

Minutes of the PNTF Annual Meeting held September 18, 2011

President William Hickman called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Camp Long, 5200 35th Ave SW in West Seattle. He welcomed all those present and then asked for the 27 present to introduce him/herself.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Minutes: In Secretary Ed Viering's absence, acting Secretary Bob Langenbach had distributed copies of the minutes of the August 2011 PNTF Board Meeting. The minutes have been posted on the PNTF web site. The minutes were approved as posted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson distributed copies of her Treasurer's Report prepared as of September 15, 2011. After answering a few minor questions, the report was approved unanimously. President Hickman noted that unlike some other associations, PNTF is transparent and shows its monetary numbers. The following are the accounts: Youth -- \$9,603.18; Open -- \$7,647.04; Open Chair's Fund -- \$3,271.35; Masters -- \$4,255.87; General Officials -- \$1,975.55; Fred Dean Youth Travel -- \$3,365.36; General -- \$35,417.28.
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva said the numbers are up over last year. PNTF has 1,132 Youth members, 323 Open members, 589 Masters members, and there are 5 more clubs than last year for a total of 58. The membership report was approved.
- D. Vice President's Report: Kwajalein Griffin said she would give her report on the Association Workshop in the Business section.
- E. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach reported she had to provide W-9's from PNTF as a vendor to two organizations, plus completing a very complicated form on-line for the University of Washington to receive ONE payment for the hammer cage net at West Seattle Stadium. She has also put the PNTF phone bill on automatic withdrawal from the PNTF VISA account.
- F. The State of Our Association for 2011: (Secretary's note: I have summarized the remarks of PNTF President William Hickman from the notes of the speech he gave the acting Secretary.)

How do we take the measure of a USATF Association? Geographically? Financially? Or by its members? If geographically, it is from the Cascade Crest to the Pacific and the Columbia River to Canada. If Financially, that is easy as at every PNTF meeting, Treasurer Gwen Robertson sets out the financial data. PNTF is transparent in that respect. If by members, Membership Chair Tracy Silva gives us the totals at every PNTF meeting. Because of these efforts by our officers and other PNTF members who have done many tasks, we have our letter from USATF stating that for the 2011-2012 accreditation period we have been awarded Full Accreditation. Not all USATF Associations perform as PNTF does. USATF decertified the Metropolitan Athletic Congress (based in NY City) in August of this year. This was the biggest and most successful and richest USATF Association in the country, but it fell apart. Years ago, PNTF was held up as an example of a successful small association, and MAC a successful large association. We're still here, and they're not. We have about 1,900 members, had 156 competition sanctions so far this year, have 58 clubs, and 150 Nationally Certified Officials. We have all the paperwork of Incorporation, Bylaws, Annual Meeting Minutes, Published Financial Reports, a website, and held numerous sports championships. But it's the people that really measure our Association. President Hickman noted that Patti Petesch, Kwajalein Griffin, Gwen Robertson, Ed Viering, Tracy Silva, Carole Langenbach, Bill Roe, Darlene Hickman, Bob Springer, who matches officials to meets and has a cadre of officials training people, and many, many others are the ones that make PNTF successful. We're recognized nationally with awards. In 2010, Char Engelhardt received the Chairman's award from Youth Committee, and Paula Everdell and Ivars Ikstrums received Chairmen's awards from the Officials Committee, and Darlene Hickman and I received the Rico Award. In 2011 at the USATF Annual Meeting (Nov. 30 through Dec. 4) in St. Louis, Lawrie Robertson will be up for three awards. He will be a finalist for the Officials Hall of Fame, the Lori Maynard Award, and the John Davis Award. Congratulations Lawrie for recognition of your untold hours, days, weeks, month, and years of effort. Over the past year we had a wonderful PNTF Awards Dinner, many meets at the Dempsey including the Brooks HS Invitational, the State HS meet at Mt. Tahoma officiated by PNTF certified officials, two athletes at the World Youth Championships in France, many youth at Wichita, and a Level 1 Coaching Clinic. In December PNTF will host the Club National Cross Country at Jefferson Golf Course. What

lies ahead? A new outdoor track for the U of Washington. If it is as successful as the Dempsey, it will revive track in the Seattle area. In closing, President Hickman noted that he'd received a letter from a JO father thanking PNTF for making the first time JO experience of his 14 year old boys enjoyable and saying they are looking forward to next year's meets. They were able to learn about themselves, relate to others, and find out what it takes to win and lose with honor.

