

February 19, 2005

USOF Board of Directors Meeting

NTOA Interscholastics and Shootout A event

The meeting was called to order at 2:37pm by President Chuck Ferguson.

In attendance:

Chuck Ferguson (President), Frank Kuhn (VP Administration), Clare Durand (VP Competition), Mike Minium (VP Program Development), Peter Snell (at large member), Randy Hall (at large member-competition), Sandy Fillebrown (at large member), Jim Eagleton (Mid-Atlantic region), Linda Ferguson (Southeast region, alternate), Gary Kraght (Pacific region, alternate), Stephanie Martineau (Heartland region), Bob Paddock (Southwest region), Bruce McAlister (Northwest region, alternate), Ralph Courtney (Southwest region, alternate – non-voting), Robin Shannonhouse (Executive Director)

There were corrections to the Agenda: OCIN is bidding on the US Relay Championships not Short and West Point was added to the list of spring A events for the next BOD meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Jon Cuyler, from Dallas, TX, asked to speak on the issue of homeschoolers and the Interscholastics.

Homeschoolers enjoy orienteering as individuals but being on a team would enrich the experience. Home school rules differ state by state in terms of participation on local school sports teams. In Texas each home school is considered a private school. This makes it difficult to participate on a school team as defined by the Interscholastics. Jon proposed some possible solutions such as allowing home school coop teams, requiring students to be part of a local orienteering club, and allowing students who regularly participate with a school team to compete with that team.

Chuck Ferguson asked Jon if he would be willing to work on this issue. Jon said yes. Chuck suggested a task force be formed to study the issue and Jon would be on the task force.

Clare Durand noted that these ideas would also have to include students who attended any school, including public schools, that did not have a team. She also noted

that the task force should include people with all points of view as there are several people who feel strongly that the Interscholastics should be strictly for school teams.

Frank Kuhn asked if there were a national organization that USOF should be sending orienteering information to so that home schoolers could find out about it more easily. The answer was yes.

Bob Paddock noted that home schoolers make up a large percentage of kids, in Texas in particular, and USOF is missing this audience.

Action item: Chuck asked Clare to form a task force to come up with recommendations.

MINUTES

Chuck recapped the situation regarding USOF board meeting minutes. We basically have none from 2004. Attempts have been made to get them from Robert Burazczynski to no avail. There are legal ramifications of this; if we have no minutes we have no record of board approval of any proposals. Also, the secretary is part of the executive committee and Robert has not been participating in any of the email exchanges of this group. There was a question of whether an acting secretary could be appointed to fill out the remainder of Robert's term and be a voting member of the executive committee. Gary asked if he should officially be replaced. The board can vote to remove someone from office but it wasn't clear if the board could appoint a replacement. (**Don't have a record of what we decided to do on this, if anything.)

Action Item: Frank and Chuck will follow up with visits to Robert and Anne Bullitt to see if at least the rough notes can be obtained.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Robin Shannonhouse noted that not a lot has transpired since the last board meeting. She has moved money into a Vanguard account. The money is starting to be a large enough sum that we may need to consider a financial advisor.

Gary Kraght noted that funds are segregated so that money in one fund must be spent by that fund's administrator. Money donated to specific funds has to stay in those funds.

Robin pointed out that while some funds do not seem to be spending their money it's not unusual for a fund to do nothing for a year or two and then spend a lot

of money as projects come to fruition.

VP COMPETITION REPORT

Clare Durand announced that Paul Regan was no longer able to perform the duties of sanctioning chair in a timely manner. She moved to replace Paul Regan with Randy Hall. The motion was seconded by Linda Ferguson. The vote was 11-0-1 to approve.

Clare then moved to thank Paul Regan for his years of service as sanctioning committee chair. The motion was seconded by Linda. The vote was unanimous to approve, and the board accordingly thanks Paul Regan.

Clare moved to accept the bid by EMPO (Empire State Orienteering) for the 2006 US Short Championships and 2006 US Long Championships at their April 29-30, 2006 sanctioned event. The motion was seconded by Gary Kraght. There was some discussion. Jim Eagleton wondered if there was a sentiment that long championships should be held in the fall. Clare and Bob agreed that some events are needed at certain times of the year. However, the schedules of clubs and suitability of terrain was deemed more important. The question was called. The vote was 11-0-0 to approve.

Clare moved to accept the bid by OCIN (Orienteering Cincinnati) for the US Relay Champs at their event March 31-April 2, 2006. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously.

