

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the United States Orienteering Federation
Saturday, April 12, 2003
U.S. Military Academy, Camp Buckner, West Point, New York

Board Members Present:

Chuck Ferguson, President; Robin Shannonhouse, Executive Director; Frank Kuhn, V.P. Administration; Eric Bone, V.P. Competition; Frank Skorina, V.P. Marketing/Public Relations; Mike Minium, V.P. Program Development; Stephanie Martineau, Heartland Region; Karen Rogers, Midwest Region (Alternate); Robert Buraczynski, Northeast Region; Bruce McAlister, Northwest Region (Alternate); Clare Durand, Pacific Region; Linda Ferguson, Southeast Region (Alternate); Bob Paddock, Southwest Region; Sandy Fillebrown, At-Large; Randy Hall, At-Large; Walter Siegenthaler, At-Large.

Guests present at various times throughout the meeting:

Sara Mae Berman, Mike Brooks, James Bullitt, J-J Coté, Chris Gellash, Vladimir Gusiaticov, Ed Kotowski, Liz Kotowski, Dick Opsahl, Jeffrey Saeger, Stephen Shannonhouse.

Call to order & Secretary takes roll

Chuck Ferguson called the meeting to order at 14:41 EDT. Since Michael Schneiderman was unable to attend the meeting, Chuck asked for a volunteer to serve as Secretary; Robert Buraczynski volunteered. Robin Shannonhouse provided an attendance sheet for circulation.

Open Forum

Frank Kuhn announced that Mike Brooks is the new Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Frank stated that Chuck Ferguson, Mike Minium, Michael Schneiderman, and Randy Hall are willing to stand for reelection; Eric Bone will be stepping down from his position. The Mid-Atlantic, Northwest, and Southwest Regions will be holding elections for USOF Board Members and Alternates this year.

Frank Kuhn announced that the U.S. Trail Orienteering Championships were held in South Carolina; Mike Brooks was declared Champion. The Trail O' World Cup will be held in Switzerland in August 2003, in conjunction with the World Orienteering Championships.

Bob Paddock reported that people with whom he has spoken feel that USOF focuses on the recreational aspects of Orienteering and should increase its focus on the competitive aspects, particularly on an Interscholastic level.

Bob Paddock stated that he thought that the Junior Team Selection process is not fair.

Sara Mae Berman, Chairman of the Convention Committee, presented the Board with two baskets of fruit on behalf of UNO, who will be hosting the USOF Convention in New Hampshire in August 2003. She also reminded the Board that GAOC/COK will be hosting the USOF Convention in 2004. Sara Mae is actively seeking future Convention sites in all parts of the country. She would appreciate any ideas for Convention forum topics.

Chuck Ferguson asked the Board to recognize the efforts of Sara Mae Berman for her work on the Convention Committee; they did so with a round of applause.

Bruce McAlister stated that he was leaving the IOF Technical Committee. Anyone interested in serving on that committee should contact Bruce McAlister or Robin Shannonhouse for more information. The volunteer must be willing to travel at his or her own expense and must be nominated to this committee by the USOF Board. A committee meeting is held each January and at the World Orienteering Championships. Sometimes there is an additional meeting held chronologically between the two above-mentioned meetings.

Frank Skorina reported that USOF has already distributed 215 of the 500 Orienteering promotion video tapes.

Frank Skorina also reported that a USOF is close to signing a sponsorship agreement with Silva in conjunction with the 2003 U.S. Individual Championships which will be hosted by BAOC. The company Right Stuff which sponsored the U.S. Ski Orienteering Championships is interested in other sponsorship possibilities.

Mike Minium reported that donations made to the Junior Team Fund in the memory of the late Joel Rauschenbach are insufficient to create a separate endowment; however, perhaps USOF could have a "Joel Rauschenbach Spirit Award" presented on an annual basis to an outstanding Junior.

Chuck Ferguson announced that SLOC will be hosting the "Al Smith Memorial A-Meet" at Hawn State Park on November 15-16, 2003.

Chuck Ferguson told the Board of his first time at a Ski Orienteering event which took place at the U.S. Ski Orienteering Championships in New Hampshire. He recommends Ski O' to everyone.

Minutes

The minutes of the prior Board Meeting were unavailable, so its approval was deferred to the next Board Meeting.

