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Minutes of the USOF Board of Directors' Meeting

October 17, 1998

Letchworth Challenge

Letchworth CSD, Gainesville, NY

Present: 9-13 Officers and Board Members. The meeting started at 3:35pm

Officers present: Gary Kraght, President; Mike Minium, VP Program Development; Eric Bone, VP Competition; Liz Kotowski, VP Marketing and PR; Betsy Hawes, Secretary; Robin Shannonhouse, Executive Director (non-voting)

Board Members present: Paul Regan, At-Large; Tom Murphy, Midwest; Alan Petit, Mid-Atlantic; Laurie Searle, At-Large; Jon Nash, Northeast; Frank Campbell, Southeast; Bill Cusworth, Northwest; Nancy Koehler, A.L.-Competition; Al Smith, Heartland (alt.).

Guests (who signed in): Vlad Gusiaticov, Karl Kolva, Stephanie Marineau, Bill Swift, Bruce McAlister (NW alternate), Jeffery Saeger, Ernst Linder, Sara Mae Berman

(Note: the number of voting members of the BOD varied during the meeting from 9 to 13.)

1. **The minutes from the June 24 and June 25 meetings were approved.** Vote: 9-Y, 0-N, 1-A.
2. Open Forum:
  1. A. Vlad Gusiaticov had two suggestions for the Board:
    1. That the USOF BOD-net be posted on the WWW to make it available to the general public since access to the WWW is now available in public libraries.
    1. That income from the Warm-up Event sanctioning fees be specified for a unified system to keep track of event information and reporting for all national events. Gary agreed that a standardized format is needed.
  - B. Sara Mae Berman (speaking later in the meeting) pointed out
    1. That follow-through would be needed on the Long-Range Plan.
    2. That there is a lack of inclusion of Land Access Issues about which she feels USOF needs to be proactive
    1. That there needs to be coordination with other groups such as Search and Rescue in pursuit of land access.

3. **The Bid for the 1999 Classic Champs was awarded unanimously to BAOC for Sept. 25-6 in Nevada.** (11-Y) Several comments pointed to the need for the Sanctioning Committee to be pro-active in getting bids and establishing a reasonable calendar. (This bid was late because BAOC stepped in to fill a gap.) It was also pointed out that when committee chairs change there needs to be more communication with the new people about past practices.

4. **The bid for the 2000 US Junior Team Champs was awarded to GAOC for January 15-16, 2000** Vote: 10-Y, 1-N (P. Regan), 1-A (B. Cusworth). Information was given that the rules for this championship are under construction and should be ready for this year's meet in Texas.

1. **Bid for the 2000 was unanimously to BAOC for August 1-4 on the western shore of Lake Tahoe at North Star.** Vote: 12-Y
2. **A bid for a World Ranking Event was approved** to be hosted by OCIN on March 12, 1999 after some discussion. The vote was 10-Y, 1-N (J. Nash), 2-A (P. Regan, B. Hawes). Other clubs would have been interested in hosting such an event. Some felt that it was too late for another club to do this for 1999 and that we wouldn't gain anything by not going forward with it at this time. It was noted that only the Ranking courses for M21 and F21 would be run by IOF rules, with all other courses open to anyone and run by USOF rules. Some controls will be shared.
3. The Long Range Growth Plan was first amended:

**To require the Executive Committee to present a plan of implementation for the next 2**

**years at the February Board meeting.** (Vote: 11-Y, 1-N (L.Searle), 1-A (F. Campbell)

A great deal of concern was expressed by Laurie Searle who felt that there had not been enough input from the clubs. Others felt that the committee had done a very good job of requesting input. After further discussion, **a second amendment was passed to change #5 to read "elements to be considered" instead of "elements to be included."** (Vote: 12-Y, 1-N (L. Searle), 0-A)

**A third amendment was passed to change the wording of #1 from "USOF will implement" to "USOF will consider."** (Vote: 9-Y, 3-N (P. Regan, L. Searle, F. Campbell), 0-A) **A fourth amendment was passed "To establish a starting date for measuring growth of July 1, 1999."** (Vote: 10-Y, 2-N (P. Regan, L. Searle), 1-A (B. Cusworth)). Liz noted that we should pick concrete and measurable criteria to measure the growth and build them in.

**The amended Long-Range Growth Plan was approved.** Vote: 9-Y, 3-N (L. Searle, A. Smith, and F. Campbell) and 1-A (N. Koehler).

8. **There was a motion to raise the limits of liability for USOF Insurance to \$3,000,000 for Jan. 1, 1999 to be funded out of the insurance fund with no added cost to clubs at this time. This was amended to change "\$3,000,000" to "up to \$5million as needed and to do so by charging 50cents more per club member starting with the year 2000 rechartrers.** Vote on the amendment: 11-Y, 1-N (P. Regan), 1-A (B. Hawes). **The amended motion was passed: Vote: 12-Y, 0-N, 0-A.**

9. **A motion was made and passed to reduce A-meet fees for Juniors under age 19 by 50%.** Vote: 12-Y, 0-N, 1-A. (L. Kotowski).

**11. Al Smith made a motion that: "The Board directs the President or his delegate Vice-President to develop and implement before the next Board meeting a way to provide timely access to Board-net discussions for those members without email access."** This motion was not carried.

Vote: 5-Y, 5-N (E. Bone, J. Nash, B. Hawes, P. Regan, G. Kraght) 4-A (N. Koehler, L. Kotowski, T. Murphy, M. Minium) The suggestion was made to place a notice in the USOF pages asking for anyone without access to e-mail who would like to read the communication on the Board-net to please let the president know that.

**12. A motion was defeated to change the location and date for the next Board meeting to the Vulcan meet in Feb.** (Vote: 5-Y, 8-N, 0-A)

10. (Discussed after a one and one-half hour break for dinner. Present: M. Minium, L. Kowtoski, A. Petit, F. Campbell, B. Cusworth, E. Bone, N. Koehler, B. Hawes, T. Murphy, G. Kraght)

Amendments to the proposed Budget were made first:

**To add \$7000 to a new line item before 115 for expenses to make a video, and to make the changes to other lines that this would bring in the totals.**

Carried unanimously (9-0)

**To remove line 24, \$900 for marketing director.** Carried unanimously. (9-0)

**To strike lines 140-144 as redundant.** (Vote: 8 Y, 0-N, 1-A (B. Hawes))

**To replace the numbers in the proposed budget for Marketing and Public Relations with those proposed by Liz in her handout of Oct. 13.**

Carried unanimously. (9-0)

**The budget, as amended above, was carried unanimously.** (9-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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