Clare moved to accept the bid by OCIN (Orienteering Cincinnati) for the US Sprint Champs at their event March 31-April 2, 2006. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Martineau. There was some discussion. Bob Paddock wondered if USOF was at the point where electronic punching should be required for championship events. The cost of using epunch was discussed and it was suggested that a major concern of some clubs is the cost of replacing controls in the event of controls being lost, damaged or stolen, not the rental fees. The general consensus was that we are not yet at the point where epunch should be required, but it could be a consideration when awarding bids. (OCIN is planning to use epunch so this was not directed at them.) USOF currently does not have a championship in the sprint discipline. Clare proposed that the event be a demonstration event, but still a US Championship. Robin pointed out that we need rules for sprint events. Mike Minium indicated that Vladimir Gusiatiukov would be willing to work on these. Randy Hall asked for clarification on the designation of a demonstration event: would USOF be providing medals and would OCIN be paying championship sanctioning fees. Clare said the answer to both was yes. Randy then said he felt the whole championship structure needed to be addressed. He wondered how the sprints would factor into the ranking system. Clare noted that the ranking committee is currently looking at how sprints should be including in rankings. Gary Kraght noted that we should step back and look at all the championships, that currently we have "too much product". He thought that sprints were an excellent idea but that USOF needs to manage the championships better. Mike Minium pointed out that each current championship will have its proponents and will fight it being discontinued. Clare noted that regardless of whether the sprint event was a championship it was already approved as a sanctioned event. Randy asked for more clarification on what it meant to be a demonstration event. Clare replied that it meant USOF was not committed to continue having a US Sprint Championship, that it was not setting a precedent. Gary thought we needed to have rules about Sprint Champs in place before approving it. Clare noted that she expected to have rules for sprints and an opinion on whether we want a US Sprint championship by the end of 2005.

The question was called. The vote was 8-2-1 to approve the bid by OCIN to hold a demonstration US Sprint Championship.

CLUB CHARTER FEES

Robin Shannonhouse summarized the current situation. The by-laws currently mandate that club rechartering and insurance fees must be collected from the clubs based on club memberships. Rob Wilkison has helped draft language to allow a change in the by-laws so that the Board would have the authority to determine how clubs are assessed insurance and recharter fees.

Gary Kraght moved to approve the Board submit the bylaws amendment to the AGM, with one correction: show a deletion of the current wording of the last sentence in Article IV, Section A.1.c by putting it in parentheses and italics. The motion was seconded by Clare Durand. Randy asked for clarification on what exactly was being moved. Gary replied that the motion would allow the board to determine how club charter fees and insurance fees are assessed as opposed to being required to do it by membership. By-laws changes must be approved by the AGM so approving this motion would simply move it forward to the AGM agenda.

Mike Minium raised the question of whether the Feb. 1 date should be set in stone for rechartering. Robin replied that it's been that way for several years.

Randy asked specifically if this motion passes in the AGM would it change the current assessment method. Gary: No. Randy wanted to make sure that the minutes made this explicit.

Gary also explained that the FWG (Financial Working Group) would reconvene and by the next board meeting hopes to have more information ready for publication to the general membership on various approaches to the club charter fees question, so that they can be discussed by the Board and the general membership well in advance of the AGM. The Board will need to address the issue of club charter fees; if the by-laws are changed by the AGM, then the Board will have more options available.

Mike Minium wondered if this change would give the BOD too much power that it might use unwisely noting that if we had this authority last fall it was possible that we would have voted to change the assessment method and that it does not seem now that that would have been a good decision. Clare pointed out that the board did not

pass the current motion, instead electing to spend more time on the issue.

The question was called and the motion was approved by a vote of (10-1-1).

Action Item: Robin and Frank were given the task to make sure this gets on the Agenda for the AGM and published in ONA.

ELECTRONIC PUNCHING

Clare Durand presented a report by Steve Shannonhouse, chair of the rules committee, on some proposed changes to the USOF rules to cover issues related to electronic punching. They basically incorporated language from IOF, eliminated some redundancy, and, most importantly, would specifically disallow the option of deleting only specific legs of a course when a protest was made.

Clare Durand moved to accept the rules changes. The motion was seconded by Mike Minium.

Mike asked about the issue of when a person's card failed, i.e. the control unit recorded the punch, but the person's ecard did not. Randy said he wanted to allow ways for reinstating apparent disqualifications. Bruce McAlister pointed out that the IOF rules forbid using the controls to verify that people were at a control; they also do not allow for various other things that USOF accepts like other competitors vouching for someone being at the control. Clare said that although Steve had used some IOF language for electronic punching, the current USOF rules allowing for back-up methods for determining if a competitor visited a control would still apply.

Randy wanted to change the rules to allow for more than just Sportident and Emit as possible electronic punching systems. Bruce noted that other systems have been used by the IOF. Mike noted that changing the rules in the future to include other systems would be easy and wanted to keep the specificity in the language. Randy made a friendly amendment to adjust the wording in 29.10.1 to insert the word "automatically".

To focus discussion on the issue of throwing out only certain legs of a course when epunching is used and a protest is made, Gary Kraght made a motion to drop clause 17.6.1 that specifically disallows this option. The motion was seconded by Mike Minium. Randy felt that throwing out only certain legs would allow people to game the system and he cited some examples. Mike argued that throwing out certain legs was a better option than throwing out a whole course. Randy said not allowing it would hold course setters to a higher standard. Clare pointed out that coming to a mishung control affects different people differently. Bruce wanted to let juries decide. Robin noted that juries can be hand-picked to be sympathetic to a host club and were not always impartial. Randy wanted to know if the grievance committee could overrule a jury's decision. Chuck: No. Clare pointed out that the current rules state that under certain circumstances if a course is protested, the jury is required to throw out a course and is not supposed to have discretion, although this has not always been followed. The grievance committee can only decide whether rules have been followed and in the past, since there were no rules on epunching, they could not overrule a jury's decision.

