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Minutes of the USOF Board of Directors' Meeting

February 20, 1999

Radisson Hotel, Tyler, Texas

JROTC Championship meet

Present: 3:00-6:00pm—12 to 13 Officers and Board Members.

Officers present: Gary Kraght, President; Mike Minium, VP Program Development; Eric Bone, VP Competition; Michael Schneiderman, VP Club Services; Frank Kuhn, VP Administration; Betsy Hawes, Secretary; Robin Shannonhouse, Exec. Director (non-voting)

Board Members present: Frank Campbell, Southeast; Alan Petit, Mid-Atlantic; David Irving, SW; Robert Paddock, SW Alt (non-voting); Bill Cusworth, NW; Al Smith, Heartland Alt.

1. Highlights from the minutes of the October 17 meeting were read and then the **minutes were approved. Vote: 8-Y, 0-N, 1-A.**
2. Open Forum:
  1. Frank Kuhn, acting head of the Nominating Committee because there is no chair, made a plea for nominations for President, Secretary, At large, Pacific Region, Heartland Region, and the Northeast Region.
  2. Frank Campbell suggested that appropriate recognition for the Berman's work on O/NA be made at the Convention.
  3. Mike Minium explained the interest in Jon Rauchenbach of Cincinnati in taking over the publishing of O/NA. Discussion of this was postponed to Item 8.
  4. Robert Paddock brought a suggestion from the SW that someone be hired by USOF to put on A-meets as a paid meet director with a percentage of the income and a small salary of perhaps \$2000 per month, who would also act as course consultant and do advertising for the meet. It was suggested that he work with Eric Bone to come up with a plan and perhaps also work with David and Liz as this is not just a competition idea, but also a development area. It was pointed out that employment issues would also have to be checked for this sort of plan. Eric added that in the NW a stipend was offered sometimes to those arranging for land use and for finding key meet staff.
  5. At the last meeting, it was agreed that the Executive Board would come back at this meeting with a fleshed-out plan for the Long-Range Plan. Gary said that parts of this had been done but that it hadn't been pulled together into a presentation. The last 2 goals for marketing and publicity are fleshed out. A plan for developing new clubs has come to the Board Net, but is not complete. The Executive Board has held off on plans for restructuring USOF and getting clubs to buy in on USOF, but events have overtaken us and will be discussed as Item 8 on the agenda. Eric Bone has a time line for increasing regional competition, but it needs more work. Al Smith would like more information on money and personnel needed to bring these things about. A decision was made to republish what has been done to bring it to the attention of more clubs and members. A final comment was made that increasing participation should be more important than growth of memberships in USOF or member clubs.
1. **A motion was made and seconded to award the 1999 US Long Course Championships to a consortium of the US Team and DVOA.**

**Vote: Y-unanimous.**

It was pointed out that we need to be getting out a schedule of Bid Events for 2000 A-meets and Championships. Eric will do a follow-up in the next few weeks and Michael Schneiderman will put it in O/NA. Eric hopes the US Champs could be in the East after a couple of years in the West.

1. A motion was made to transfer \$2800 to the Map Grant Fund from the Operating Fund to re-capitalize the fund. Discussion followed about the proper path this amendment should take (Through the committee and the VP in charge of it), about whether it should have been included in the budget just passed in Oct., and about the amount the transfer should be. **An amendment was made to change the amount of the transfer from \$2800 to \$5000.**  
**The amendment was passed: Y-9, N-1(M. Schneiderman); A-0**

**The amended motion was passed:Y-9, N-1 (M. Schneiderman), A-0**

1. After extensive discussion and a withdrawn motion by Al Smith, a motion was made by Mike Minium and passed by the board. **The Board of Directors approves the Endowment Fund proposal in principal, and directs the Vice President for Administration to subject the proposal to legal review and to submit a revision at the next Board of Directors' meeting.**

**Vote: Y9, N0, Abstain 1 (B. Cusworth)**

A number of straw votes followed on this issue:

