

Minutes of the USOF Board of Directors' Meeting

31 March 2001

CAMP RODNEY, NORTHEAST MARYLAND

- I. **Call to Order:** President Charles Ferguson called the USOF Board of Directors meeting to order at 1:45 PM.

Officers present:

Charles Ferguson - President

Sherry Litasi - VP Marketing and PR

Eric Bone - VP Competition

Scott Drumm - VP Club Services

Frank Kuhn - VP Administration

Mike Minium - VP Program Development

Linda Ferguson - Secretary

Robin Shannonhouse - Executive Director (ex-officio)

Board members present:

Alan Petit, Mid-Atlantic

Clare Durand, Pacific

Gale Teschendorf, Heartland

Frank Campbell, SE

Bruce McAlister, NW (alt)

Barbara Sleight, A/L

Robert Buraczynski, NE

Randy Hall, A/L

Others present:

steve Shannonhouse (Rules), John Fairley, SE (alt)

1. **OPEN FORUM** (5 minutes allotted to any speaker)

1. **President Chuck Ferguson** asked that the BOD take a minute to remember USOF friend, Al Smith, in thought and prayer during his illness.
2. **Bruce McAlister** reported that traffic on the Club net has brought up the question of the relationship that the USOF Rogaine program has with the Rogaine Association. The Rogaine Committee will coordinate with the Rules Committee to bring their suggestions to the BOD. The Rogaine Committee is soliciting suggestions and comments. (Note: The IOF is also staffing Rogaine issues.)
3. **Bruce McAlister** reported that the Chinese Olympic Committee is assuring Western mappers in Beijing that if China hosts the 2008 Olympics, Foot Orienteering will be included. **Chuck Ferguson** cautioned the BOD to remember that the International Olympic Committee requires a specific number of countries to be members of the International Organization and IOF is still behind in this particular criterion.
4. **Mike Minium** circulated get-well cards for some of USOF's injured and ill members.
5. **Mike Minium** reminded the BOD that June 11 is the Orienteering event for the World Police and Fire Games, Mounds State Recreation Area, Brookville. There were 40 applicants at the most recent count. Volunteers and cheerleaders are welcome. There are 10,000 participants in the games, worldwide.
6. **Mike Minium** reported that after Junior Team selections, 4 females and 2 males qualified for the team. Due to the current selection criteria, not enough juniors qualified to field a male relay team. A problem with the criteria needs to be addressed to allow as many Juniors to participate, as possible. A grievance may be filed in reference to the selection process. The Executive Committee is the appeal board after the Grievance Committee hears the complaint.
7. **Eric Bone** suggested that the Executive Committee be the standing committee for the Junior Team and will develop that proposal later.
8. **Frank Kuhn** has two copies of the IOF International Specifications for Map Symbols book. He also has a colleague who provides lightweight posts for holding Orienteering markers, particularly suited for Trail-O.
9. **Clare Durand** reports that Southern California is going through the National Forest Plan Update and is the first in the country to fall under this new congressional directive. The area clubs are contacting orienteers throughout the state to rally members to attend these meetings and have a voice in what is happening in/to the forest. Reports are available through SCNET-NFS through YAHOO Groups.com. **Barb Sleight** added that New York State has a similar review as well as the county forest.
10. **Mike Minium** reported that 100 copies of IOF Orienteering World have been ordered, which contains a section on Orienteering and the environment. It contains 20+ pages on the environment and is useful for clubs to use when approaching land managers. Mike can also provide copies of testimonial letters

III. **Minutes:**

Eric Bone moved to approve the minutes as corrected

SECOND – Clare Durand

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Yes – Unanimous

THE MOTION PASSED

IV. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** None

1. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. SILVA AWARD POLICY - Frank Kuhn

Frank Kuhn proposed that responsibility for the Silva Award be moved from the VP of Administration to VP of Marketing and Public relations.

SECOND – Eric Bone

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Yes – 11

No – 2

Abstentions – 1

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

1. REVISED REGIONAL ELECTION PROCEDURES – Frank Kuhn

Frank Kuhn asked that the BOD to endorse a new guideline permitting regional directors the option of publishing regional candidates in ONA rather than direct that publication in ONA must take place. The form would remain with the Guidelines for Regional Elections Procedures, which is accessible to the Clubs.

Changes will take place in 2002. There is a need for a general revision of the guidelines. It was pointed out that as VP of Administration, he has the authority to change guidelines without BOD approval, which will be done in the near future.

1. PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES TO THE AGM/CONVENTION – Frank Kuhn

Frank Kuhn proposed that the BOD present a change to the USOF By-laws for approval at the Annual General Membership meeting (AGM). The proposal reads:

PART 1: The BOD proposes that dates stated in the USOF By-laws for the annual federation convention change from limiting conventions to March through August.