The question on whether to drop this change was called. The vote was 2-5-5 and so did not pass. The language to specifically disallow throwing out selected legs stands in the original proposed rules changes.

Clare noted that she sensed the board was not comfortable voting on the issue at this time. Gary moved to postpone the vote to the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda. It passed by a vote of 11-0-1.

VP ADMINISTRATION

Frank Kuhn made several announcements.

Trail-O:

For 2005 the possibilities of putting together a Trail-O championship event for team selection to the World Trail-O champs are not looking good. OCIN is out. He plans to approach West Point. Contingency plans are to select a team without a championship event. In 2006 the WOC is in Denmark but they will not host the Trail-O champs; those will be in Finland. Clare stated that she felt there was a need to formalize the trail-O team. Frank indicated that there didn't seem to be enough interest at the moment. Clare thought that any Trail-O championship event and selection of a team should be under VP Competition and that competitors needed to be kept in the loop. She felt that other aspects of Trail-O should continue under the direction of the Trail-O committee under VP for Program Development. Chuck will work on seeing if West Point will host a Trail-O champs. If they do, Clare would like to hold a Trail-O team meeting after that event. Chuck, as President, indicated that he was formally moving the Trail-O Committee from Program Development to Competition.

Endowment Fund:

USOF has already agreed to fund marketing efforts to promote the endowment fund. Frank needs someone to head up the effort. We need to get an article into ONA and to identify local talent. Linda noted that it might be necessary to hire professionals. Gary indicated we have a brochure all ready to go to press; it just needs to

be printed. Chuck will research the idea of hiring a professional; we won't proceed on other fronts until he reports back.

IOF:

IOF has moved to a system of Regional Championships as opposed to World Cup races beginning in 2007. I.e. there would be world cup races in 2006, but not in 2007. This is for foot-O only. Starting in 2008 there will be a North American regional Championship. North America encompasses the US and Canada, and possibly Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica. Some of these countries have the option of choosing whether they want to be included in the South American or North American region. Gary wanted to know the time-table and Randy wanted to know the format. Frank indicated it was up to the region to decide and that we would need to work with Canada. Clare noted that if the 2008 North American Champs were to be designated as the regional champs then there would need to be drug testing at the event. Chuck noted that we need to start looking ahead at the rules. Frank pointed out that we needed to take the lead.

Nominations and Elections: Things are in the works. We need a secretary. Send suggestions to Frank.

World Masters 2005: Sweden is trying to get someone to do a trail-O event in Edmonton. They are looking for volunteers to help.

AGM: The AGM will be August 27th at PNWOF. The Pre-AGM board meeting will be Friday evening.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Stephanie Martineau presented an update on the fund raising activities for 2004.

In general, the US teams and specific funds get most of the donations and her goal for 2004 was to generate unrestricted funds. She was successful. The challenge grant from the Fritz's made a huge difference. Her accounting is slightly different than Robin's as she is counting contributions coming in early 2005 as part of the 2004 fund drive and Robin has to go on a calendar year. She is also including money donated in the name of Gari Williams to the mapping fund. Liz Kotowski (college development fund) and the junior team were a bit disappointed. Stephanie has gotten some advice on ways to improve and is planning another drive for 2005. She will be offering premiums and is looking for some challenge grants. Frank Kuhn moved to let the minutes show that the board commends Stephanie for all her work. The motion was seconded by Sandy Fillebrown and the board voiced its unanimous approval with a round of applause. Stephanie wants a focus for 2005 and would like the board to have some plans for what will be done with the money generated. Gary said we should get out the long range plan and either revise it or use it. Clare asked about the costs for the fund drive as in the past the cost of mailing the solicitations was about the same as the amount of money raised. Stephanie indicated that by including the fund drive request and envelope in ONA the costs were minimal. The total costs for the 2004 Annual Fund Drive were \$348.32. The largest costs were printing the envelopes (\$176.55) and insertion in ONA (\$50).

Gary Kraght presented an update on the insurance situation:

In 1997 our premium was ~\$18,000, in 2004 it was ~\$40,000 and in 2005 it was ~\$19,000. Our Broker is Marsh Affinity. The insurance is through AIG (American Insurance Group). Eliot Spitzer of New York filed suit claiming price fixing and there was an \$850,000,000 settlement. By April 30, Marsh & MacLennan must calculate how much was over charged for every policy holder during the period Jan. 2001 through Dec. 2004. By May 20, USOF should get a notice stating its portion of \$850,000,000 Spitzer settlement. We will then have a choice: accept our calculated refund and sign away rights to participate in class action suits or not accept our refund and reserve the right to fight in court. By June 2008, all affected parties must make this decision and any monies left in the \$850,000,000 pot will be distributed on a pro rata basis. There are other suits being filed by other plaintiffs and at least two additional class action suits. Other law firms are considering this as well, including some well-known very successful firms.

