

Minutes of the USOF Board of Directors' Meeting

January 19, 2002

Richard B. Russell State Park, Elbert County, Georgia

I. Call to Order: President Charles Ferguson called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

Officers Present:

Charles Ferguson, President
Frank Kuhn, VP Administration
Mike Minium, VP Program Development
Michael Schneiderman, Secretary

Board Members Present:

Robert Buraczynski, Northeast
Clare Durand, Pacific
John Fairley, Southeast
Randy Hall, At Large
Bruce McAlister, Northwest (alternate)
Robert Paddock, Southwest
Walter Siegenthaler, At Large
Gale Teschendorf, Heartland

II. Open Forum

A. **Frank Kuhn** announced that regional representatives will handle National Orienteering Day (NOD) coordination in their regions, serving as liaisons between clubs and the USOF NOD chair. The regional representatives will be responsible for reporting results of the NOD effort to the USOF NOD chair.

B. **Walter Siegenthaler** reported that Beatrice Zurcher will carry the Olympic torch on the way to the Salt Lake City Olympics. This is a great honor.

C. [**Bruce McAlister** stated that the Cascade club wants the widest possible latitude in using 1:10,000 maps. The Rules Committee is currently considering the rule on map scale.]

D. **Bruce McAlister** noted a suggestion from Scott Donald that USOF event controllers need the earliest possible notice of the events to which they are assigned.

E. **Clare Durand** reported that the Bay Area club is having some difficulty with interference with electronic punching devices by cellular telephones and walkie-talkies. Sport Ident has a hardware fix for this. The Electronic Punch committee will consider the problem of fixing USOF's rental equipment.

F. **Robert Paddock** suggested that regions achieve more identity through regional teams, announcements of regional winners and regional identification on event entries.

G. **Robert Paddock** requested information about the listing of local events in Orienteering/North America. These events once were listed in O/NA, but not recently. Michael Schneiderman will follow-up with the publisher of O/NA.

H. **Robert Paddock** suggested that USOF consider hiring a staff person to help clubs put on A-meets and recruit clubs to sponsor A-meets.

I. **Robert Paddock** reported that Peter Snell has received the New Zealand equivalent of knighthood.

J. **Michael Schneiderman** thanked Liz Kotowski, Donna Fluegel and Eric Bone for their extraordinary efforts in putting together the presentation of the F50/F55 issue in the January 2002 issue of O/NA.

III. Minutes of Prior Meeting

Mike Minium moved and Frank Kuhn seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2001 Board meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Financial Report

No financial report was presented.

V-1a. World Ranking Events.

The 2003 United States Championships, by the Bay Area club on September 13-14, 2003, was previously approved by the Board as a championship event. The Bay Area club now proposes to have the first day of that event, on September 13, 2003, designated as a World Ranking Event. The Bay Area club did not request funding for the controller or other expenses. The Board also discussed the possibility of a second World Ranking Event for 2003.

Mike Minium moved, and Gale Teschendorf seconded the following motion:

The first day of the 2003 United States Championships hosted by the Bay Area Orienteering Club, Saturday, September 13, 2003, is approved as a World Ranking event. No USOF funding for the event is approved.

The motion was approved:

YES – 12, NO – 0.

Mike Minium moved and John Fairley seconded the following motion:

The Board delegates to the Executive Committee the power to approve one additional World Ranking Event for 2003, provided no USOF funding is committed as part of such approval.

The motion was approved:

YES – 12, NO – 0.

V-1b. 2003 Intercollegiate Championship Event

With the recommendation of Eric Bone, Vice President for Competition, Bruce McAlister moved and John Fairley seconded the following motion:

The Carolina club's April 5-6, 2003 event, for which sanctioning is complete, is approved as the 2003 intercollegiate championship event, with the understanding that the Sanctioning Committee has given a limited waiver of the rule prohibiting local use of the map prior to the event.

The motion was approved:

YES – 12, NO – 0.

V-1c. 2003 Relay Championship Event

With the recommendation of Eric Bone, Vice President for Competition, Bruce McAlister moved and Walter Siegenthaler seconded the following motion:

The City of Trees club event on June 29, 2003, previously sanctioned as part of a two-day A-meet, is approved as the 2003 relay championship event.

YES – 11, NO – 0.

V-2. Transfer to Endowment Fund

Microsoft stock was anonymously donated to USOF two years ago to support the USOF electronic punching program. The Board considered transferring it to the new Endowment Fund instead of reimbursing the USOF General Fund with the proceeds of the sale of the stock, as was originally planned. The donor has given USOF written permission to transfer the stock.

