

USA Pentathlon Board Meeting
October 9, 2008

Call to Order. Alicia McConnell called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Board members present included: Fred Hower, Barry Matchett, Atif Siddiqi, Joach Saksen, Vaho Igorashivili, Rob Stull, Anita Allen, and Willie Sentenius. Elaine Chervis was absent. A quorum was present.

Bob Gambardella, Alicia McConnell, and Scott Novak from the USOC were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Motion from Director Matchett to approve minutes from September 27 Board Meeting. Seconded by Director Hower. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote.

Updates on To Do list

2009 Budget and edit of 2009 High Performance Plan

Discussion took place on what should be in the HPP as well as the 2009 Budget. It was agreed that Directors Matchett, Igorashivili and Saksen would take the lead in drafting the HPP and would forward a draft to the Board for their review within two weeks.

Judicial committee

Action on appointing a Judicial Committee was postponed to the next face to face meeting. Board members were encouraged to bring ideas of nominees to the meeting.

D&O Insurance

Director Matchett reported that he had put out to bid the Board's D&O insurance and would have quotes by October 12.

Bank Account

Director Hower reported that he had opened a checking account with Wells Fargo Bank. Discussion on the need for two signers on the account.

Motion by Director Sentenius that Directors Hower and Siddiqi should be the two signers on the USA Pentathlon bank account. Seconded by Director Saksen. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote.

Nike VIK negotiation

Ms. McConnell reported that she and Director Stull would continue to track this process.

Athlete Criteria

Discussion about the proposed Athlete Criteria presented to the Board at the September 27 meeting.

Motion by Director Siddiqi to approve the USA Pentathlon Athlete Criteria. Seconded by Director Matchett. Motion unanimously approved on voice vote.

UIPM Congress

Short discussion about Board member attendance to the UIPM Congress. Agreed that Directors Saksen and Igorashvili will attend.

Horses

Bob Gamberdella reported that the USOC will be transferring the ownership of the five horses they own to USA Pentathlon during the month of October.

Pentathlon Foundation

Discussion regarding the withdrawal of funds from the Foundation for use in 2009. Directors Siddiqi and Hower will write a letter to the USOC requesting the withdrawal.

Web site update

Director Saksen reported that he can be the webmaster of the USA Pentathlon web site and that he'll be able to post the bylaws, code of ethics, and other updates. He will coordinate with the USOC on access to the web site.

Meeting with Athletes and Coaches

Discussion on the need to have a face to face discussion with the athletes and coaches at the Board's next in-person meeting. Discussion should focus on what could be improved during the next quadrennial in terms of coaching, team structure, funding etc. Director Allen will take the lead on reaching out to athletes to get their thoughts in written form in advance of the meeting so the Board can be prepared for the face to face discussion.

Head Coach Discussion

Discussion led to request that Director Stull communicates to Janusz an update regarding the new NGB

By-Laws

Discussion to update By-laws which Director Matchett and Siddiqi will revise and request Board feedback.

Motion to Adjourn at 11:15 am by Director Siddiqi. Director Matchett seconded. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.