Our rate this year is quite low. We're part of a pool and we don't know who the others in the pool are.

Money in the insurance fund generally needs to stay in the insurance fund. However, we had moved \$25,000 from the operating budget to the insurance fund, to cover the recent increases and this money could be returned to the operating budget if we wanted. We should communicate something to the clubs so they know what's going on. Linda noted that we should be a little cautious since we don't know how things will play out. Jim Eagleton wondered if we should give some money to the College Development and Junior Team funds right now. It was decided to wait until the next board meeting before making any adjustments.

Next BOD Meeting:

Sandy Fillebrown moved that the next BOD meeting be at the West Point A event on the afternoon of April 30. The motion was seconded by Linda and approved 6-0-3.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Fillebrown

(filling in as secretary)

Attachments to follow.

HOMESCHOOLERS AND THE SPORT OF ORIENTEERING

The Current Situation:

- Orienteering is a sport that is appealing to homeschoolers because of the thinking skills involved and because it is open to participation by everyone.
- While homeschoolers can benefit from participation in orienteering, even on an individual basis, participation with a team adds additional benefits such as training, friendship, and encouragement.
- Some homeschoolers would be unaware of the sport of orienteering, if it were not for the public school system.
- Homeschoolers who decide to participate in orienteering are at a disadvantage, due to current rules.
 - § Each state's homeschool and public school rules differ.
 - § Not all states allow participation in public school programs by homeschoolers.
 - § Most schools do not have orienteering programs.
 - § Actual orienteering training is scarce.
 - § The current USOF rules do not provide an outlet for team participation by all homeschoolers.

Possible Solutions:

- Allow homeschoolers to participate on a team that they regularly train and participate with such as:
 - § A public or private school team that allows non-enrolled members to train and compete with them.
 - § A team formed by members of the same local orienteering club.
 - § A team formed by members of a local co-op, club, or organization, such as a scout group, Civil Air Patrol unit, or homeschool co-op.

Rules Suggested to Avoid Ad-hoc Team Formation:

- All team members must meet the criteria established for team membership, including practice participation frequency, age, grade level, etc.
- Team members should participate in a specified number of meets with the team within a stated period of time before being allowed to compete in an interscholastic meet.
 - § All criteria for team formation should be approved by USOF prior to a USOF sanctioned meet.

Making the rules more inclusive will benefit homeschoolers, public and private school

teams, and the sport of orienteering.

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December 8, 2004

United States Orienteering Federation

Attn: Robin Shannonhouse

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Re: Amendment to Bylaws regarding liability insurance fees

Dear Robin:

Enclosed find a proposal for amending the USOF bylaws in order to permit the BOD to determine the method of assessing the liability insurance fees on member clubs, rather than requiring that such fees be based upon the club's membership.

I think that the changes are fairly straightforward. If there are any questions or comments, please get back to me. Otherwise, the proposal needs to be put on the agenda for the next BOD meeting, so that it can be adopted by the BOD in time to be placed before the membership at the next AGM.

Let me know if there is anything else needed from this end.

Happy holidays,

Robert P. Wilkison

Proposal for amendment of Article IV., Section A. 1 & 2 of the Bylaws of the United States Orienteering Federation.

Purpose: Under the current Bylaws the club membership fee for both Regular and Associated Orienteering Clubs consists of a charter fee and liability insurance fee, with the charter fee set by the BOD, but the liability insurance fee based upon the number of club members. The proposed amendment would remove the requirement that the

insurance liability fee be based upon the number of club members, and leave such fee to be determined by the BOD.

Article IV., Section A. 1& 2 are to be amended as follows, with added language appearing in **bold**, and removed language in *(parenthesis and italics)*:

Section A. Club Memberships:

1. Regular Club Membership is open to any amateur sports organization which operates on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur Orienteering competition, a national program or regular national amateur athletic Orienteering competition, or to other organizations meeting the qualifications herein.

a. Five or more persons may for a *Regular* Orienteering Club, (hereinafter, "club") which may be chartered by the Federation upon receipt of an application signed by at least five individuals who endorse the objectives and purposes of the Federation and are members in good standing of the Federation. The application must be accompanied by the club membership fee.

b. 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 **and liability insurance fee** shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

c. 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 **and liability insurance fee** shall be 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.)*

(d. The liability insurance fee for the initial year shall be the club's share of the Federation liability insurance premium, as determined by the Board of Directors. For the purpose of determining the club's share,

family memberships in the club count as two club members and persons who are members of more than one club will only be counted in that club in which they claim primary membership.)

d. (e.) Any club that has not paid its annual club membership fee by two weeks prior to the Annual Convention shall pay the initial charter fee, as per Section A.1.b of this article, in addition to its annual club membership fee.

e. (j.) Each club is entitled to full use of the Federation services under procedures as established by the Board of Directors or the committees.

2. Associate Club Membership

a. Any person, persons, or entity may form an *Associate* Orienteering Club (hereinafter, "associate club") which may be chartered by the Federation upon receipt of an application signed by such person, such persons, or representative of such entity. The application must be accompanied by the associate club membership fee.

b. The associate club membership fee for the initial year shall consist of an initial charter fee and shall be 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.

c. 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 **and liability insurance fee** shall be as determined by the Board of Directors.