1. Directors of the fund shall serve... replace "lime terms with "ten year terms".  
Life terms-0, 10 year terms-3, 5 year terms-6, abstain-1
1. remove limitation of terms for officers  
Y-10, N-0, A-0
1. Delete "all checks must be signed by 2 officers  
Y-6 N-0, A2
1. "one of the meetings will be at the USOF Annual meeting"  
Y-2. N-6, A-2
1. There should be a fixed rate of return  
Fixed rate-3 not a fixed rate-6
1. Should any fixed rate be reviewed by the BOD every 10 years?  
Y-6, N-1, A-3f
1. The board of the Endowment Fund may accept the investment and management of other long term funds set up by USOF. A separate contract detailing the stipulations of each such fund shall be entered into between the board of the Fund and the USOF Board.  
Y-4, N-2, A-4

**1. Approval of USOF JROTC Fund and policy as proposed by Mike Minium was passed.**

**Vote: Y-10, N-0, A-0**

1. Approval of USOF Rules for US Junior Team Orienteering Championships.  
Wording changes were made about the ages of participants in various categories. See the attached rules.

**The first amendment was to change the name of the bid event to "U.S. Interscholastic Championship".**

**Vote: 9-Y, N-0, A-0**

**The second amendment: "The JV Course will be an intermediate course of Brown length."**

**Vote: Y-6, N-2, A-1**

**The proposal was passed as amended.**

**Vote: Y-9, N-0, A-0**

1. Discussion of USOF policy regarding international development of Rogaines, Mountain Marathons, and other long-distance orienteering-presented by Gary Kraght  
2. One motion and 3 straw votes followed the discussion.

**A motion was made and passed endorsing the Tuscon Orienteering Club's bid for the 2002 World Rogaining Championships.**

**Vote: Y-8, N-0, A-1**

Straw votes:

1. Should USOF affiliate with IRF?  
Y-3, N-0, A-6
1. Should USOF actively work with IOF working group to have Rogaining more actively developed?  
Y-7, N-1, A-1
1. Should USOF affiliate with a temporary rogaining group until IOF makes progress on this matter?  
Y-2, N-2, A-3

The meeting was recessed at 6:00pm and scheduled to reconvene at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Hawes, USOF secretary

USOF Board Meeting, 2nd session, Saturday Feb 20, 1999, 8pm

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Present: Bill Cusworth, Eric Bone, Mike Minium, David Irving, Michael Schneiderman, Frank Campbell, Robin Shannonhouse, Gary Kraght, Bob Paddock, Frank Kuhn, Al Petit

GK called the session to order 8:05pm.

MM presented a proposal by Jon Rauschenbach of OCIN to take over publishing ONA when the Bermans discontinue publication in July, stating that Jon would wish to have the same deal the Bermans had but would require a minimum time commitment from USOF to bundle the magazine with USOF membership.

GK & MS will draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) for additional proposals for USOF magazine publishers to go in the April 1st issue of ONA. BP offered to talk to a friend who owns a business that publishes small circulation magazines to see if he would be interested in making a proposal. The RFP will detail the requirements that the proposal must contain.

MS said that if all else fails, he is willing to publish a quarterly publication that would be along the same lines as the COF publishes. If a new magazine publisher is contracted, he is willing to continue his role as USOF editor.

Discussion followed on how long a window should be available for accepting proposals. A deadline of May 15 was decided upon.

GK stated another critical issue would be if the Board should put off implementing the LRGP in order to get more viewpoints and give committees a chance to work on various issues involved. He also said we must decide how long we want to guarantee a link between USOF membership and a magazine.

MS made the following motion:

**The Executive Committee will provide for and supervise a request for proposal process to seek proposals to publish a magazine for US Orienteering and the EC is hereby delegated the authority to select a proposal and enter into an agreement with a publisher, after consulting with the Board on the Board net.**

**Motion was seconded, voted occurred. 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.**

New USOF Membership Structure

General discussion involving various difficulties with moving toward a new membership structure, notably collection supervision and insurance considerations. MS said our insurance agency asks how we collect fees from clubs as part of the process and might change how they bill us for premiums if we change from a membership structure of charging insurance fees to a participation structure. He recommended caution in this regard. No motions or decisions were made.

Bob Paddock, NTOA meet director for the weekend, thanked everyone for coming & presented EB with a trophy for being fastest competitor on the Red Course on Saturday.

EB moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Shannonhouse

USOF Executive Director

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