To: *The annual convention of the Federation shall be held once each calendar year. Conventions may be held six months after a prior convention. No convention shall be held sooner than six months of a prior convention.* (Frank Kuhn and Robin will determine wording)

PART 2: Change the year 200 to 2000.

SECOND – Bruce

DISCUSSION: This needed change is to: 1) encourage clubs finding the summer venue unsuitable for orienteering in their area to act as future convention hosts, and, 2) provide a break for clubs who have repeatedly organized conventions and are risking burnout.

VOTE: Yes – 14 Unanimous

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

1. NATIONAL ORIENTEERING DAY REPORT – Sherry Litasi

Bob Richarsky has agreed to take over as chair of National Orienteering Day.

Events for 2001 will be held the first weekend in May with some events held on the weekends before and after the target date. Events in 2002 will be held on the target weekend only. Having events on one day only provides more impact and marketing value for the clubs and for national press.

Brunton will provide NOD with the same support that it did in 2000, supplying compasses, hats, posters, and other giveaways. THANK YOU TO BRUNTON!!

1. ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE – Frank Kuhn

Robin, Frank, and Chuck will be meeting with the Endowment Fund Committee.

Legal (state/federal) documents are in preparation for filing, finishing the organizational process for the Endowment Fund. The process has taken much longer than anticipated.

1. 2001 ELECTION UPDATE – Frank Kuhn

The State of Officers for the USOF Board of Directors:

President – Chuck Ferguson

VP Competition – Eric Bone

VP Program Development – Mike Minium

Secretary – Michael Schneiderman

Competition Member-at-large - Nancy Koehler

BOD-at-large – Walter Siegenthaler

Elections will be held at the **AGM, Sunday, June 24th**, 6:30-9PM in the meeting room of the Double K Camp during the Pacific NW Orienteering Festival

(Cle Elum/Easton, WA).

The President asked all BOD members to redouble their efforts to find a Convention Chair, Election Committee Chair and other unfilled committee chairs.

1. CHAMPIONSHIP BIDS – Eric Bone

2001 Relay Champs - Eric Bone made a motion that the USOF BOD accept an LOC bid for the 2001 US Relay Champs, Sunday, December 9, 2001 after a classic race on December 8th at Vasquez Rocks County Park, CA,

SECOND – Bruce McAlister

DISCUSSION: The area is high desert, sandstone ridges, and high visibility with good spectator opportunities, near Los Angeles (the *Flintstones* was filmed here).

VOTE: Yes – 14

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

2002 Interscholastic Championships – Eric Bone made a motion that the USOF BOD accept a BOK bid for the 2002 Interscholastic Championships, March 23-24, 2002, River Rock State Park, NC.

SECOND – Bruce McAlister

DISCUSSION- None

VOTE: Yes – 14

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

The president and BOD send their compliments to GAOC and BOK for scheduling their Interscholastic events a year or more in advance, allowing schools to plan and budget for attendance.

1. RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – Steve Shannonhouse

F-50-55 - Brown and Green Female category changes are being studied with a report forthcoming at the convention in June. Statistics from the rankings committee and input from the competitors will be included.

Equipment – New rules will include e-punch equipment.

Team Selection – The US Team has a new team selection process. A new Junior Team selection process may also be established.

Relay Rules – The relay rules have taken a life of their own and need to be fine-tuned in the future.

1. 2002 WORLD RANKING EVENTS – Eric Bone

Eric Bone proposed that the USOF BOD delegate approval of all 2002 World Ranking Event applications to the Executive Committee.

second – Mike Minium

discussion – may 31, 2001 is the deadline for applications. The next BOD meeting is not scheduled until June. With the deadline close at hand and the possibility of several clubs applying for world ranking events, there is a need for quick approval of all applications.

VOTE: Yes – 14

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

No – 0

1. 2004 World Cup – Eric Bone

Eric Bone proposed that the USOF BOD delegate approval of a possible 2004 World Cup application to the Executive Committee.

SECOND: Linda Ferguson

DISCUSSION: Two clubs have expressed interest in hosting the 2004 WOC. The application needs to be completed and submitted to the IOF for Council approval this summer during the WOC and will need to be expedited.

VOTE: Yes – 14

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

1. 2001 Night-O Championships – Eric Bone

Eric Bone proposed that the USOF BOD delegate approval of the 2001 Night-O Championships to the Executive Committee.

SECOND: Bruce McAlister

DISCUSSION: The Rochester Orienteering Club is preparing a bid for the Night-O Championships to be held in late October. The time between application and event is compressed with the need to expedite approval of the bid, permitting the club to begin preparation for the event. There are no other bids for this event.

