

The next PNTF Board Meeting will be held on May 21, 2007 at the College Club, 5<sup>th</sup> and Madison, in Seattle. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner can be taken in the College Club Lounge prior to the meeting. For those who would like to get the minutes by e-mail, please tell me your e-mail address, or e-mail pntf@wolffenet.com. If you no longer wish to receive this, please e-mail me or phone 206-433-8868 to be removed.

## **Minutes of the PNTF Board Meeting of April 16,2007**

President Patti Petesch called the Meeting to order in the Arctic Room of the College Club at 7:02 p.m. Also present were Carole Langenbach, Stan Chraminski, Lawrie Robertson, Ken Weinbel, Mark Alexander, Bob Springer, Neal Stoddard, Gwen Robertson, Darlene Hickman, and Tom Cotner.

### **I. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Minutes: The March 2007 PNTF Board Meeting minutes were approved as distributed. In the absence of Bob Langenbach, Carole volunteered to do the minutes. Note: The PNTF minutes are posted on the PNTF web site, [www.pntf.org](http://www.pntf.org).
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson distributed copies of her report as of April 15, 2007. The report was approved unanimously. The totals as of April 15 were Youth - \$12,204.30; Open - \$7,150.73; Open Chairman's Fund -- \$1,181.00; Masters - \$8,905.63; General (officials) - \$1,162.88; Fred Dean Youth Travel Fund -- \$6,990.00; and General - \$14,857.09.
- C. President's Report: Patti reported that the time of the Associations Committee conference call was changed, so she missed it. She also reported that Bob Tice, a nationally active official, is alerting certified officials of the need to have better insurance coverage while working events. Sanctioned events cover officials and volunteers with liability, but not medical. Lawrie commented that a procedure is being discussed whereby officials in high school events can get coverage by joining the Washington Officials Association. Bob S suggested that we postpone discussion on this topic because Linda Melzer, Chair of the National Officials Committee, has appointed a committee to work on this. Darlene suggested that Patti e-mail William Hickman, our local certification chair and legal advisor, asking that he keep us updated on this topic. Darlene explained that officials used to get medical coverage as part of the certification fee every Olympiad, but that coverage ended in the mid 1980's.
- D. Vice President's Report: Derrek Berkompas was not present.
- E. Office Manager: Carole shared a letter she received from Dr. Ken Foreman in Hawaii in response to a visit by Bob and Carole in late February. Dr. Ken said to greet his friends in PNTF.
- F. Membership: Janell Kaufman was out of town and did not submit a report. Patti reminded us all that clubs who renew after May 1 will pay a late fee of \$100 in addition to the \$50 regular club fee.

### **II OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Fred Dean Youth Travel Fund: The committee Patti has organized to establish guidelines for distribution of the funds will be composed of herself, Doug Chandler, Kwajalein Griffin, Asha Dean, and one of Fred's business partners. Total to date in the fund is \$6,990.00.
- B. Criminal Background Check: Patti reported that she is ready to give our webmaster the information for posting on our website. Packets to clubs will not be sent out after all. The key phrase for assessing whether an adult needs a background check is "alone time" with an athlete.
- C. Expense and Reimbursement Form: Lawrie distributed copies of a form he is recommending for our use. It covers reimbursement when a person owes PNTF or vice versa. Mark will put the form on our website and maybe on our officiating CD.