(2. The liability insurance fee shall be the associate club's share of the Federation liability insurance premium, as determined by the Board of Directors. For the purpose of determining the associate club's share, family memberships in the associate club count as two associate club members and persons who are members of more than one club will only be counted in that club in

which they claim primary membership.)

d. Any associate club that has not paid its annual associate club membership fee by two weeks prior to the Annual Convention shall pay the initial charter fee, as per Section A.2.B of this article, in addition to its annual associate club membership fee.

e. Each associate club is entitled to those Federation services as designated by the Board of Directors.

Suggested USOF Rules Modifications Regarding Electronic Punching

Add section 17.6.1

- If the jury decides to void the results of a class or course because one or more of the conditions stated in 17.5 occur, and if electronic punching is utilized, then the results for the whole class or course are voided, and it is specifically prohibited to try "salvage" the affected course by deleting the times of the affected legs from the total elapsed time of that course.

Add sections 29.10.x

29.10 IOF approved electronic punching systems may be used in lieu of other punching systems, including the traditional pin punch system.

29.10.1 The only approved electronic punching systems are

- The *Emit* Electronic Punching and Timing system. If this system is used, the label attached to the competitor's electronic control card for back-up marking must be such that it will survive the conditions likely to be encountered during a competition (including immersion in water). It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the back-up card is marked so that it can be used if the electronic punch is missing.
- The *SportIdent* system. If this system is used, a backup unit must be present at each control--either a second electronic unit or a needle punch. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the electronic punch has been written to the e-card by not removing the e-card until the feedback signal has been received. If, and only if, no feedback signal is received, the competitor must use the backup unit.

29.10.2 If electronic punching is utilized, the electronic control card must show that all controls have been visited in the proper order.

29.10.5 Competitors who lose their control card (either paper or electronic), omit a control, or visit controls in the wrong order shall be disqualified, unless an alternate proof is provided and accepted by the Jury.

29.10.6 If the electronic punch unit fails to respond, the competitor shall use the back-up manual pin punch and punch the map to prove his or her presence at the control.

Add new 31.10 Events using electronic punching may use an electronic start punch to determine the actual start time for timing purposes.

Change 33.1 to read

The finishing time shall be measured when the competitor's chest crosses the finish line or when the competitor punches at the finish line. Times will be truncated to full seconds, except in cases of sprint races, when timing to the tenth of a second may be allowed. Times shall be given in minutes and seconds, except in sprint races when times may be given in minutes, seconds, and tenths of a second.

Add 33.9 In competitions with mass or chasing starts, finish judges shall rule on the final placings. If electronic punching is used, the finish punch shall be located several meters past the finish line. If two or more competitors cross the finish line close to each other, the finish judge will instruct the runner who crossed the finish line first to punch first.

Board,

Attached is a bid from OCIN for the Relay Champs and potentially a Sprint Championship in 2006 at the Flying Pig. Below that is the original sanctioning request.

Mike's email details the format changes that they are proposing in conjunction with their bid.

Chuck, please add to the upcoming board agenda.

Clare

OCIN's Flying Pig X has been sanctioned for March 31- April 2, 2006.

We'd like to go ahead and bid for U S Relay Championships (Sat, April 1) and U S Sprint Champs (not yet an official event, but let's make this a first, maybe on a "demonstration" or "trial" basis) on Friday, March 31. The 3rd day would be a regular "A" meet in either short or classic format (to be determined).

The Sprint would be in a campground area... lots of cultural features and fast orienteering.

The Relay would also be based in the campground area and would use a farsta format... all teams would run all of the same legs, but the runners at any given time would have different combinations of forking (might make it tough for rankings-- maybe a credit day?). This format was used at last year's Canadian Champs in Whitehorse, with success. We'd still keep the general point system guideline with some courses being suitable for older/younger/less experienced orienteers.

This area is all newly mapped by Vladimir Zherdev in fall, 2004. The south side of East Fork is being used for Flying Pig IX, but the 2006 area is entirely new and separate.

Mike Minium

Application for "A" Meet Sanctioning:

Club Name: Orienteering Cincinnati

Event Name: Flying Pig X

Bid Event: to be determined.

Proposed Dates: 1. Fri - Sun 31 March, 1, 2 April, 2006
2. Fri - Sun 7, 8, 9 April 2006

Location: East Fork State Park, Amelia, Ohio
(25 miles east of Cincinnati, Ohio)

Permission to use site: Verbal permission received from Park Manager, Chris Dauner
on October 7, 2004, dates blocked out on park calendar

Competition format: Friday would be a 1-day "A" meet in sprint course format.
Saturday would be a 1-day "A" meet of short (IOF middle) distance.
Sunday would be a 1-day "A" meet of classic distance.
A farsta format might be used on Sunday advanced courses.
Event format and order could be adjusted depending on bid events.