VOTE: Yes – 14

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION PASSED

1. USOF MEMBERSHIP LIST – Chuck Ferguson

Gale Teschendorf made a motion that would allow ONA to request a list of USOF Junior Members, specifically for sending out mailings from commercial vendors to juniors through the magazine.

SECOND – Alan Petit

DISCUSSION –

- At the request of a commercial vendor, the BOD was asked to make the USOF Membership List available to all orienteering merchandisers.
- Historically USOF has kept the membership list confidential with many members passionately and vocally against publishing and dissemination of the list in any form, for any reason.
- To date the only means vendors have of reaching USOF members is through advertisements in ONA; consequently, only those members who receive ONA are contacted.
- Junior memberships do not include a subscription to ONA; therefore, junior members do not receive vendor advertising.
- Given access to the Junior Membership List, it was suggested that ONA might consider publishing one magazine a year specifically for junior members, with articles and advertising appropriate for their needs.

THE PROPOSAL TABLED - Mike Minium made a motion to table the proposal for further study.

SECOND: Bruce McAlister

VOTE: Yes – 9

No – 5

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE MOTION to table the proposal passed

AD-HOC VENDOR LIST STUDY COMMITTEE - President Chuck Ferguson assigned a committee to study the proposal. Members are Chair, Sherry Litasi (VP Marketing & PR), Clare Durand, and Gale Teschendorf.

M. **RESOLUTIONS – Chuck Ferguson**

President, Chuck Ferguson entertained a motion that the BOD make resolutions of congratulations:

- o To Scott Pleban - USOF's 2000 Male Athlete of the Year
- o To Kristin Hall - USOF's 2000 Female Athlete of the Year
- o To Sharon Crawford and Judy Dickinson - Rogaine Duo - USOF's 2000

Team of the Year

- o To MEO - Maine Orienteering - USOF's newest club
- o To the US Junior Team
- o To the US Senior Team

Sherry Litasi so moved.

SECOND: Eric Bone

DISCUSSION: Congratulation and thank you for a job well done. We are proud of your accomplishments and sacrifice for USOF and Orienteering.

VOTE: Yes – 14

No – 0

Abstentions – 0

Members voting -14

THE RESOLUTION PASSED.

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the United States Orienteering Federation sends sincere congratulations and thanks to Scott Pleban, Kristin Hall, Sharon Crawford, Judy Dickinson, MEO and the Junior and Senior USOF Teams for a job well done. Resolved - March 31, 2001 -

N. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- o **IOF Controllers' Clinic:** There is a possibility of a two-day IOF Controllers' Clinic in British Columbia, Canada sometime in June, after PNWOF 2001. Contact James Baker for information.
- o **Individual Software for Online Registration:** Exploration of an online registration system is being studied by the former Active.Com committee. Contact Randy Hall for information.
- o **Electronic Punching Equipment:** The E-punch Chair is in the process of purchasing additional e-punch equipment, already approved by the BOD. For information contact Evan Custer.
- o **A Women's Short Course Trophy:** Missing in action - one trophy. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the Women's' Short Course Trophy, contact Mike Minium ASAP.
- o **IOF Regional Orienteering:** The IOF is strongly promoting global competition. The question of expanding the North American Championships to include Mexico and designating it as The Western Hemisphere Championships is being discussed. Direct questions and comments to Frank Kuhn.
- o **Trail-O Controller's Clinic:** A Trail-O Controller's Clinic will be held during WOC 2001 in Tampere, Finland. For information contact Frank Kuhn.
- o **NEW Course Consultant Chair:** Elis Eberlein will serve as the new Course Consultant Committee Chair – Thank you Elis!
- o **Too Many Messages on the Board Net.** Members are asked to keep message traffic on the BOD net short and pertaining to BOD business. Other messages and information can go on the Club net, with the assurance that most of the BOD receives both services. This will alert the BOD that messages sent on the BOD net are important and need to be opened and addressed immediately.

1. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Sherry Litasi made a motion to adjourn.

SECOND: Mike Minium

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

1. VII. **USOF BOD MEETINGS:**

BOD – Saturday - 23 June 2001, 2:00 PM - PNWOF, Three Creeks Conference Center

AGM – Sunday - 24 June 2001, 6:30 PM, PNWOF, Meeting Room, Double Creek Camp

BOD – Sunday - 24 June 2001, PNWOF, following the AGM " " "

BOD – Saturday- 3 November 2001, DVOA – A-Meet, near Philadelphia, PA, Time/Place TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ferguson

Secretary

Board of Directors

UNITED STATES ORIENTEERING FEDERATION

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