Financial Report

Robin Shannonhouse distributed copies of the Financial Report which covered the period from December 31, 2002, through April 8, 2003. Bruce McAlister asked Robin the amount USOF paid last year for insurance premiums; Robin quoted a figure of \$37,750. She added that Michael Schneiderman and Stevan Vaughan are investigating alternative insurance options.

ACTION ITEM: Chuck Ferguson should contact the Insurance Committee to see what alternatives they have found.

Clare Durand asked if USOF raised the amount of the insurance reserve for next year; Robin said that this was factored into the Clubs' rechartering fees. Mike Minium asked about the \$25 per day "insurance" portion of sanctioning fees; Robin reported that it goes into the "insurance fees from clubs" line in the insurance fund, but is not broken out as a separate line item. Bruce McAlister asked about the \$0.78 balance in the Endowment Fund; Robin stated that the Endowment Fund shown on this Financial Report is only a temporary holding fund from which transfers are made to USOF Endowment Fund, Inc.

Agenda

Chuck Ferguson asked the Board for a formal "Thank You" to Bruce McAlister for his service on the IOF Technical Committee; he, too, received a round of applause.

Chuck Ferguson reminded the Board of the 2003 Short and Long Course Championships which will be hosted by CNYO in Winona State Forest on May 2-3, 2003.

Chuck Ferguson reported that the Executive Committee had approved the Map Fund Loan to New Mexico Orienteers for \$2,500 (Field checking, \$1,400; Drafting, \$400; Printing, \$700). Of this \$2,500, USOF will forgive \$1,000 and expect only \$1,500 to be repaid.

Chuck Ferguson stated that USOF should provide a commission of 5% to 10% to the individual or individuals responsible for signing a USOF-approved sponsor.

Motion by: Eric Bone

"We reinstate the sponsorship finders fee of 10% and make it retroactive for Jon Nash's efforts in securing sponsorship from Silva in the year 2002."

Seconded by: Linda Ferguson

In favor: 14.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 0.

Status: The motion passed.

Eric Bone reported that the following meets have been sanctioned: May 24-26, 2003, BAOC, Memorial Day Weekend, Lake Tahoe; June 14-15, 2003, LAOC, Mt. Pinos, Los Padres National Forest; October 11-12, 2003, OLOU, Louis and Clark Cup Rogaine; October 18-19, 2003, ROC, Western New York Championships, ROC; May 15-16, 2004, HVO, Harriman State Park, NY; November 6-7, 2004, BAOC, Short & Long Course Championships. He also reported that sanctioning is pending for June 5-6, 2004, BAOC.

Eric Bone informed the Board that the Executive Committee approved the bid for the U.S. Rogaine Championships, October 11-12, 2003, OLOU, Lewis and Clark Cup. The bid for the U.S. Open Championships, June 5-6, 2004, BAOC, Fallen Leaf Lake, will be considered after the event has been sanctioned.

Motion by: Eric Bone

"We accept the bid from MNOC for the U.S. Individual Championships, October 16-17, 2004, Telemark."

Seconded by: Bruce McAlister

In favor: 13.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 0.

Note: Frank Skorina was out of the room during this vote.

Status: The motion passed.

Bruce McAlister commented that BAOC has the Individual Championships this fall, and with bids in place for the Open Championships and Short and Long Championships in 2004, BAOC may have too many bids in place for one club.

Eric Bone then commented that the BAOC bid for the 2004 Open Championships had been withdrawn at this time.

Motion by: Eric Bone

"We accept the bid from BAOC for the U.S. Short and Long Course Championships, November 6-7, 2004."

Seconded by: Randy Hall

In favor: 14.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.
Abstain: 0.
Status: The motion passed.

Motion by: Eric Bone

"We accept the bid from WCOC for the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships, April 3-4, 2004, and the bid from OCIN for the U.S. Interscholastic Championships, April 17-18, 2004, as each of these events receive sanctioning."

Seconded by: Randy Hall
In favor: 13.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.
Abstain: 0.
Note: Karen Rogers was out of the room during this vote.
Status: The motion passed.

Liz Kotowski requested that future U.S. Intercollegiate Championships events be held as close as possible to mid-April. Mike Minium commented that Easter Sunday falls on March 27, 2005, and on April 16, 2006.

