

Minutes of the USOF Board of Directors Meeting

November 2, 2002

Dumfries, Virginia

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

Officers present:

Charles Ferguson, President

Eric Bone, VP Competition

Scott Drumm, VP Club Services

Mike Minium, VP Program Development

Frank Skorina, VP Marketing and Public Relations

Michael Schneiderman, Secretary

Robin Shannonhouse, Executive Director (non-voting)

Board members present:

Robert Buraczynski, Northeast

Bill Cusworth, Northwest

Clare Durand, Pacific

John Fairley, Southeast

Sandy Fillebrown, At-large

Randy Hall, At large

Nancy Koehler, At-large – competition

Alan Petit, Mid-Atlantic

Karen Rogers, Midwest (alternate)

Walter Siegenthaler, At-large

II. Open Forum

A. Bruce McAlister reported that the Rogaine Committee is reviewing rogainé rules. There is no current proposal. One subject of particular interest is the rule restricting eligibility for championships to U.S. citizens. Bruce also reported that, while considering that restriction, members of the committee have heard similar concerns with about the interscholastic and intercollegiate championships.

B. Frank Skorina, newly-elected vice-president for marketing and public relations, introduced himself. He said he is "pro-growth" for the sport. He said that he finds it frustrating when he talks to children that so few of them have heard of orienteering. He wants to target two groups: (1) those who come to USOF for information to make sure that they get what they want, and (2) likely groups that would be good candidates for being interested in the sport. He solicited ideas from the rest of the Board.

C. Walter Siegenthaler, reported that he staffed an orienteering booth at a graphic arts expo in Chicago. It wasn't a sports expo, so the sample is not meaningful, but Walter observed that Americans don't know about orienteering, but Canadians do.

D. Clare Durand reported on the USOF booth at the National Girl Scout convention in October. Compared to prior conventions, Clare observed that more scout leaders now know about orienteering. Thanks to Nic Corsano (Bay Area club), Doug Ernst (San Diego club) and the Los Angeles club's Michele and Claire Kevitt, Suzie and Vivi Varon, Joan Thomas and Cecilia Schreyer.

III. Approval of September 20 and September 21 Minutes

Bill Cusworth made, and John Fairley seconded, a motion to approve the minutes for the September 20, 2002 and September 21, 2002 board meetings. The motion was approved: YES – 15, NO – 0, ABSTAIN – 1.

IV. Financial Report

Robin Shannonhouse distributed a report of USOF fund balances for the period beginning December 31, 2001 and ending October 31, 2002.

V-1. Thanks to Silva for Sponsorship

Eric Bone made, and Mike Minium seconded, the following motion:

The United States Orienteering Federation expresses its deep appreciation to Silva for sponsoring the 2002 Silva United States Individual Orienteering Championships.

The motion was approved : YES – 16, NO – 0.

V-2. 2004 Convention

Sara Mae Berman, chairman of the convention committee, presented a proposal to hold a full convention in 2004 co-sponsored by the Georgia and

Carolina clubs. The proposal includes a wide variety of events, including training events. Eric Bone made, and Alan Petit seconded, the following motion:

The bid of the Georgia Orienteering Club and the Carolina Orienteering Club to sponsor the 2004 USOF convention in the last week of June, 2004 is accepted.

The motion was approved: YES – 16, NO – 0.

V-3. Recently Sanctioned Event

Eric Bone reported that the sanctioning committee has sanctioned the Up North club's Boulder Dash, in Hanover, New Hampshire on August 9-10, 2003 as an A-meet. No board action is required.

V-4. 2004 U.S. Championships

Eric Bone reported that the Minnesota club proposes to sponsor the 2004 U.S. individual championship event at Telemark. No board action is required at this time.

V-5 Rules Committee Proposals

No proposals were presented from the Rules Committee.

V-6. 2003 Budget

David Irving and Robin Shannonhouse presented a proposed 2003 budget, which had previously been distributed for review and comment. Eric Bone made, and Walter Siegenthaler seconded, the following motion:

The 2003 budget presented to this meeting is approved.

The motion was approved: YES – 16, NO – 0.

The approved budget is attached to these minutes.

V-7. Final Report on Class/Course Structure

Clare Durand, chairman of the committee on class/course structure, reported that the committee has one proposal for consideration by the board: to reassign the F-18 class from the brown course to the green course. Clare Durand made, and Nancy Koehler seconded the following motion:

The F-18 class is reassigned from the brown course to the green course.

Mike Minium made, and Walter Siegenthaler seconded, a motion to postpone consideration of the motion until the next meeting of the board. The motion to postpone consideration was approved: YES – 13, NO – 1, ABSTAIN – 2.

V-8. Next Meeting

The board scheduled the next board meeting for April 12, 2003 at the time and place of the West Point A-meet. The vote was YES – 9, NO – 3, ABSTAIN – 4.

V-9. Team Trials and Open Championships

Eric Bone made, and Mike Minium seconded, the following motion:

The board delegates to the Executive Committee selection of an event and sponsoring club for the 2003 team trials and open championship event.

The motion was approved: YES – 15, NO – 0, ABSTAIN – 1.

VI. Adjournment

By unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

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