

Minutes of the PNTF Board Meeting held August 19, 2013

President William Hickman called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Ave. N. in Seattle. The following were present: William Hickman, Ivars Ikstrums, Ed Viering, Doug Chandler, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Bob Springer, Stan Chraminski, George Mathews, Darlene Hickman, Bill Roe, Neal Stoddard, Becca Peter, Kenny Emerick, Holly Genest, Eric Sach, Char Engelhardt, Doris Heritage, Mick Holt, Antonio Tello, Rick Hueber, Tom Cotner, Eddie Strickler.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda, latest schedule and minutes for the June meeting. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Doug Chandler submitted his report. The report was accepted with a change of the previous year-end balance "as of" date to 12/31/2012.
- Overall Total as of 07/31/2013: \$89,160.55. Group breakdowns:
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| General Fund - | \$41,752.30 | Masters - | \$ 9,890.83 |
| Open - | \$10,663.89 | Youth - | \$ 11,432.12 |
| Open Chair - | \$ 1,971.35 | Fred Dean Youth Travel - | \$ 2,613.00 |
| Officials T&C- | \$ 3,650.78 | | |
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email and phone. The report was accepted.
1. As of Aug 19, 2013: Youth- 1356; Open- 306; Masters- 589; Clubs- 66.
 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 198, Open is down 42, Masters is down 24, Clubs is up 3.
- D. Vice President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
1. Ivars related a story which he considers a victory of sorts. A few years ago, an out-of -stater broke a National Throws record, but Ivars did not have enough certified officials on hand to certify it. This year, at the same meet, Ivars had one certified official he had never seen and another who just happened to renew this year after a 10 year lapse, and Ivars made three, so they were ready. As it turned out, the same athlete missed the record by a foot. The point is, at least this year, Ivars was in position to certify. Bottom line—if you know someone who has lapsed, please give them a friendly nudge to recertify.
 2. Bill Hickman added that nothing is more rewarding for an official than signing off on a record.
- E. President's Report: William Hickman.
3. Patti is in DC today and will attend Associations Workshop this week. She will give a presentation on grant writing.
 4. Laurelhurst Community Center is reserved for Annual Meeting.
 5. Bill was at National Championships for Jury of Appeal---but was changed to Junior Men's Running Referee. Primary workload was to review the 3 cameras they had set up for each race. It was really neat!
 6. Worlds just concluded in Moscow. US won 25 medals (6g/14s/5b). Bob Springer added that this was the first time we medaled in all four middle distance races (M/W 800&1500).
 7. Darlene Hickman was nominated for the Andy Bakjian Award.
 8. We received our 2012 Association Accreditation along with statistics and report. The report included a heads-up that emphasis will change next year—so pay attention to your championships.
 9. Sixteen Law and Legislation proposals were received---smallest number in Bill's memory.
 10. We received Club XC Grievance Report which Bob Springer will cover. Norman Wain actually considered Bill's input.
- F. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach.
1. Correction to last meeting. We did not renew our "pntf.org" domain name for 5 more years. It was our "Private Registration" (hacking protection) that was renewed—not our domain name. Since then , we have renewed our domain name for 3 years at a cost of \$114.
 2. We have paid for Annual Meeting.