Jeffrey Saeger had provided Robin Shannonhouse with the following information which she posted to her web site prior to this Board meeting:

"I am asking that the BOD provide another \$1000 for the Junior Team. The present level of support (\$1000) is simply inadequate to begin to fund a Team for the Junior World Orienteering Championships (JWOC) and fund travel grants to US championships. The costs to attend JWOC are about the same every year and are as follows. \$250-300 per competitor for the week of JWOC. This includes all races, room and board. \$30 per competitor per day for training week before JWOC. There are 6 days of training camp before this year's JWOC. Each coach costs the same as a competitor.

Therefore a half team for this year of 3 men, 3 women, 1 coach, the minimum to have a relay team, is \$3080 Euro \$. The team I would like to send this year would have 4 men, 4 women and 1 coach. This totals 4040E\$. A full team of 6 men, 6 women, 2 coaches would be \$5800. These are in ER dollars, I am not sure of the present exchange rate but it is about 1:1. Additional expenses are team jackets at \$40 and O tops at \$35. We only order those for new team members. This year there would be 2 new team members.

There was \$2200 left from last year. Actually this money from last year represents monies which were from years when USOF funded us at \$2000 and we raised about \$1000 in donations. Our donations have fallen considerably since USOF stopped sending solicitations for donations. This year our donations are \$200, from 2 members of USOF. In the past we have gotten \$1000. Our only other funding source is the Junior Training camp we have at Peekskill, NY every spring which nets about \$600, and a maybe one A meet dinner and a food concession which may net 3-500 dollars.

To summarize our yearly expected income is as follows:

\$1000	from USOF
\$1000	from training camp and dinners
\$ 400	from donations

\$2400	

For this year only, with the \$2200 leftover we have \$4600, perilously close to the \$4190 just needed for JWOC. I know there are juniors who will be asking for some travel grants for US championship events.

Without the surplus from previous years, it is obvious that the Team will not be able to provide the level of support for juniors which we have in the past. That surplus is being used this year.

Although we may squeak by this year, it is obvious that if more juniors qualify for the Team, and we do not receive more donations and USOF funds next year, the Team will be woefully short of money for entries and travel in 2004.

This is what I would like the BOD to do:

- Provide the Team with another \$500 this year. This will allow the us to make some travel grants possible.
- Consider reinstating or working with the Junior Team to send out solicitations to USOF members. I would be willing to talk to some one in USOF about an effective way to do this.
- Provide a higher level of support in the future. The \$2000 per year we were receiving was adequate for the number of juniors qualifying for JWOC and applying for travel grants in the past.

Motion by: Bruce McAlister

"We amend the budget to move an additional \$1,000 from the Operating Fund to the Junior Team Fund."

Seconded by: Mike Minium
In favor: 12.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.
Abstain: 2.

(Sandy Fillebrown, Bob Paddock)

Status: The motion passed.

Sandy Fillebrown felt that the amount should be larger.

ACTION ITEM: Robin Shannonhouse should transfer \$1,000 from the Operating Fund into the Junior Team Fund.

Frank Kuhn presented the following changes to the USOF Convention Policy from:

"2) To further develop orienteering skills and provide incentives for a club to host a Convention, it shall be the policy of USOF to provide funding and manpower assistance to the Host Club to offer at its Convention, on an every other year basis, one of the following:

- Skills Improvement Training Camp
- Mapping Training Camp
and every year
- A map of a local park of the host club choosing
The specific criteria for the above programs shall be submitted by the Convention Committee Chairperson, on a yearly basis to the Board for approval in order that the Board may approve funding on an actual or flat rate basis."

to:

"2) To further develop orienteering skills and provide incentives for a club to host a Convention, it shall be the policy of USOF to provide funding and manpower assistance, when requested by the Host Club, to offer at its Convention, on an every other year basis, one of the following:

- Skills Improvement Training Camp
- Mapping Training Camp
and every year
- A map of a local park of the host club's choosing.
As applicable to a particular Convention, the specific program criteria for one or both programs shall be submitted by the Host Club to the Convention Committee Chairperson in a time line mutually acceptable to USOF and the Host Club. The Chairperson shall in turn submit the program criteria to the Board for general approval of programs. Said funding shall be a grant of up to \$2000 for each program for which approval is requested."

Motion by: Frank Kuhn

"We amend the USOF Convention Policy as presented."

Seconded by: Eric Bone
In favor: 13.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.
Abstain: 1.

(Randy Hall)

Status: The motion passed.