- D. Review of Bylaws for Membership and Voting: Darlene reported that she is working on her proposal.
- E. Athlete Bios on PNTF Website: Tom reported that he has some bio's ready to post. Some photos are being provided by the U.W.
- F. Guidelines for West Seattle: Patti will get the guidelines to Bob S. The steeple barriers are currently in storage but will be needed for the SPU meet (PNTF Championships) on May 12. The new curb is in, and Patti will write a letter to the City recommending that the curb be locked away over the winter (so it won't be stolen again). Ken commented that the approach to the steeplechase water jump is not safe because of small water drainage gaps in the all-weather rubberized surface. Tom suggested covering the approach with a mat. Bob S commented that the height of the barrier is about ½ inch too high, and that all this info has already been given to the project manager. Anyone with additional concerns about the facility should e-mail Patti so she can write a letter to the City requesting "please respond". The contractor will be returning in July to deal with problems. The bond will not be released until final acceptance.
- G. Bulk Mailing Permit Renewal: Carole reported on the response from Walter High, Chair of Organizational Services on USATF, after Bob L asked him to clarify the requirement of Associations to mail out a newsletter. His answer was to refer to Reg.15(a)(1)(c)(vii) which does require that a newsletter be either mailed or e-mailed. Carole made a motion that we renew our permit for one more year and look into doing a mass mailing by e-mail at a later date. The motion passed with one nay vote.

### III NEW BUSINESS

- A. DAAA T&F Championships: Carole reported on a request for officials at the Dwarf Athletic Association of America meet to be held on June 30 at Roosevelt High School in Seattle. She explained to the contact person that the date conflicts with our Jr. Olympics Association Championships so the PNTFOA could not commit to the event. Mark will put the event on our website under the topic of officiating opportunities.

### IV COMMITTEE REPORTS (given in order of seating around the table)

- A. Racewalk: Stan reported on the 5k and 10k racewalk event held at West Seattle Stadium on April 14. Five athletes came down from Canada for the 5k in an attempt to qualify for their championships. Twenty-two athletes walked the 10k, most of them masters athletes participating the NW Regional Championships.
- B. Board of Directors: Darlene reported that in conjunction with the USATF Outdoor Championships in Indianapolis, there will be two days of diversity training to prepare more leaders in USATF. Dr. Evie Dennis has been leading a task force on Leadership & Diversity to identify "mentors" and "proteges".
- C. Open Committee: Tom reported that Greg Crowther, our newly retired webmaster, won the 50k in New York, the Mad City 100k in Madison, WI, and the Sunmart back in February. A local discus thrower, Mart Israel, has the best collegiate mark so far this year. The SPU meet on May 12 will be the PNTF Open Championships.
- D. Masters: Ken reported that the masters committee has revised the distribution of masters prize money for the PNTF XC Championships. The first individual in each division will still win \$45, but second place will no longer get money; instead, teams will receive money: \$125 per team for M40 and M50 (which score 5 runners) and \$75 per team for M60, M70, and all women's teams (which score 3 runners). The committee is looking into upgrading the Hy-Tek program for age-grading. There were 20 throwers at the April 14 Spring Fling at West Seattle Stadium. The entry form for the Seattle Classic on July 21 will be available on our website. Mark commented that the wording in the USATF rule book regarding masters non-championship events is not clear; he will study the problem.
- E. Officials: Bob S reported that the computer glitch at the UW meet on May 4 was a disc problem.

- F. Masters/Officials: Neal announced that the Nordstrom Beat the Bridge coming up on May 20 will be the masters 8k road championship. He also reported on the recent PNTFOA Board meeting; the faulty countdown clocks have been replaced, and there is a new laser measuring device for the pole vault. A letter from Chairman Geof Newing went out to U.W. alumni requesting help in officiating home meets. The Board is working on getting "thank you" gifts for officials to show appreciation for hours and hours of volunteer time.
- G. Youth: Patti reported that the youth committee liked the recent changes to the PNTF website. Help is needed to officiate at the Jr. Olympics Association meet on June 30 and July 1 at Southwest Athletic Complex (Sealth). We are hosting the J.O. Regional Championships on July 12-13 (combined events) and July 14-15, also at Southwest. Plan to officiate! The Association Workshop is scheduled for Aug. 17-19 in Baton Rouge. Kenny Emerick's brother Les died suddenly this past weekend of an intestinal infection at age 55; Kenny was in California to be with his family. Our sympathy is extended to Kenny and family.
- H. Mt. Sac Relays: Mark ran as an invited runner in the masters 800 meter and placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9<sup>th</sup> in 2:05, his 2<sup>nd</sup> best time ever.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Langenbach  
Substitute PNTF Secretary