

Minutes USOF BOD Meeting 18 August 2006

(Post AGM meeting)

Buena Vista, Colorado

Start Time: 4:45 PM

I. Call to order & Secretary takes roll

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 by President Chuck Ferguson.

Officers:

President: Chuck Ferguson - present

Administration VP: Frank Kuhn –present (late)

Competition VP: Clare Durand – not present

Program Development VP: Mike Minium - present

Club Services VP: Gary Kraght - present

Marketing and Public Relations VP: Jerry Rhodes - not present

Secretary: Sandy Fillebrown - present

Executive Director: Robin Shannonhouse - present

Regional Representatives (Alternates):

Heartland: Ian Harding (Gale Teschendorf) – Gale Teschendorf present

MidAtlantic: Jim Eagleton (Ralph Tolbert) – Jim Eagleton present

Midwest: Karen Rogers (Stevan Vaughan) – not present

Northeast: Joanne Sankus (Susan Hawkes-Teeter) – Sue Hawkes-Teeter present

Northwest: Scott Drumm (John Sincock) – present

Pacific: Syd Reader (David Irving) – not present

Southeast: Linda Ferguson (John Fairley) – Linda Ferguson present

Southwest: Robert Paddock (Ralph Courtney) – not present

Members At Large:

Greg Lennon – present

Walter Siegenthaler - present

Stephanie Martineau - present

Competition – Randy Hall – not present

II. Open Forum (5 minutes to any member to address the Board)

- Chuck welcomed the new board members.
- Donna Fleugel will be attending board meetings as a non-voting representing for Marketing and Public Relations.

III. Motion to reappoint Robin Shannonhouse as Executive Director

Motion to approve: 11-0-0 passed

IV. No matters arising from the AGM.

V. Discussion Items postponed from the pre-AGM meeting:

1. Training clinics at A events.

- Gary Kraght put out requests for feedback about offering clinics at A events. Naysayers were from the long term orienteers and the most enthusiastic replies were from the newcomers. Sessions of two hours are probably the maximum length that people would be willing to attend.. One suggestion was to put together a roster of people willing to do clinics on various topics and clubs could look at the list and make their own arrangements. The sense though was that it would be better if it was arranged by the board, since the host club was already too busy attending to event matters..
- Mapping, mapping and more mapping was the unambiguous favorite topic, from how to do field checking to how to hire overseas mappers, etc.
- Greg Lennon suggested a web conference on mapping and/or videotaping some presentations.
- Need to get someone to take the Mapping Coordinator's job or perhaps a new position of Mapping Education is needed so clubs have a resource person to go to when they have questions about getting a map made.
- Need to get someone to head up organizing these clinics
- Need to get someone to head up a technology group for teleconferencing, videotaping, etc.

2. Teleconferencing and/or web conferences

- We need to look into the possibilities of doing some board business via the web or teleconferences. Each participant would need an internet connection and a telephone but the expense would be considerably less than travel expenses.
- It was noted that some board members prefer to contact people via the phone (as opposed to email) and it was suggested that phone cards be made available for board members. This can be put in the budget for next year.

3. Endowment Fund

- We need an endowment fund marketing director.
- Chuck will make a contact with a professional firm for endowment marketing. We should advertise within USOF as well that we are looking for someone on a paid basis to do this.
- Will need to get a database on USOF members and their "value"; some preliminary work has been done on this by Donna Fluegel and Jerry Rhodes.

VI. Next board meeting. A motion was made to have the next board meeting in conjunction with the DVOA A event on November 11, 2006.

Motion to approve: 11-0-1 passed

**ACTION ITEM: Chuck will contact DVOA and arrange for a meeting space.**

**ACTION ITEM: Chuck will check with any board members who can not attend and ask if they could participate via phone conferencing.**

VII. Update on Junior initiative.

- Letters inviting juniors to join the Junior Development Team are being worked on. One hold-up was pinning down what juniors would get for joining and who would pay for it. There was a motion to transfer \$400 from the Operating Budget to VP Competition to pay for t-shirts for all those joining the 2006 Junior Development Team. There was some discussion about what if anything the juniors would be required to do if they were to join and suggestions were made such as must be a USOF member, should have a USOF ranking, should attend competitions and training sessions. It was decided that it would be left up to the discretion of the Junior Team leaders.

Motion to approve the transfer of \$400 for Junior Development t-shirts: 12-0-0 passed.

**ACTION ITEM: Sandy will direct David Irving to include an annual budget of \$500 for Junior Development Team t-shirts.**

VIII. Items that the Executive Committee voted on since the last meeting.

- The Executive Committee voted to approve Eric Bone as a USOF Representative to the IOF General Assembly.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 by unanimous walking out the door.

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