Bruce McAlister moved and Clare Durand seconded the following motion:

The shares of Microsoft Corporation stock donated for the electronic punching program and currently held by USOF are authorized to be transferred to the Endowment Fund as soon as may be appropriate in the judgment of the Board of the Endowment Fund. The Board waives the previous requirement that the USOF general fund be reimbursed from the proceeds.

The motion was approved:

YES – 10, NO – 1.

V-3. Endowment Fund Changes

With the creation of the Endowment Fund, USOF's Investment Account policy needs to be updated. The policy contained in the motion has been approved by Mike Fritz of the Endowment Fund, and Cathy Yekenevich and David Irving of the USOF Finance Committee.

Robert Buraczynski moved and Mike Minium seconded the following motion:

The policy for the USOF Investment Account is amended to read as follows:

Purpose: The purpose of the Investment Account is to temporarily hold new USOF life membership and Endowment-designated charitable donations and gifts until they are transferred to The United States Orienteering Federation Endowment Fund, Inc., which will manage and invest them and use the income for the benefit of the United States Orienteering Federation. Interest earned from monies in this account is added to the Operating Fund.

The Investment Account is administered by the USOF Executive Director under the direction of the USOF Board of Directors. Disbursements will be made to the United States Orienteering Federation Endowment Fund, Inc. at the beginning of each quarter. If during a quarter the balance in the Investment Account goes over \$1000, then an immediate transfer will be made. Disbursements may not at any time exceed the cash

balance in the Investment Account. The Executive Director is required to maintain appropriate records and financial statements for the Investment Account.

The motion was approved:

YES – 11, NO – 0.

V-4a. Athletes of the Year

Frank Kuhn announced that the following orienteers have been selected as USOF's Athletes of the Year and Team of the Year:

Male Athlete of the Year: Eric Bone (Cascade)

Female Athlete of the Year: Kristin Hall (Up North)

Team of the Year: Ernst Linder and Alar Ruutopold (Up North).

V-4b. Ad Hoc Committee on Position Descriptions

Frank Kuhn moved and Bruce McAlister seconded the following motion:

An ad hoc committee is created to draft descriptions of USOF leadership positions for submission to the April Board meeting. The President will appoint the members of the committee, each of whom shall be a Board member or alternate.

The motion was approved:

YES – 10, NO – 0, ABSTENTION – 1

V-4c. Ad Hoc Committee on For-Profit Memberships

Frank Kuhn moved and Bruce McAlister seconded the following motion:

An ad hoc committee is created to propose a definition of "for profit memberships" of USOF.

After a discussion that indicated that the Board wanted more information about this proposal, Mike Minium moved and John Fairley moved to postpone consideration of this motion until the April Board meeting.

The motion to postpone consideration until the April meeting was approved:

YES – 11, NO – 0.

V-4d. Annual General Meeting

Frank Kuhn announced that a site for the 2002 Annual General Meeting had not yet been found. The choices include scheduled meets hosted by Delaware Valley (May 19), Green Mountain (September 21), Western Connecticut (October 19), and Quantico (November 2). As a result of prior action, the Executive Committee is already authorized to select a 2002 AGM site. The Executive Committee will be polled, and a decision will be made before the April Board meeting.

V-5. One-Time Rule Change for Interscholastic Championship Event

Bruce McAlister moved and Mike Minium seconded the following motion:

For the 2002 Interscholastic Championship event only, awards may be made to individual champions in addition to awards to teams. The Rules Committee will consider changing the rule for subsequent years.

The motion was approved:

YES – 9, NO – 0, ABSTAINED – 1.

V-6. Map Fund Vote

The President announced that the Executive Committee had approved a \$3,000 map loan to the Indiana Crossroads club, with the stipulation that the club is required to pay back only \$2,000 if the map is made.

V-7. President's Sports Award

The President announced that orienteering has been dropped from the President's Sports Award program, apparently because of lack of candidates for the award over several years. Efforts are being made to reinstate orienteering in this program and determine whether orienteering groups, such as JROTC, might find it attractive.

V-8. Course/Class Committee

Clare Durand reported on the program for the committee that is reviewing the entire USOF course/class structure. Clare is chair of the committee. The committee plans to review data on rankings and results, IOF rules and systems used in other countries, and physiological studies in orienteering and other running sports. The committee will distribute a survey. A progress report will be made at the April Board meeting. The committee plans to hold open forums at several events in the spring and summer, and intends to have a proposal ready for Board consideration in the fall.

V-9. Next Meeting

The Board will meet next at the A-meet sponsored by the Chicago club on April 27, 2002.

V-10. Adjournment

Bruce McAlister moved and Clare Durand seconded a motion to adjourn, which was approved 9-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Schneiderman

Secretary

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