

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on March 19, 2007 at the College Club, 5th and Madison, in Seattle. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner can be taken in the College Club Lounge prior to the meeting. For those who would like to get the minutes by e-mail, please tell me your e-mail address, or e-mail pntf@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 February 19, 2007

President Patti Petesch called the Meeting to order in the Arctic Room of the College Club at 7:01 p.m. Also present were Gwen Robertson, Lance Giles, Tom Cotner, Neal Stoddard, Bob Springer, Kenny Emerick, Lawrie Robertson, Carole Langenbach, Mark Alexander, Darlene Hickman, Bill Roe, and Bob Langenbach.

I. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Minutes: The January 2007 PNTF Board Meeting minutes were corrected by stating that the meeting was held in the Board Room of the Seattle Parks and Recreation Building, and by changing the dates for the Officials Clinic in Tacoma to be February 12 and 19. The minutes were then approved as corrected. Note: The PNTF minutes are posted on the PNTF web site, www.pntf.org.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson distributed copies of her report. She reported on the mystery \$400 check deposit to masters. The deposit was in the correct spot, just mis-identified. It was moved and seconded to approve the report. Approved unanimously. The totals as of February 17, 2007 are: PNTF grand total \$51,972.18. This is composed of Youth - \$15,204.30; Open - \$7,282.73; Masters - \$9,703.63; General (officials) - \$995.26; and General - \$18,786.26.
- C. President's Report: Patti Petesch has asked Bill Hickman to head a committee to look at the (safety) operating guidelines for West Seattle Stadium. Bill Roe and Bob Springer are also on the committee. She also reported that the West Seattle Stadium track surfacing has some minor problems of bubbles due to (apparently) moisture trapped between the layers. This problem will be corrected following the HS track season. The Club Northwest All-Comers Wednesday night meets will return to West Seattle this year. Patti sorrowfully reported that Fred Dean, Youth Coach and Official, passed away suddenly. A rosary will be held for him on Sunday Feb. 25th, and funeral services on Monday Feb. 26th, both to be held at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery. She is putting together a picture board memorial. The family has asked that donations be made to the Fred Dean Scholarship Fund, which will support Youth athletes travel. Please make the checks out to PNTF, noting Fred Dean Scholarship and send to PNTF, 3766 S 192nd St, SeaTac, WA 98188.
- D. Vice President's Report: Derrek Berkompas was not present.
- E. Office Manager: Carole Langenbach had no report.
- F. Membership: Janell Kaufman had submitted her report to Carole: Youth 315, Open 124, Masters 192, Clubs 22 as of February 17th.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. PNTF Awards Dinner: Char Engelhardt was not present. Carole said the College Club had charged PNTF for 103 dinners, a very good turnout. Some general comments about the dinner were that the speaker should have been earlier in the program. It was also recommended that write-ups of the nominees and awardees be handed out, instead of read. The PNTF Board had a vote of thanks for Char for setting up the dinner.
- B. Criminal Background Check: Patti Petesch had no further information. She had sent out packets about the checks to all Youth Clubs. There was a question whether officials were to be checked. The answer was no, as they do not have one-on-one contact with youth. She also mentioned that if you are to be a volunteer/coach/etc. you must be a USATF member and get a background check. This could be some additional cost to clubs or the

individuals. Lance Giles asked the important question as to how the Youth Clubs will address this. Patti explained how it is to be done. Mainly the concern is with travel. Clubs must monitor the situations. There cannot be adult one-on-one situations (other than with the adult's own child).

- C. Expense and Reimbursement form: Lawrie Robertson has not yet customized the form for PNTF use. He promised to do so by the March meeting.
- D. Review of Bylaws for Membership and Voting: This was brought up last month, and Lawrie R and Bill Roe made a number of comments. Patti appointed Darlene Hickman as chair of a committee to review and bring proposals on voting rights and voting members back to the PNTF Board. She appointed Lawrie and Bill Roe as members of the committee.
- E. Athlete Bios on PNTF Web Site: Tom Cotner said he asked for this 18 months ago, and none are posted. Bob Springer and Lawrie Robertson agreed that Mark Alexander and Tom Cotner come up with a template that would make it easy to put the athlete bio information on the PNTF Web Site.
- F. Awards: Lawrie and Lance talked about the Open Athlete of the Year Award. They mentioned athletes who have made breakthroughs, but can't compete against the likes of a World Champion (Brad Walker, e.g.). Ryan Brown, UW NCAA 800m champion certainly qualifies for the "breakthrough" award. Nothing was decided, but there was a consensus that people like Brown should be recognized.

III NEW BUSINESS -- There was no new business.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Doug Chandler was not present. Patti reported that the February meeting was canceled. The Youth Committee is putting a lot of effort into coaches screening. One of their major problems is how to get the people they need in an attempt to replace Fred Dean's contributions to the Youth program.
- B. Open: Tom Cotner reported that the committee met on February 12th. They discussed how to help all athletes, not just elite support. 1.
- 1. MUT: Scott McCoubrey was not present.
- C. Masters: Ken Weinbel was not present. Neal Stoddard reported that they had held a meeting and set the T&F schedule: April 14th Spring Fling and RW; July 20&21 Seattle Classic; October 6&7 Weight and Super Weight Championships. He announced that the Seattle Classic would be open to a new age group 19-34. Cash awards for cross country teams was also discussed at the meeting.
- D. Race Walk: Stan Chraminski was not present.
- E. Officials Committee
 - 1. PNTFOA: Neal Stoddard reported on the last PNTFOA meeting. They talked about batteries for all battery-powered equipment. They also discussed an appreciation reward for officials. The new officers are Geof Newing President, Andy Newing Treasurer, Bob Springer Secretary, and Kenny Emerick Vice President.
 - 2. Certification and Training: Lawrie Robertson reported that 27 took the Tacoma class, and 15 were at the Seattle class. Bob Springer and Frank Dauncey have planned an 8-hour class in Everett March 17th. There will be a 2-hour clinic at Woodinville HS in March. Lawrie proposed that Frank D be the Snohomish County HS contact, and Jean Licari the Federal Way and South HS contact. After a brief discussion, Lawrie moved that all 8-hour class attendees receive the CD free, and at the 2-hour classes, HS coaches get the CD free. The cost will be taken from the PNTF General (officials) funds. The motion was seconded and approved.
- F. Website: Bob Springer reported that Mark Alexander has taken over and is doing a great job.
- G. USATF Associations: Bill Roe reported that there has been no Associations Exec Comm call since January 21st. At the Running USA conference, they discussed how to put on LDR events. One important bit of information was

that if an Association grievance is not addressed by the Association within 45 days, it will automatically go to the USATF National Board of Review (NABR).

- H. USATF BoD: Bill Roe reported they had a conference call January 28th. Craig Masback announced that Mike Conley was leaving. They are searching for a replacement. Orlando, the former site of the Triathlon Training Center, was approved for holding the NACAC Cross Country. NCAA Div I has stopped supporting RaceWalk, so USATF has ordained that RW is an endurance sport, which forces the NCAA to accept it in their LDR program. Running Routes now has over 100,000 courses listed on the Internet. Linda Melzer has announced that the Officials have inaugurated an Officials Hall of Fame.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach
PNTF Secretary