

Minutes of the USOF Board of Directors' Meeting

3 November 2001

Reading, Pennsylvania

I. Call to Order: President Charles Ferguson called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm.

Officers Present:

Charles Ferguson, President
Sherry Litasi, VP Marketing and Public Relations
Eric Bone, VP Competition
Frank Kuhn, VP Administration
Mike Minium, VP Program Development
Michael Schneiderman, Secretary
Robin Shannonhouse, Executive Director (ex officio)

Board Members Present:

Randy Hall, At Large (arrived at item VIII)
Barbara Sleight, At Large (arrived at item VI)
Nancy Koehler, At Large-Competition
Bruce McAlister, Northwest (alternate)
Alan Petit, Mid-Atlantic
Gary Kraght, Pacific (alternate)
David Irving, Southwest (alternate)
Gale Teschendorf, Heartland (arrived at item IX)
Robert Buraczynski, Northeast
Linda Ferguson, Southeast (alternate) (through item IV)
John Fairley, Southeast (arrived at item V)

II. Open Forum

- A. **Frank Kuhn** announced that committee notes from the International Orienteering Federation Trail-O Committee are available on request. He has not distributed them to the whole Board.
- B. **Bruce McAlister** asked why there are no individual championships for boys and girls in the interscholastic championship event. Although the championship was set up as a team event, board members indicated a willingness to consider adding individual championship awards as well.
- C. **Bruce McAlister** noted that current practice appears to allow rule waivers after events have been awarded by the Board, without those waivers coming back to the Board for approval. He suggests that such waivers should always be acted on by the Board whether they are part of the bid or subsequently requested. He will send a proposal on this to the rules committee.

III. Minutes of Prior Meetings

- A. Approval of the minutes for the June 23 Board meeting was deferred until the next Board meeting.
- B. Gary Kraght MOVED and Frank Kuhn seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2001 Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. New National Championship – Rogaine

Eric Bone proposed, and David Irving seconded, the following motion:

That the U. S. Rogaine Championships become a bid event, subject to approval by the Board. To this end, the following changes to the Rules of Competition shall be made:

To section 3.2.4, add: "j. United States Rogaine Championships"

To Section 7.2.1, add: "United States Rogaine Championships"

The Board recommends to the President that the Rogaine Committee be placed under the jurisdiction of the Vice President for Competition, since rogaining has matured as a competitive sport.

The Rogaine and Sanctioning Committees are directed to design and offer a sanctioning process for rogaines, by which they can be placed on the Calendar of Sanctioned National Events.

The motion was approved:

YES – 10, NO – 1, ABSTENTION – 1.

V. Championship Bids – 2002 and 2003

Bruce McAlister moved, and Gary Kraght seconded the following motion:

The following bids for championship events, all of which have been approved by the Sanctioning Committee and all of which are uncontested, are approved:

1. 2002 Night Orienteering by Blue Star Komplex, Saturday, July 20, 2002
2. 2002 Long Orienteering by Blue Star Komplex, Wednesday July 24, 2002
3. 2002 United States Championships by Quantico Orienteering Club, Saturday and Sunday, November 2-3, 2002
4. 2003 Interscholastic Championships by Georgia Orienteering Club, Saturday and Sunday, January 18-19, 2003
5. 2003 Long Orienteering Championships by Central New York Orienteering, Saturday, May 3, 2003
6. 2003 Short Orienteering Championships by Central New York Orienteering, Sunday, May 4, 2003
7. 2003 United States Championships by Bay Area Orienteering Club, Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14, 2003.

The motion was approved:

YES – 12, NO – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 0

Eric Bone moved and Bruce McAlister seconded the following motion:

Action on the bid by Sammamish Orienteering Club to host the 2002 Rogaine Championships on Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15, 2002 is delegated to the Executive Committee.

The motion was approved:

YES – 12, NO – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 0

VI. Transfer of Funds to USOF Endowment Fund, Inc.

Gary Kraght moved and David Irving seconded the following motion:

(1) The initial amount to be transferred to USOF Endowment Fund, Inc. shall be the total of the cash contributions made by USOF members to the Endowment Fund, plus the amount in the USOF Investment Account, and (2) a new fund shall be created and maintained in USOF financial records showing funds on deposit with USOF Endowment Fund, Inc.

The motion was approved:

YES – 13, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 1

VII. Proposals to Changes Rules on Electronic Punching and Map Scale

Frank Kuhn moved and Alan Petit seconded the following motion:

The USOF rules modifications regarding electronic punching as proposed by the Rules Committee are approved.

After discussion, Frank Kuhn moved and Nancy Koehler seconded the following motion:

The proposed rules modifications are tabled and referred back to the Rules Committee for revision.