Event Director: Mike Minium (513) 523-9279

Setters: (in no particular order; days not yet decided)

Pat Meehan (513) 868-7535

Steve Vaughan

Matthew Robbins

Vetters: (in no particular order, days to be determined)

Steve Vaughan

Mike Minium

other vetters to be determined.

Registrar: Vince Hand

Map Coordinator: Mike Minium

Applicant: Mike Minium

Applicant's Club Position: Vice President

Date of Request: 30 November, 2004

NOTES: We plan to use SI electronic punching.

Mapping Plans: The same general area (adjacent or overlapping maps) will be used on all days.

Map Name and Location: East Fork State Park (Harsha Lake)
Amelia and Batavia, OH, 25 miles E of Cincinnati

Maps will be: Completely New / New revision

Scale: 1:10,000

Field-checking history: A small portion (about 1.5 km²) 1992, 1995, 1998 by Mike Minium.
This portion to be resurveyed by Minium in winter 2004-2005.
additional area (14 km²) field checked by Vladimir Zherdev in October-November, 2003. complete.
Additional 9.5 km² surveyed by Zherdev in fall, 2004.
Drafting by Zherdev to be done by summer 2005.

General description: Typical Midwest ridge and reentrant terrain,
mostly deciduous vegetation in varying runnability.

Revision completion: Summer, 2005. Our printing process allows revisions to be made until within days of the event.
Map final by January, 2006 unless tornado or other major event.

Previous use of area: The existing portion mentioned above has been used for various local meets, most recently on July 19, 2003.
Some parts of the map will be used for Flying Pig "A" meet in April, 2005, but most of the area would be new to orienteering.

Originally mapped: small portions in 1992, 1995, 1998.
Most to be newly mapped 2003-2005.

Owned by: State of Ohio & US Army Corps of Engineers

Printing: Maps will be printed directly from OCAD
to Xerox Fiery X12 color copier,
on Xerox 80 lb (120g/m²) gloss finish Harlequin Coated Paper
(same process was used for Flying Pig 2002 and 2003)

Competitors use same map: Maps will be the same sheet for all competitors

Prepared by: Mike Minium

Applicant's Club Position: Vice President

Date of Request: 27 October, 2003, updated 6 November 2003

Safety Plan

1. General

All participants required to carry whistle.
Sealed loaner whistles available at start line
(return with seal intact or use for emergency, no charge;
break seal for non-emergency and buy whistle)

2. Emergency Medical

Directions and map to nearest hospital will be included in
participant registration packets. Kit(s) to handle
emergency first aid available at finish. Cell phones
available to call for 911 service if needed.

3. Search

Once person is determined to be missing:
Experienced orienteers dispatched to cover course in reverse.
Other volunteers sent by vehicle to secure perimeter.
In event person not found in reasonable time,
contact Tri State SAR and Park ranger for additional assistance.

4. Rescue

Master maps and experienced orienteers available to
lead emergency rescue personnel to scene and
assist in evacuation.

5. Severe weather

Thunderstorm in progress, Severe Thunderstorm warning
or Tornado Warning will delay start. Participants will be
advised of watches, high water conditions, etc.

Board,

A bid from EMPO for the 2006 LONG and SHORT course Championships. One issue raised by the sanctioning committee is noted below.

Chuck, please add to the upcoming Board meeting agenda.

Clare

The only issue I recall being raised was: "looking over the rather short winning times from this year's Long Championships, I hope that EMPO will put some added emphasis on the word "long" and make the courses properly demanding. Far better that the courses end up too long than too short in this particular discipline."

This comment was seconded, and directed to the board.

In response to a request for more info on the intended format for the 2006 Long-O Champs bid, I received the following from EMPO.

Clare,

The planned format for the Long Course Championships is Interval starts, standard point-to-point. A map exchange is likely for the Blue course and possibly also for Red. At this point, no devices to break up packs (e.g. butterfly loops) are planned. Since we are probably not using e-punching, incorporating such a feature would pose some challenges. I'm open to any suggestions which will improve the quality of the courses.

Regards,

Glen Tryson

APPLICATION FOR USOF "A" MEET SANCTIONING

CLUB NAME Empire Orienteering Club
EVENT NAME The "Pinnacle" of Orienteering [& EMPO Debt Payoff !!!]
BID EVENT US Short Course & Long Course Championships

PROPOSED DATES LISTED IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE:

(1) April 29-30, 2006 (2) May 6-7, 2006 (3) April 22-23, 2006

LOCATION: Camp Pinnacle and John Boyd Thacher State Park; area is in the corners of four towns, but principally in Knox, and Berne, NY. The area is about 15 miles SW of Albany, NY.

PERMISSION TO USE MEET SITE: Please attach a copy of your landowner permission to use this location on the dates requested:

Verbal approval has been obtained. Written approval must await New York State fiscal year 2005-2006, which doesn't begin until April 2005 (at the earliest, since NY state budgets are generally many months late).

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- Saturday: USOF Short Course format
- Sunday: USOF Long Course format

Provide information for each day or competition: (i.e. classic, short course, relay, motala, etc.); include information on start format if not interval individual starts; and info on awards (i.e. two day combined time):

Each day will be a separate race, with no combined time awards for two days.

