



BOARD MEETING

December 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Bouchard at 7:16 PM. Those in attendance were Wayne Bouchard, Deann Shannon, Ted Hofmann, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, John Doherty, Nick Duarte, Marty Leonard, Tom & Patty Melton, Gary Heinbuch, Pete Mitchell, Ron Swanson, Kelly Ireland, Steve Morris, Ken Kastan, Larry & Doug Martin, John Bohls, Steve Elliott, Mike King, Ron Ayala, Randy Jarrell.

NOTE: This meeting is a continuation of the November 15, 2003 meeting.

SECRETARY

Ron Ayala made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Ted Hofmann and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Wayne Bouchard brought everyone up to date on the latest developments regarding our insurance coverage with USAWS. Wayne received a call from Steve McDermeit (USAWS Executive Director) who stated they are still in negotiations with the insurance carrier specifically regarding our insurance for 2004. Steve is pursuing several options. If an arrangement is not worked out between USAWS and the insurance carrier to provide us with coverage, we could potentially be faced with having to purchase our own separate policy. Wayne will be in continuous contact with Steve McDermeit and will keep the board updated on the situation. We may not have a resolution until the USAWS Winter Board Meeting in Florida in January. Wayne will be attending this meeting.

Randy Jarrell has been in contact with an insurance broker in the Phoenix area who may be able to provide a policy for the Catalina Ski Race and potentially the entire season.

TREASURER

Gayle Vesely presented the proposed budget for 2004.

A \$5000 refund was received from the hotel for the cancelled awards presentation for Nationals. However, expenses of \$8300 for trophies, \$2100 for the program and \$6100 were paid out for the cancelled Nationals. Trophies can be used in 2004 and the merchandise will be sold throughout the year.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding membership fees for \$2004. The general consensus was to raise the fees and charge an assessment fee to help cover costs from the cancelled 2003 Nationals. After much discussion, Ron Swanson made a motion to charge each individual participant a \$100 membership fee for 2004. This includes a \$15 fee increase and a \$15 assessment fee. Seconded by Pete Mitchell and approved. Late fee will be \$25 for a total of \$125 per individual for signing up after the membership deadline. Family membership will be \$300 if completed before the membership deadline.

Sanction fees will remain the same as they were in 2003.

A discussion was then held regarding credit card transaction fees. John Doherty made a motion to charge a 5% service fee for each credit card transaction. Seconded by Deann Shannon and approved.

It was strongly suggested that Region I pre-buy their airline tickets to travel to the meetings to help reduce the cost.

The board will also consider alternative meeting locations or reduced frequency of the meetings to help save money. The meeting room cost is \$100 per night.

RACE

Each region and IWSRA presented their proposed race dates for 2004.

Region I-- no set race dates but are looking at May for marathons at Pittsburg and July for marathons at Redbud Park / Clearlake.

Region II

March 27 & 28	Marathon	Lake Havasu
April 17 & 18	Circle	
May 15 & 16 or May 22 & 23	Circle	
June 5 & 6	Circle	Lake Mead
September 18 & 19	Circle	Puddingstone

IWSRA

March 13 & 14	Marathon	Parker
September 11 & 12	Marathon	Lake Mead

Nationals

October 1, 2 & 3	Nationals	San Diego
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Wayne Bouchard reminded everyone that we need a sponsor for the marathon series to help defer costs of the marathon hi-point awards.

Gayle Vesely asked to have the previously approved changes regarding moving the junior classes to the mini marathons reconsidered. The board voted 6 to 5 in favor of reconsidering the change. Ron Swanson commented that good or bad, the board should stick with their decision. Gayle stated that she has asked for it to be reconsidered due to some feedback she has received from some members who were not happy with the change. Gary Heinbuch suggested shortening the length of the Sunday marathons to accommodate the Sunday Mini. After further discussion, it was determined that the changes approved in November will stand. Cheryl Ruston made a motion to have the Sunday Mini Marathon be run last race of the day. Seconded by Randy Jarrell and approved.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 3, 2004

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Ruston
NWSRA Secretary