Motion by: Frank Kuhn

"The Board authorizes Frank Kuhn to authorize UNO to receive up to \$2,000 for a Skills Improvement Training Camp and up to \$2,000 for an Orienteering map of a local park."

Seconded by: Sandy Fillebrown
In favor: 13.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 1.

(Randy Hall)

Status: The motion passed.

Robin Shannonhouse had posted onto her web site prior to this Board meeting the following proposed changes to the Bylaws which have met with the approval of Rob Wilkison, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. Words to delete are in brackets [...], words to add are in double asterisks ****...****:

Bylaws Change Proposal #1 -- Clarification Changes

Some proposed changes are clarification changes and do not change the intention of Bylaws. They fall into 2 categories:

1. Changes that eliminate specific calculations or dollar amounts that were later amended to be "as determined by the Board of Directors."
2. Changes of wording to clarify references to the word "associate." The terms "Associate" (defined as a club member who is not a member of the Federation) and "Associate Club" (a type of member club), were added at different times and some references are ambiguous.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

Section A. Club Memberships

1. Regular Club Membership

1. The club membership fee for the initial year shall consist of both an initial charter fee and a liability insurance fee and shall be based on the number of members of the club at the time it applies for a charter from the Federation. The initial year is to be interpreted as the time until December 31 of the year the application is filed, unless the application is filed after October 1, in which case the initial year will conclude December 31 of the following year. The initial charter fee shall be **[\$20.00 or]** as determined by the Board of Directors.
2. The annual club membership fee after the initial year shall consist of both a charter renewal fee and a liability insurance fee and shall be based on the number of members of the club on December 15 of the previous year. The annual club membership fee is due and payable February 1 of each year. The charter renewal fee shall be **[\$10.00 plus \$5.00 for each block of 25 indirect members of the Federation or major fraction thereof, as per Section B.1.a of this article, or]** as determined by the Board of Directors. Direct members of the Federation, as per Section B.2.a of this article, who are also members of a club shall not be counted when figuring the charter renewal fee as long as their direct memberships are valid.

1. Associate Club Membership

1. The associate club membership fee for the initial year shall consist of an initial charter fee and shall be **[\$20.00 or]** as determined by the Board of Directors. The initial year is to be interpreted as the time until December 31 of the year the application is filed, unless the application is filed after October 1, in which case the initial year will conclude December 31 of the following year.
1. The annual associate club membership fee after the initial year shall consist of both a charter renewal fee and a liability insurance fee and shall be based on the number of members of the club on December 15 of the previous year. The annual associate club membership fee is due and payable February 1 of each year.
 1. The charter renewal fee shall be **[\$20.00 or]** as determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, FEDERATION REFERENDUMS, AND VOTING

Section A. Annual Convention

1. The Federation membership has the right to participate in the Annual Convention as follows:
 1. All individual members, ****associates**** **[members of associate clubs who are not individual members]**, supporting members, and honorary life members are entitled to attend the convention.
1. The voting rights at the Annual Convention are intended to provide for reasonable direct representation of member clubs on the Board and to ensure that such representation shall reflect the nature, scope, quality and strength of the programs and competitions of the clubs on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international orienteering competition or regular national orienteering championships.
 1. Supporting members, ****associates**** **[members of associate clubs who are not individual members]**, and Honorary Life Members have voice during the Annual Convention if the Chairperson approves, but they cannot submit proposals and they have no voting rights.
1. Notice of the Annual Convention shall be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer and President of each chartered club, each individual member, **[each associate,]** and honorary life member, except junior members and associates, at the address of record filed and kept current by the members at the Federation office. Such notice shall be sent not less than ninety (90) days before the date and time of the convention.

Motion by: Bruce McAlister

"We approve the changes to the Bylaws as specified and recommend that the membership vote to approve them at the upcoming Convention."

Seconded by: Eric Bone

In favor: 13.

(Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 0.

Note: Eric Bone was out of the room during this vote.

Status: The motion passed.