II ATHLETICS COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth Committee: Chair Asha Dean briefly reviewed PNTF meets, the JO's, and High School competitions. Elections for the Youth Committee will take place at the October 2011 Youth meeting. President Hickman again noted PNTF transparency as the Youth had handed out their Treasurer's Report at the Youth Committee Meeting preceding this PNTF Annual Meeting.
- B. Open Committee: Chair Tom Cotner briefly reviewed the Open meeting that preceded the PNTF Annual Meeting. They had set the dates for their events and said they will hold the NW Regional Cross Country in November. PNTF Athletes won 15 major Championships. Seventeen PNTF Athletes were on National USATF teams. Maddie Meyers broke the US Youth and HS 2000m Steeplechase record at the World Youth Championship in Lille France, Paul Limpf broke the WA state 25,000m record, Andrew Henshaw broke the WA state 100km record at the World Championships, and Claudia Copeland broke the 10,000m record at the Club National T&F meet.
- C. Masters Committee: Carole Langenbach reported for Chair George Mathews who was unable to attend. At the Masters meeting preceding the PNTF Annual Meeting they set dates for the coming year's events. The Regional T&F meet will be July 21, 2012 at West Seattle Stadium, the National Masters Combined Events will be at King's HS on July 14-15 2012, and the Masters National Throws Championships and UltraWeight Pentathlon will be August 18-19, 2012 at West Seattle Stadium. This year the Masters championship will be part of National Club Cross Country Championships on December 10, 2011.
- D. Race Walk: Chair Stan Chraminski was not present, but had informed President Hickman that they had wrapped their season up in August of this year.
- E. Officials Committee: Lawrie Robertson discussed the rework and review of the official's class. Ginger Quant did a review of the revision. Bob Springer then said that the major changes were to lessen the information presented on the jumping and throwing events. However, the detailed info is retained on the CD's and on the PNTF website. Ed Viering, and Ivars Ikstrums were responsible for the field event revisions.

III Business

- A. Association Workshop Report: Kwajalein Griffin reported that she, Patti Petesch, Darlene Hickman, and Bill Roe attended the one day workshop in San Marino CA. It was nice to be closer to home. USATF taped the sessions and all the questions are on the USATF website. Darlene Hickman and Ed Koch participated on a panel on "Good Meetings" which was chaired by Bill Roe.. They recommended a regular audit since several associations have had financial trouble. Budgeting, auditing, and fiscal reporting are vital. PNTF has money in three separate accounts: The PNTF account maintained by the PNTF Treasurer, and separate accounts maintained by the PNTF Youth Treasurer, and the PNTF Officials Association Treasurer. USATF has purchased software that all associations are to use for reporting and communications to their members. USATF has asked for two people to do this. Kwajalein suggested Office Manager Carole Langenbach and Secretary Ed Viering. At this point, Gwen Robertson recommended we have a paid office manager. Becca Peter said she would help using the website. USATF is offering a website template and Bill Roe said NY T&F (the organization replacing MAC) is using the new template. President Hickman

appointed a committee of Bob Springer (head) and Becca Peter to review the USATF website template, etc.

Kwajalein next reported on the coaching education session from the workshop. The info is on line, but she handed out a sheet showing how the HS on-line course and USATF Developmental Coach Course lead in to the Level 1 school and then Level 2 and Level 3. These courses are partially interchangeable and open to anyone. Hyleas Fountain and Dan O'Brien are involved in the Coaching Education for USATF. Go to <http://www.usatf.org/Resources-for---/Coaches/coaching-education.aspx>.

- B. Youth World Championships: Asha Dean said she was a manager for the team that competed in Lille, France. There were communication problems between the English speaking and French speaking people. It was a very stressful time, but it was still a good trip with the US athletes performing very well.
- C. 2011 Club Cross Country: Bob Springer said things are looking pretty good. They have modified the course from the PAC-10 course of last year so that the next race can start even if not all the Masters competitors have finished their 10km. The next committee meeting will be tomorrow (September 19) at the Seattle Parks & Rec headquarters. Additional meetings are on Oct. 17, Nov. 6, and Nov. 20. Jason Drake is the meet director. Mike Scott and Bill Quinlisk will be the meet referees.
- D. USATF Annual Meeting Information: Carole Langenbach asked for those who would like to attend. She said we need one athlete delegate, at least. Because of our 1900+ members, we are authorized 13 voting delegates. Becca Peter said she had asked Scott Roth about attending. If you wish to be a delegate, or attend the USATF Annual Meeting Nov. 30-Dec. 4 in St. Louis, contact her at 206-433-8868, or pntf@wolfenet.com.
- E. PNTF Annual Banquet: Char Engelhardt had to leave, but gave her report to Carole. It will be at on February 4, 2012 at the Embassy Suites in Tukwila, the same place as this year. It will be at 6:00 p.m. in the large banquet room. Asha Dean will be the guest speaker. PNTF will use e-mail to inform its membership of the banquet.
- F. Election of Officers: Carole Langenbach announced she had queried various people. The following had agreed to run for an additional year: President William Hickman and Secretary Ed Viering. For Vice President, Char Engelhardt and Ivars Ikstrums agreed to run and for Treasurer, Doug Chandler had agreed to run. Carole asked for any additional nominations. Kwajalein Griffin nominated Vic Roberson for Vice President. Bill Roe moved that the nominations be closed and the unopposed candidates be elected by acclamation. It was seconded by Bob Springer and approved unanimously. Carole distributed the ballots and President Hickman appointed Tom Potter and Bill Roe to count the ballots for Vice President. Bill Roe announced that Ivars Ikstrums won by a majority of the 25 ballots.

The next meeting will be October 17, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Seattle Parks and Recreation Building, 100 Dexter Avenue N., Seattle, WA.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Langenbach, acting for
Ed Viering
PNTF Secretary