The Short Course event will be held on EMPO's new Thacher Park map, first used on October 31, 2004. If there are significant changes to the area between 10/31/04 and 4/29/06, the map will be updated.

The Long Course event will be held on a new "Camp Pinnacle" map which will include portions of the "Thacher Park" map, as well as newly mapped territory.

Provide name /e-mail /phone/address for each person:

MEET DIRECTOR: Philip Hawkes-Teeter
COURSE SETTER: Glen Tryson
COURSE VETTER: Bill Jameson
MEET REGISTRAR: Janet Tryson

MAP COORDINATOR: Philip Hawkes-Teeter

APPLICANT: Philip Hawkes-Teeter

Applicant's Club Position President

Applicant's Signature _____

Date of this Sanctioning Request November 10, 2004

MAP PLANS FOR A USOF CLASS "A" MEET

(To be completed by the Mapping Coordinator for this event.)

Provide the name of the map and map location for each day/competition:

Day 1: John Boyd Thacher Park, New Scotland, NY

Day 2: Camp Pinnacle, New Scotland, NY

For each map provide the following information. (copy page as necessary)

Map Name: John Boyd Thacher Park

For this event, this map will be: existing -or- ___ new revision -or- ___ brand new

Scale: **1:10,000** contour interval: **5** m size: **16** km²

DATE of most recent FIELD CHECK: **2004**

Name of PRINCIPLE MAPPER (field checker): **Mark Dominie**

Name of DRAFTER (if different): _____

General description of mapped area: moderate to steep terrain with areas of many cliffs

For new & revised maps, WHEN will the map be complete: _____

For existing & revised maps:

WHEN & FOR WHAT has this map been USED before this event?:

Day 2 of EMPO/CNYO joint "A" Meet October 31, 2004

For existing & revised maps, YEAR area was ORIGINALLY MAPPED: **2004**

The Mapped Area is OWNED BY: John Boyd Thacher State Park

COMPETITION MAPS will be Offset Printed: **NO**

If No, how will maps be printed: High quality color laser

All competitors will use the same map sheet for competition: **YES**

If No, what differences: _____

Prepared by Philip Hawkes-Teeter

Position with club or event President and Meet Director

Date prepared November 10, 2004

Map Name: Camp Pinnacle

For this event, this map will be: ___ existing -or- new revision -or- brand new

This map will be an extension of the Thacher Park map into new lands to the South. The two maps will overlap somewhat, but each will include significant land not on the other.

Scale: **1:15,000** (1:10,000 on Brown, Yellow, White) contour interval: **5** m size: **16** km²

DATE of most recent FIELD CHECK: **2005**

Name of PRINCIPLE MAPPER (field checker): **Mark Dominie**

Name of DRAFTER (if different): _____

General description of mapped area: moderate to steep terrain with areas of cliffs

For new & revised maps, WHEN will the map be complete: December 2005

For existing & revised maps:

WHEN & FOR WHAT has this map been USED before this event?:

Portions of the map were used on October 31, 2004, in Day 2 of CNYO/EMPO "A" Meet

For existing & revised maps, YEAR area was ORIGINALLY MAPPED: **2004**

The Mapped Area is OWNED BY: John Boyd Thacher State Park and Pinnacle Ministries, Inc.

COMPETITION MAPS will be Offset Printed: **No**

If No, how will maps be printed: High quality color laser

All competitors will use the same map sheet for competition: **No**

If No, what differences: Brown, Yellow and White (and perhaps Green) will be 1:10,000; others 1:15,000

Prepared by Philip Hawkes-Teeter

Position with club or event President and Meet Director

Date prepared December 21, 2004

Dosjöebro, 8 February 2005

To: The Presidents of the IOF Member Federations

Dear Orienteering Friends,

The XXII IOF Ordinary General Assembly held in conjunction with the 2004 World Orienteering Championships in Västerås, Sweden, took a number of decisions related to the future world events programme in foot orienteering.

The General Assembly decided that a schedule of biennial Regional Elite Orienteering Championships (ROCs) be established, that the World Cup as it exists today be discontinued from the end of 2006, and that a series of events (e.g. Grand Prix events) be introduced making use of existing international events. The General Assembly also asked Council to finalise the revised world event programme in consultation with the federations in order to implement the new event programme in 2007.

The Council has asked the Foot Orienteering Commission (FOC) to finalise the project, and determined that the work should be based on two main principles, i.e. that the programme shall include high status events from outside Europe, the sequence of which shall be determined in consultation with the regions, and that the event series shall be based on individuals, not federations. The Council has also determined that the process shall be open, with wide consultation, and it shall be finalised in time to ensure a full programme in 2007.

Meanwhile, so as to maintain the high status of the current world event programme and, in particular, of the World Cup series, it is of utmost importance to secure a broad, high level participation in these events.

The organisers of World Cup events in 2005 and 2006 have committed themselves to provide the world elite athletes, spectators, media representatives and external partners with high quality events. I encourage you to show your appreciation of their undertakings by making sure that your country is represented at these events.