Bylaws Change Proposal #2 -- Changes in Computing Votes and AGM Delegates

I [Robin Shannonhouse] believe this needs to be changed in order to eliminate the ambiguity of the terminology "each block of 25 members or major fraction thereof". The "major fraction thereof" is a judgment call. Therefore I'd like to make all calculations for delegates and voting just based on "block of 25 members." Due to the provision that larger clubs get extra votes for fractions of blocks of 25 members, doing this could eliminate 2 of these extra votes in some clubs some years. It could also reduce the number of delegates some clubs get by 1, although all clubs will still be entitled to at least one delegate and at least the number of votes corresponding to their number of USOF members.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, FEDERATION REFERENDUMS, AND VOTING

Section A. Annual Convention

1. The Federation membership has the right to participate in the Annual Convention as follows:
 1. Each member club shall be entitled to one delegate and an alternate. In addition thereto, each club shall be entitled to an additional delegate and alternate delegate for each block of 25 members, [or major fraction thereof,] of its USOF members in good standing, excluding junior members and associates, as of the end of the second calendar month preceding the convention. Upon written application by a club at least 30 days prior to the opening date of the Annual Convention, the President of the Federation may authorize the club to send more delegates than specified above.
1. The voting rights at the Annual Convention are intended to provide for reasonable direct representation of member clubs on the Board and to ensure that such representation shall reflect the nature, scope, quality and strength of the programs and competitions of the clubs on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international orienteering competition or regular national orienteering championships.
 1. Each member club has a number of votes corresponding to the number of members of the club (Family membership-two members) registered with the Federation and in good standing as of the end of the second calendar month preceding the convention, plus an additional two votes for each full block of 25 members of the club [(or major fraction thereof)] registered with the Federation.

Section B. Federation Referendums

1. The Board of Directors shall mail proposals and ballots for a Federation Referendum in the same way as for notices of the Annual Convention as per Section A.9 above. They shall be acted upon by the membership and returned to the Federation Headquarters within 30 days-the final deadline to be specified.
 1. Club ballots shall be submitted with three signatures per block of 25 Federation members [of major fraction thereof] .These signatures shall be from the club president, the club secretary, and a different club member for each ballot.

Motion by: Mike Minium

"We approve the changes to the Bylaws as specified and recommend that the membership vote to approve them at the upcoming Convention."

Seconded by: Karen Rogers

Friendly amendment to the Motion by: Mike Minium

"Delete the last clause of Paragraph 5.a. so that it now reads:

1. Each member club has a number of votes corresponding to the number of members of the club (Family membership-two members) registered with the Federation and in good standing as of the end of the second calendar month preceding the convention."

Seconded by: Clare Durand

In favor: 13.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 1.

(Stephanie Martineau)

Status: The motion passed.

Motion carried over from the prior Board meeting by: Eric Bone

"We move the F18+ class from the Brown Course to the Green Course, effective 2004."

In favor: 1.

(Bob Paddock)

Opposed: 10.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Abstain: 3.

(Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn)

Status: The motion failed.

The Rogaine Committee, under Chairman Eric Smith, proposed changes to the Rogaine Rules. Robin Shannonhouse posted these changes onto her web site prior to this meeting. As modified during the discussion phase of the motion, these are:

Add the following category to section A, paragraph 3.2.4:

1. United States Rogaining Championships

Modify section A, paragraph 4.1.2 to read:

- The following Course Class structure is the minimum which a sanctioned "A" meet must offer, except as amended in Section 3.4.8 (Elite Meets). (Note: A description of the courses and course colors follows in section 24.4c.) Different Class structures are used in ski orienteering and rogaining, and these are described separately in sections D and F.

Modify section A, paragraph 4.1.4 to read:

- No competitor shall be entered in more than one class at a time in non-rogaine events.

Modify section A, paragraph 5.6 to read:

- The title of U.S. Champion in any individual class as determined at an officially designated U.S. Championship Orienteering "A" meet shall be limited to USOF members in good standing who meet one of the following criteria:
 1. Are U.S. citizens and citizens of no other country
 2. Are in a permanent residence status commonly referred to as "green card carriers".
 3. Hold dual (U.S.) citizenship and reside primarily in the United States.
 4. Hold dual (U.S.) citizenship, reside primarily outside the United States, and have not yet and agree not to compete for a championship title in another country during the current calendar year.
 5. Requests for clarifications or rulings based on this criteria may be submitted to the USOF Headquarters in writing 30 days prior to the championships.

Add section A, paragraph 5.6.1:

- In a rogaine, the team members must meet the following criteria:
 1. Each member of the team must be a member of USOF.
 2. No member of the team may compete in the same calendar year for the same category of championship in any other national championships.