3. Doug and Carole worked on income tax. This year they used Schedule “O” to report expenses of \$26,792. We hadn’t done this for last 3 years. In case that looked funny to IRS, they included an explanation that we are also reporting \$56,440 in net expenses to correct for the last 3 years and make our numbers match the bank’s numbers.
 4. Ivars asked “when was the last audit?” Doug responded that it has been a while, so Bill Hickman asked Doug to look into cost of an audit.
- G. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach.
1. Online sanctions continue to go well. We already have 136 sanctioned events this year. We have received 38 online sanctions so far.
 2. George added he recently learned that a “series sanction” has to be done via paper. The insurance certificate is being sent directly to the 3rd party insured. This was explained in an email which wound up in his junk folder.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2011 Club Cross Country Grievance: Bob Springer.
1. Hearing was held. NYAC claimed they weren’t late with the protest. They pointed out that rule 119 allows the jury to reconsider if new conclusive evidence is found. USATF argued that LDR has no jurisdiction—that it is a rules matter. LDR argued that if it was a rules matter then it was not in time.
 2. Teddy Mitchell was not in attendance, so a decision was withheld until he can read the transcript. Bob Springer says that if we lose, we will appeal on jurisdiction.
- B. Athlete Board Members: William Hickman/Carole Langenbach.
1. We still have 3 openings for athletes.
 2. Carole introduced Eddie Strickler who is interested in being one of the Athlete reps. He was recruited by Doris.
 3. Eddie is from Tri-Cities area. Went to HS State in the 800m. Ran for Doris at SPU. Went to Nationals Indoor and Outdoor in senior year. Still runs some trail, track and cross country races. He won the Club Nationals 4x800m with Club Northwest.
 4. Athlete representatives are chosen by the Officers who will present a decision at next meeting.
- C. Grants Update: Bill Hickman for Patti Petesch. Our application has been signed and sent off.
- D. PNTF Annual Meeting Update: Kenny Emerick for Patti Petesch.
1. Meeting is Sep 22. We did a site check of Laurelhurst Community Center, which is near Children’s Hospital. Main meeting will be in the gym. There are several breakout rooms available. Kenny will cook pasta.
 2. Parking lot is limited, but there is plenty of on-street parking nearby.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. PNTF Banquet: Char Engelhardt. Char was looking at Feb 1st at Embassy Suites. Due to a track meet conflict, she will now look at Feb 8.
- B. Identify Annual Meeting Delegates (preliminary): Carole Langenbach
1. Meeting is Dec 4-8. Preliminary attendees are Bill & Darlene Hickman, Ivars Ikstrums, Bill Roe, Bob Springer, Becca Peter and Char Engelhardt. Mick Holt and Kenny Emerick are possibles.
 2. We always have trouble getting athletes to attend. USATF should send us a list of our elite athletes.
- C. Appoint Nominating Committee for Election of Officers: William Hickman. Bill named Carole Langenbach as chair of nominating committee.
- D. Personally Identifiable Information Awareness: Ed Viering
1. Many of us are privy to information such as addresses, birth dates, birth certificates, email addresses and checking account numbers. With the rise of the information age, business and industry refer to this data as personally identifiable information (PII)—i.e. information which

can be used to locate someone or trace their identity. This becomes important when related to identity theft or for individuals who are sensitive about privacy for reasons such as custody battles and restraining orders.

2. We don't have a formal privacy policy, but some things we can do are: use BCC for bulk emails; use an email address such as pnamember or pnasecretary, instead of your personal email, for PNTF business; minimize posting PII on our website; only list athletes age/age group instead of birth date; shred sensitive papers.
 3. It is understood that some—corporate officers for instance—have to surrender a bit of privacy, but we should all be careful to protect this info for ourselves and our members.
 4. Ed will check with National Office for any guidelines they may be able to provide.
- E. Liability Releases: Bill Hickman.
1. Spokane has a case from a Spokane to Coeur D'Alene road race, where a runner was hit by a car and sued the driver and the race. Runner was registered online.
 2. Traditionally, releases for children have not held up, but in this case, the Court upheld the adult waiver made during online registration. They did not publish it however, which means it can't be cited in other cases.
 3. Bill Hickman, pointing out that this may be more significant than the court realizes, filed for them to publish it. If published, it will be the first in the country which upholds an online registration waiver.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth: Holly Genest

1. It was a successful summer. Thank you to Patti and to the officials who helped make it happen.
2. There were 800 athletes at Association and 1,300 at Regionals. We need feedback on the field events. Char noted we had a lot more athletes than previous years, but had the same time schedule, which made it hard.
3. XC Youth rule for advancing from Regionals to Nationals was changed from 20 individuals/3 teams to 30 individuals /5 teams. The Associations must now agree on Association to Regionals advancement. Regionals are at Western Oregon in Monmouth.

B. Open: Becca Peter.

1. Association T&F was run in conjunction with Masters. Masters were a wonderful host. Our Open championship will never be a big meet. We don't have a ton of athletes in the area and elite athletes pursue marks earlier in the season in warm California weather.
2. Becca will do online registration again next year if asked.
3. Becca is still interested in bidding on Club T&F Nationals next year. Still seeking info on how to make a bid. The Nebraska rep from 2 years ago said it was very positive for their association –resulting in several new clubs forming.
4. We will do online registration for cross country.
5. We are asking to host track and field Regionals next year. We will also talk to the national office and AAC chair about making the regional meets the last qualifying opportunities for Open Nationals.

C. MUT: Eric Sach.

1. Trail is going strong. Most races are sold out.
2. Joe Gray won US Champs; made 11th US Mountain Running Team; won 5th consecutive NACAC Mountain Running title.
3. Eric talked with Race Directors in the area to try to get them to sanction with USATF. Most don't know about it.
4. Other than prize money, is there anything available for race directors as a sort of membership recruiting incentive? How do we help race directors recruit members?
 - i. Bob Springer noted the Associations Committee has put together a “benefits of membership” package. Contact Karen Krsak.

- ii. Tom Cotner noted that White River had the same problem. They brought up membership at the Friday night pre-race dinner.
- iii. Stan Chraminski noted that membership offers nothing to middle of the pack runners.
- iv. Bill Roe noted that the major marathons gave up on required membership. It is an LDR-wide problem.
- v. Bob Springer noted there is a Race Directors meeting at USATF Annual Meeting. This may be a reasonable topic for them.