I am extremely pleased that, so far, the organisers of the 1st round of the 2005 World Cup have received team entries from 23 countries. Those of you who have not yet registered any runners for the event still have the possibility to do so!

May I take this opportunity to wish you personally, your federation and your athletes a successful orienteering year 2005. I look forward to an exciting World Cup season with worthy, high quality events in Great Britain, Japan, and Italy.

Yours in orienteering,



Åke Jacobson
IOF President

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Treasurer's Report

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Category Description	12/31/04
College Dev Fund	
Transfers, ->CDF	200.00
Fundraising, CDF	1,258.00
Travel, WUOC Team	-1,467.80
Contributions, CDF	250.00
Expenses, WUOC Adm	-40.00
TOTAL College Dev Fund	200.20

Comp Awards Fund

Beg. Balance, CAF	2,278.51
Competitive Awards	-3,453.23
Transfers, ->CAF	2,000.00
Comp Awards shipping to clubs	-21.60
 TOTAL Comp Awards Fund	 803.68

Endowment Fund

Beg. Balance, EnF	1,080.78
 Life Membership Dues	 5,400.00
Endowment Transfer	-6,690.00
Contributions, EnF	660.00
 TOTAL Endowment Fund	 450.78

E-Punching Fund

Beg. Balance, EPF	7,534.19
E-Punch rental fees	2,477.18
EP Equipment purchased	-6,731.16
E-Punch Shipping	-652.53
Contributions, EPF	250.00
 TOTAL E-Punching Fund	 2,877.68

Insurance Fund

Beg. Balance, InsFund	4,909.92
Insurance Fees from Clubs	56,448.25
 TOTAL Insurance Fund	 61,358.17

Jr. Team Fund

Beg. Balance, JTF	2,040.21
Contributions, JTF	1,718.00
Fundraising, JTF	1,272.00
Travel, JTF	-5,940.00
Transfers, ->JTF	3,000.00
 TOTAL Jr. Team Fund	 2,090.21

Map Grant Fund

Beg. Balance, MGF	7,025.00
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Contributions, MGF	270.00
TOTAL Map Grant Fund	7,295.00

Map Loan Fund

Beg. Balance, MLF	32,110.00
Contributions, MLF	3,916.50
Map Loans Repaid	6,600.00
Map Loan	-18,000.00
TOTAL Map Loan Fund	24,626.50

O' in Schools Fund

Beg. Balance, OSF	25,222.79
Books - Redistribution	3,947.98
Programs, OSF	-233.57
WUOC, OSF	-1,000.00
Map Games Reprint	-5,976.90
Contributions, OSF	115.00
TOTAL O' in Schools Fund	22,075.30

Operating Fund

Beg. Balance, OF	30,524.86
Office Support	-10,800.00
VP Marketing & Committees:ONA	-24,935.16
Contributions, OF	8,464.20
Club Dues	4,713.00
Membership Dues	26,515.00
Supplies-Other	-2,083.94
Sanctioning Fees	10,896.00
Endowment Proceeds	2,505.00
Postage	-1,114.40
Telephone	-1,026.63
VP Marketing & Committees:Web...	-300.00
VP Marketing & Committees:Mar...	-734.16
Dues & Charter	-2,340.00
VP Program & Committees	-681.42
Interest Income	1,774.56
Transfers, OF->	-5,000.00
VP Marketing & Committees:Med...	-1.29
VP Marketing & Committees-Other	-13.42
VP Competition & Committees-O...	-86.57

Bank Charges	-5.00
Endowment Fund Promotion	-230.00
VP Administration & Committees	-398.32
VP Marketing & Committees:Awards	-18.96
Transfers, ->OF	449.80
President & Committees	-45.00
TOTAL Operating Fund	36,028.15

Program Dev Fund

Beg. Balance, PDF	3,497.76
Contributions, PDF	250.00
Program Income, PDF	274.00
TOTAL Program Dev Fund	4,021.76

Ski-O Team Fund

Beg. Balance, SkiTF	8,601.79
Travel, Ski TF	-4,029.89
Contributions, Ski TF	103.00
TOTAL Ski-O Team Fund	4,674.90

Sponsor & Mkt Fund

Beg. Balance, SponMkt Fund	6,461.90
Sponsorship Expenses	-1,841.00
Marketing Income	1,875.00
Sponsorships	4,000.00
Video Distribution	14.75
Transfers, SMktF->	-449.80
Sponsorship Grants	-1,686.75
TOTAL Sponsor & Mkt Fund	8,374.10

Team Fund

Beg. Balance, TF	3,811.83
Contributions, TF	9,186.07
Fundraising, TF	1,087.00
Transfers, TF->	-200.00
Travel, TF	-9,177.10
TOTAL Team Fund	4,707.80

Trail-O Team Fund	
Beg. Balance, TrTF	100.00
Contributions, TrTF	300.00
TOTAL Trail-O Team Fund	400.00
Unassigned	
Unassigned-Other	0.00
TO BankAmerica	-960.21
TO Petty Cash	-873.58
TO Vanguard	-50,000.00
FROM BankAmerica	50,873.58
FROM Boston Bank	960.21
TOTAL Unassigned	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	179,984.23

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