Modify section F, paragraph 1.1 to read:

- The rules in this section are in effect rather than those of sections B and C which are applicable to individual orienteering events.

Modify section F, paragraph 2.2 to read:

- Rogaine events are conducted as long distance cross-country navigation for teams traveling on foot. The object is to score points by finding checkpoints located in the rogaine area within a specified time (24 hours for championships). Checkpoints may be visited in any order. Rogaine- type events are also sometimes organized with competition on skis, bicycles, etc., or even in urban areas where public transport might be permitted. Such events work well with the same rule structure, but at the present time would not be considered for championship status.

Replace section F, subsection 11 with:

1. Class structure for Rogaining Championships

Replace section F, paragraph 11.1 with:

- Teams are divided into categories of Men, Women, and Mixed for purposes of awards. Within each category, there is a division by age (on the first day of the event) into 4 subcategories.
 1. Junior. All members of team 18 years of age or less.
 2. Open. No age restrictions.
 3. Veteran. All members of team 40 years of age or greater.
 4. Superveteran. All members of team 55 years of age or greater.Some teams may fall into multiple age categories. In this case the team is eligible for awards in all categories in which

they meet the criteria. (See rule E 2.3) It is normal at championship events to give awards to the first three places in all categories, but a single physical award may be used for a team which has achieved awards in multiple categories. At non-championship events the number of categories may be condensed (e.g. no superveteran class).

Add section F, subsection 12:

1. Technical Guidelines for Organizers

Add section F, paragraphs 12.1 through 12.10:

- Standard orienteering control markers are normally used to mark checkpoints. These must be supplemented with a sign-in sheet at which all teams must indicate their arrival time and intended next checkpoint as in accord with rule 16. In addition, it is usual in the US to provide some form of reflective marking at night (often a small PVC tube wrapped with reflective tape hung on the string for suspending the control flag, or small patches of reflective tape on the faces of the control markers), so that the range of visibility of the control flag is extended to a level similar to the daytime situation. This may not be necessary in low-vegetation parts of the country. As electronic punching becomes more standard, it is quite possible that the pin punch on a standard orienteering control may be substituted by an electronic device.
- For championship purposes, it is necessary to have a rogaine of the traditional 24-hour duration. For other events, shorter or potentially longer durations would be acceptable. It is common in the US to concurrently run two or more different duration events on the same course.
- Maps for a rogaine may be specifically produced for the event, or may be modifications of an existing (typically USGS) map with the addition of magnetic north lines, possibly additions to reflect changes in trails, roads, out-of-bounds areas, etc. Usually the scale of map should be between 1:24,000 and 1:63,360. The mapped area needed for a 24-hour Rogaine is typically 150 square kilometers or greater, with an optimal route choice requiring somewhat over 100 km to reach all control locations. The actual area of terrain in use might be somewhat smaller, but it is undesirable for safety reasons to place controls right at the edge of the mapped area, as going off map may be harder for recovery than in a shorter orienteering event. Map scale must be announced to competitors well in advance of the event, preferably on the publicity announcements. The map determines the suitability of control sites--the topographic information is usually much less detailed than on an orienteering map, and the control sites are necessarily placed on coarser features.
- It is usual to have approximately 50 to 60 control locations for a 24-hour rogaine. Explanations for substantially larger or smaller numbers of controls should accompany a sanctioning request.
- The most common scoring schemes use the number used as the control code of the checkpoint to give the score value for the control. Usually it is worth either the value of the control code rounded down to the next lower multiple of 10 (e.g. control 67 is worth 60 points), or else exactly the value of the control number. There is no need to exclude the use of control codes under 32 as in traditional orienteering. Other scoring methods could be submitted to the sanctioning committee for consideration, but different schemes tried in the past have generally met with competitor dissatisfaction.
- The most common penalty is 10 points per minute late. Other penalty schemes might be acceptable, but should be explicitly discussed and explained at the time of a sanctioning request.
- It is usual to provide drinking water at several selected controls in the rogaine. If there are reliable sources of water (spring, lake or stream) naturally occurring at many places on the course which could be safely made drinkable with iodine or ultrafiltration treatment, this could be a substitute. It should be noted in a sanctioning request and all advance publicity about the event what approach will be taken towards the provision of water.
- It is obligatory for the organizers of the event to provide food at the administrative headquarters for a stated period during the event. The food service should be continuous, and might typically last from 4 hours after the start until 1 hour after the finish. It is also standard for there to be camping facilities for the competitors also available at the event headquarters (for a 24-hour event).
- It is normal to have a period of planning time after issuance of the maps before competitors are allowed on the course, and this time is not counted in the duration of the event. A typical time allowance is two hours for a 24-hour event. This time should be stated in the meet announcement.
- It is worthwhile to review the rather detailed suggestions for organizing a rogaine on the International Rogaining Federation web site <http://www.rogaining.com/>

Motion by: Eric Bone

"We approve these changes to the Rules."