D. Masters: George Mathews.

- 1. George won \$300 in Lisle, IL. Of note is that most of the prize money came from one donor (\$2500).
- 2. Seattle Classic was really good. Good to have the Open people as well. Thanks to all the officials.
- 3. Thanks in advance for those who will help at SMAC 9 this Saturday. Lunch is Pecos Pit BBQ.
- 4. Just had first of Seattle Fall Hammer Series. Two meets in September; two more in October.
- 5. We hope to run some indoor meets at Snohomish Sports Institute.
- 6. Brad Barton, a 47 year old from Utah, attempted a Steeplechase M45-49 world record at Seattle Classic. We were prepared for him and he gave us a lot of credit. He wound up missing by tenths of a second, but broke American record. Better weather may have helped. Eugene had turned him down, but we pulled it off.

E. Race Walk: Stan Chraminski. Hour Walk is Oct 27 in Oregon.

F. Athlete Update:

- 1. Bob Langenbach mentioned that we had two athletes at Worlds. Jeremy Taiwo DNF'd the decathlon due to injury. He didn't start the High jump. Brad Walker was 4th in the PV, the only US athlete to make the PV final, with a 5.82 meters, the same height as 2nd and 5th.
- 2. Becca noted that Brad Walker lost his Nike sponsorship and is selling a lot of his track stuff on EBay.
- 3. Mick Holt mentioned that Ashton Eaton, a frequent Dempsey competitor from Oregon association, won the Decathlon.

G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. Trish Steidl requested us to work WAC XC Championships. We are reconsidering.

H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.

- 1. Feb 8, 2014 is Seattle Officials Clinic.
- 2. Bob confirmed the UW dates with JD.
- 3. NCAA says no more Last Chance meets—including DII as well. This opens up March 8 for a possible clinic. Kent-Meridian is interested.

I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter.

- 1. Becca is looking forward to seeing what comes out of the Associations Workshop.
- 2. She is happy to keep webmaster position, but is willing to turn it over if anyone else is interested.
- 3. Looking for people to put updates on Facebook or Twitter. Eric recommended a GooglePlus page.
- 4. If you need, Becca can send a bulk email to a targeted audience. Carole said we need a blast for our annual meeting.

J. USATF Associations Committee: Bill Roe.

- 1. Patti is getting us moving forward on the Grant Program.
- 2. Marlene received only one report on Regional Championship (a precursor to Club Nationals T&F.)
- 3. We should move our Regional Championship to a set date prior to Nationals. There are no last chance meets for NCAA, but USATF still has them. We want them to do away with them as well and use the regional meets only.
- 4. Twenty associations did not meet new standards, but met old standards. Twenty met neither.
- 5. Background screening continues.
- 6. Getting CoachO and USATF systems to talk to each other is a top priority.

7. Workshop this year will be learn-by-doing. Regional breakouts will be first this year.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman.
1. We eliminated Associations Manager (Sherry Quack) and added a Manager of Strategic Programs (Caleb Bailey).
 2. The organization directory is brand new with lots of new names.
 3. Jared Slinde (Communications Mgr) is leaving Aug 23rd.
 4. We ratified and approved chairs of all committees except Men's Performance.
 5. Athletes Advisory Council is now more involved on multiple levels. For example, they requested a change of committee chairs and the division of some committees.
 6. Bill Roe was approved as the new LDR Division chair for 2012-2016.
 7. If you aren't getting satisfactory answers, then Max Siegel says to send questions to him – since everything is being worked on.
 8. Next conference call is Aug 21st. They will cover what happened in Moscow.
 9. Sherry Quack was offered the new position but wanted to continue to do her same duties, so she is now gone.
 10. Kelly Kenders is Senior Administrative Assistant.
- L. Final Comments:
1. Bob Springer spent a day looking at sites for 2014 USATF National Cross Country. Problem is they want forty 2-meter boxes and 800m straightaway at start. Bob looked at Lake Sammamish, Jefferson Park, Lincoln and Magnuson. Others looked at Marymoor and Tye Golf Course the next day.
 2. Bill Hickman reported the UW Athletic Director said the track is ready.
 3. Neal Stoddard said our Masters Road Championships were Rhody Run (12K); Bloomsday (State); Run of the Mill (5K); Railroad Days (10K). He had the winners names but wasn't sure if they were members.
 4. Bill Roe noted with pride that their All Comers series went from the previous high 6,004 athletes in 2009 to 7,070 in 2013. Holly stated it is probably the same post-Olympic bounce that they see in Youth.

Next meeting is September 22, 2013 (Annual Meeting).

The meeting was adjourned at exactly 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Viering
PNTF Secretary