

January 18, 2010 Board meeting

Here is a summary of the major decisions made at the BOD meeting in Anza-Borrego.

The following proposals were passed easily with little or no discussion:

1. Changes to the Team Rules as proposed by the Team ESC and vetted by Rules Committee
2. Fund Policies for College Development and O in Schools Funds
3. Approval of two WRE races at the WCOC/Team meet in May
4. Budget Amendments to Ski-O Team fund and Endowment Fund to cover inadvertent omissions

There was significant discussion on the "Interscholastic Rules" proposal. First of all, the vertical eligibility proposal (3) was not brought to the floor (no one made an official motion for consideration of this). Recommendations from the Rules Committee and even from the proposers themselves were that this was much more complicated than it seemed. Those who are still interested in this might consider forming a task group to come up with a more substantial proposal, although it is unclear if such a thing would win approval or not - it really wasn't discussed.

The proposal to add Primary School teams (1) did not pass. There was a lot of discussion on this and reasonable arguments made both in support and against the proposal. In the end, there seemed to be a sense that team competition for this age level was better suited to club and regional competition. If there should be an explosion of primary teams at the local level this might be reconsidered for a national championship. There were also arguments made that few teams would enter from any distance and that this would not truly be a national championship, but rather an extra award for the local primary kids. Arguments made in favor tended toward the fact that adding this Championship would not increase costs to USOF much and could increase interest in orienteering at the primary level.

The proposal to add club teams for Primary and Intermediate levels (2) was amended to strike the primary club teams. The amended proposal to add Intermediate Club teams passed. The board had been advised that no trophies are currently given for the club team categories, so no new trophy will be needed for this additional class.

The board also discussed a number of other items including potential bylaws amendments, background checks, and the 2010-2014 strategic plan.

Full minutes will be available on the USOF Website once they have been thoroughly reviewed.

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