubs.
- E. USATF Board of Directors: Bill Roe announced the BOD will have a conference call on Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. He 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). This will be a major topic of discussion in the conference call.
- F. Web Page: Bob Springer reported that the webmaster search committee (Bob, Tom Cotner, Doug Chandler) had received two applications. After interviewing them, the committee is recommending Paul Cook. Since Paul Cook was present, Bob asked him to introduce himself and describe his experience and qualifications. Mr. Cook then listed his IT Professional Accreditation, other computer/web type qualifications, and mentioned considerable experience doing web and web based work. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the committee's recommendation. Thank you Paul for volunteering. Following the selection, there was discussion of the PNTF website. President Petesch asked the committee to work with Mr. Cook to improve and update the website. Suggestions for improvement and changes should be directed to Bob Springer.

### III. ATHLETICS COMMITTEES

- A. Youth: New Youth Chair Doug Chandler reported that he is working to improve the Youth Club involvement. Another concern is retaining members over the entire Youth age range. The first meeting went well.
- B. Open: Tom Cotner was not present, but Paul Merca filled in mentioning that the USATF Club Regional XC at Lincoln Park in November went well. The Seattle Open XC will be held starting at 11 am on January 25<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln Park. Paul reported that the Washington State Road Running Championship will be held at the Bloomsday 12k. There will be \$5,000 in prize money.
  1. MUT: Scott McCoubrey said there is getting to be more interest by USATF in development of the programs. He said that Kevin Setnes had tried to take MUT over to the American Ultrarunning Association, but was thwarted at the USATF Annual Meeting in Greensboro last year. Setnes also bid for the Road 100 K Championship, but the USATF MUT Committee turned it down. This year, there will be voting for representatives to the IAU (International Association of Ultrarunning) and they are hoping that Setnes is replaced. There are lots more MUT events this year. Scott is working to establish some Youth summer camps for trail running on Orcas Island this year.
- C. RaceWalk: Bev LaVeck asked for some help in setting the date for the PNTF 10 K RW Championship. It was decided to have it on April 24. For Officials wishing to complete the RW portion of their Practicum, there are RW's at the June 5<sup>th</sup> Seattle Parks and Recreation Masters T&F Meet, and at the July 24 Seattle Masters AC Meet in addition to the April 24 RW.
- D. Masters: Ken Weinbel reported that the committee had not had a recent meeting. He said that the 1<sup>st</sup> World Masters Indoor Championships will

be held in Singelfingen, Germany the second week in March. Ken is working with the Seattle FrontRunners to include their International meet with this year's Seattle Masters AC Meet in July. Carole reported that Ken was honored at the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dartmouth Relays this January. He founded the event in 1970. Congratulations, Ken!

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- A. USATF Annual Meeting Debriefing: Kenny Emerick was lauded for getting the Youth Hammer proposal passed. The support given by hammer great Hal Connelly didn't help much, but Kenny was able to overcome that.
- B. Webmaster: Paul Cook was chosen as PNTF Webmaster, as already reported in II F.
- C. Annual Awards Dinner: Char Engelhardt has completed most of the arrangements. Get your meal order in. Kelly (Blair) LaBounty will be the speaker.
- D. Coaches Screening: Patti mentioned that there have been some problems with youth coaches in Washington State, but PNTF is moving forward with screening of their coaches. A proposed method of checking is through rapsheet.com. It was moved, seconded and passed that Patti is authorized by PNTF to approach/select someone to handle the screening.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ken Foreman Award: The Ken Foreman Award is given annually to someone from the PNTF Association who has given time and effort to our sport over the last or last several years. Nominations were opened, and Patti Petesch was nominated. There were no further nominations, so it was moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and passed. Bill Roe asked who would present the nomination. It was agreed that Doris Heritage would present the award at the PNTF Annual Awards Dinner if Dr. Foreman did not attend.
- B. Seattle Public Golf Courses and Cross Country Races: Patti Petesch announced that Andy Soden, who is now manager of the Seattle Public Golf Courses, had approached her about having Cross Country Competitions on the golf courses. Andy had been the manager at Lake Spanaway GC when PNTF held the World XC Trials at that course in 1999, and was enthusiastic about having Cross Country races on the Seattle courses. Patti appointed a committee of Bob Springer as chair and Paul Merca, Tom Cotner, Darryl Genest, Brad Barquist, and Geof Newing (or Geof's designee) as a committee to look into it and work with Andy Soden.
- C. USATF World Cross Country Trials in Indianapolis, IN, February 7-8, 2004: Carole Langenbach reported that she, Doris Heritage, and Paul Merca will be attending the races.
- D. Shelton Hammer Cage: Patti Petesch reported that John Sells signed the registered letter sent to him by PNTF with concerns about the safety of the competitors with the cage that was being used.  
Washington Cultural Exchange: Patti said she had received information from Jim Zatloukal about the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach  
PNTF Secretary