The motion to table was approved:

YES – 13, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 1

Barbara Sleight moved and Gary Kraght seconded the following motion:

The Rules Committee is instructed to revise Rule 22.4 with respect to map scale.

The motion was approved:

YES – 14, NO – 0, ABSTENTIONS – 0

VIII. 2002 Budget

David Irving moved and Frank Kuhn seconded the following motion:

The 2002 budget as proposed to the Board is approved.

By consensus of the Board, the proposed budget was amended in the following line items: in the Operating Fund Budget, VP Administration (-\$50), Committees (-\$250), Foot-O Team Support (-\$200), Ski-O Team Support (-\$1100), Championship Awards (+\$450), Recognition Awards (+\$75); in the Foot-O Team Fund Budget, Beginning Balance (-\$1150), Transfer from Operating Fund (-\$200) and Total Income (-\$200), Ending Balance (-\$1350); Ski-O Team Fund Budget, Transfer from Operating (-\$200), Total Income (-\$200), Ending Balance (-\$200); Competition Awards Fund, Transfer from Operating Fund (+\$450), Championship Award Medals (+\$100), Ending Balance (+\$350).

The 2002 budget attached to these minutes was approved:

YES – 14, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 0

IX. 2002 Convention Bid

The Rocky Mountain Orienteering Club bid to host the 2002 Convention was withdrawn prior to the meeting. The Executive Committee is authorized by prior Board action to approve a Convention bid. NO ACTION.

X. Change in USOF Calendar Policy

Eric Bone moved and Gary Kraght seconded the following motion:

USOF policy governing listing of events in the USOF Calendar is amended as follows: (1) National Orienteering Day, normally the first weekend in May, shall be added to the list of events in the official USOF Calendar, and (2) the provision in the existing policy that "Class 'B' events will be listed as space is available at the discretion of the Calendar editor" shall be stricken.

Mike Minium moved and John Fairley seconded the following amendment to the main motion:

The main motion is amended by striking part (2) with respect to listing of "B" events.

The amendment was approved:

YES – 9, NO – 4, ABSTENTION – 2

The main motion, as amended, was approved:

YES – 15, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 0.

As approved the action of the Board reads as follows:

USOF policy governing listing of events in the USOF Calendar is amended as follows: National Orienteering Day, normally the first weekend in May, shall be added to the list of events in the official USOF Calendar.

XI. Elite Events Project Report

Eric Bone reported on new opportunities for elite competitions. NO ACTION.

XII. Report on F-50/55 Survey

With the consent of the Board, this item was deferred to later in the meeting (see below).

XIII. Administrative Issues

Frank Kuhn withdrew from the agenda proposals to change the names of some USOF positions, and to divide minutes into new and old business. He deferred to a later meeting a proposal to adopt a convention policy for 2003 and beyond. NO ACTION.

Eric Bone moved and Bruce McAlister seconded the following motion:

Action on a bid to host the 2002 Intercollegiate Championship event is delegated to the Executive Committee.

The motion was approved:

YES – 14, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 1

XIV. Next Board Meetings

John Fairley moved and Mike Minium seconded a motion to hold the next Board meeting on January 19, 2002 at the time and place of the Georgia Navigator Cup A-meet.

The motion was approved:

YES – 11, NO – 3, ABSTENTION – 1

Sherry Litasi moved and Eric Bone seconded a motion to hold the second Board meeting in 2002 on April 27, 2002 at the time and place of the Intercollegiate Championship A-meet in the Chicago area.

The motion was approved:

YES – 14, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 1

XII. Report on F-50/55 Survey

Liz Kotowski reported on a survey she developed and administered to determine the views of women affected by the course assignment of F-50 and F-55. The survey was distributed by email prior to the Board meeting, and copies were available at the Board meeting. A copy of the survey is an exhibit to these minutes.

Bruce McAlister moved and Nancy Koehler seconded the following motion:

F-50 shall be reassigned from the brown course to the green course.

David Irving moved and John Fairley seconded an amendment to the motion, with the main motion as amended to read as follows:

F-50 shall be reassigned from the brown course to the green course. Two green courses of different lengths shall be available to F-50 participants, to be called "F-50 Long" and "F-50 Short", and F-50 each participants shall be permitted to choose which green course she will run for each meet.

The motion to amend the main motion failed:

YES – 2, NO – 12, ABSTENTION – 1

The main motion failed:

YES – 7, NO – 8

The president announced formation of a committee to examine the entire class/course structure. He will appoint the members and announced his intention to appoint Clare Durand, Board representative from the Pacific Region, as chairman of the committee.

XV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

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