Seconded by: Frank Skorina

In favor: 13.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 1.

(Frank Skorina)

Status: The motion passed.

The College Development Committee, under Chairman Liz Kotowski, proposed changes to the Rules. Robin Shannonhouse posted these changes onto her web site prior to this meeting.

Modify section A, paragraph 5.6 to read:

- The title of U.S. Champion in any class as determined at an officially designated U.S. Championship Orienteering "A" meet shall

be limited to USOF members in good standing who meet one of the following criteria:

1. Are U.S. citizens and citizens of no other country.
2. Are in a permanent residence status commonly referred to as "green card carriers".
3. Hold dual (U.S.) citizenship and reside primarily in the United States.
4. Hold dual (U.S.) citizenship, reside primarily outside the United States, and have not yet and agree not to compete for a championship title in another country during the current calendar year.
5. Are full-time students in the U.S. holding a current student visa.

Add section A, paragraph 5.6.1:

- Requests for clarifications or rulings based on this criteria may be submitted to the USOF Headquarters in writing 30 days prior to the championships.

Motion by: Mike Minium

"We approve these changes to the Rules."

Seconded by: Walter Siegenthaler

In favor: 12.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 1.

(Clare Durand)

Abstain: 1.

(Stephanie Martineau)

Status: The motion passed.

Chuck Ferguson declared a recess in the meeting from 17:41 EDT to 17:59 EDT.

Chuck Ferguson introduced an appeal brought forth by Bob Paddock " Requesting the overruling of the USOF Grievance Committee's decision to uphold the decision of the meet director declaring Robbie Paddock to be ineligible to compete at the 2003 U.S. Interscholastic Championships as part of The Colony High School JROTC Team". Bob Paddock provided the Board with background information. J-J Coté, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, explained the reasoning behind the Grievance Committee's decision. Both parties fielded questions from the Board. When it came time for the vote, Chuck asked all of the guests to leave. Robin Shannonhouse chose to leave with the guests. Chuck felt it appropriate to conduct this vote by secret ballot. He distributed paper ballots to each Board member and directed them that a vote of "Yes" would uphold the decision of the Grievance Committee and a vote of "No" would overturn the decision. The following Board members voted: Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, and Frank Skorina. Chuck then collected the ballots and counted the votes. There were 5 "Yes" votes, 9 " No" votes, and no abstentions. Thus, based upon the information presented to them, the Board overturned the decision of the Grievance Committee.

The Board's decision affects the results standings and awards for the 2003 Interscholastic Championships.

Motion by: Eric Bone

"Insert The Colony team on which Robbie Paddock was a member at the higher placing in the results while changing the placing of no other team. Members of Robbie Paddock's team are to be awarded the medals due to that new placing. Any championship trophy that his team deserves will be engraved with the name of his team as co-champion with the team that was declared champion at the event. Each of these co-champion teams will be granted possession of the trophy for six months."

Seconded by: Frank Skorina

In favor: 14.

(Eric Bone, Robert Buraczynski, Clare Durand, Linda Ferguson, Sandy Fillebrown, Randy Hall, Frank Kuhn, Stephanie Martineau, Bruce McAlister, Mike Minium, Bob Paddock, Karen Rogers, Walter Siegenthaler, Frank Skorina)

Opposed: 0.

Abstain: 0.

Status: The motion passed.

The next two Board meetings will be in New Hampshire on August 12, 2003, and August 13, 2003.

Adjournment

Chuck Ferguson adjourned this meeting at 19:28 EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Buraczynski
USOF Director, Northeast Region

(Acting Secretary)

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From: Mike Minium; Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 00:48:12 EDT

From: Frank Kuhn; Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2003 10:43:48 EDT

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From: Frank Kuhn; Date: Thu, 17 Apr 2003 12:58:35 EDT

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