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MINUTES -- AUGUST 29, 1981

The annual meeting was held at Shrewsbury, Mass., in the clubhouse of the Central Mass. Striders. It was moved to dispense with the minutes of the last meeting. There was no treasurer's report.

Fred Brown reported for the men's long-distance running committee that all the major championships for 1981 have been placed except for a few silver races.

For the women's LDR, Helen Hamilton reported that the 10K championship will be put on in conjunction with the Bonne Bell race on Oct. 12. She wants to start lining up championship races for next year. The December WLDR meeting will be held in Manchester.

Bill Clark reported for track-and-field that there will be lots of indoor meets at BU and possibly at MIT. NEAC may run the indoor meet this winter in order to get money for travel funds. He encouraged clubs to get involved, as the funds are needed. Track-and-field coaching nominations for the Olympics are invited. There will be a meeting, perhaps in October, for athletes to put together a track-and-field committee and plan for the next two years.

Paul Schell commended Bill's expertise in putting on meets, and suggested that clubs could gain useful experience by getting involved with the indoor meet.

Paul explained that at this meeting are the yearly elections: for the registration committee, which then has to elect its own chairman; for two athlete's representatives; and for 13 delegates to the TAC national convention in Reno, Nevada, Dec. 4-8.

There was some discussion of duties of the Registration Committee. Paul said he wants guidelines for race sanctioning. Regarding the function of the Registration Committee, it was mentioned that it is responsible for sanctioning races, that the sanction guarantees the amateur status of athletes in races and also includes liability insurance.

Elected to the registration committee were Meredith Nelson, Helen Hamilton, Wayne Spinney, John Kane, and Walter Childs.

Elected as delegates to the national convention were Paul Schell, Bill Clark, Billy Martin, Bob Sevne, Bob Campbell, Wayne Spinney, Pete Stasz, John Kane, Jeff Hennessy, Steve Viatones, Nancy Conz, Larry Newman, and Ken Caouette.

Paul Gorman and Joan Benoit were elected as athletes' representatives.

In a discussion of national championships, Paul Schell reported that National this year will award them two years ahead.

For Youth Athletics, Jeff Hennessy reported that a New England team went to the TAC nationals in Lincoln, Neb., and did extremely well. He discussed the fall cross-country series (schedule attached). He said that Maine is putting on the regional Junior Olympics for the AAU and that the latter body is honoring TAC cards for Youth Athletics.

Ed Morley, the new masters' LDR chairman, said that the schedule of masters' championships is worked out for this year and that he will soon be starting on next year's schedule.

For race walking, Steve Vaitones announced three championships: the 10K on Labor Day at Gloucester, a 15 K Sept. 20 at Springfield, and the 30K at Cape Cod Nov. 1. In the 50 K walk at the National Sports Festival, Vaitones came in fifth.

Regarding the Cascade Race last spring in Portland, Oregon, Paul said it had been indicated at the last quarterly meeting that hearings would be held here for the athletes from New England, but that National, which has paid legal assistance, was able to take over on that. After the athletes had been sent notices, a hearing was held in Chicago Aug. 20-23. Four athletes from our Association were represented by counsel. The hearing was suspended and the meeting was deferred to September because some of the athletes declined to travel to Chicago. Presently the IAAF says there must be separate chutes for races in which pros compete with amateurs. If ARRA refuses to cooperate in this matter there is no alternative but to withdraw the race sanction. One of the athletes from the Cascade Race, Herb Lindsay, turned his \$6,000 check over to TAC to be held in a trust fund until the decision is made.

A motion was made and seconded to hold meetings in New England for the local athletes involved in the Cascade Race (Bill Rodgers, Patti Catalano, Pete Pfitzinger, and Greg Meyer). The motion was defeated.

Regarding the Freedom Trail Race Oct. 4, Greater Boston Track Club has requested a sanction and wants to comply with the IAAF regulations except that they have a problem with the separate chutes. They are willing to have the athletes declare ahead of time and submit a list to NEAC. Another possibility is to give the pros distinguishing numbers or colors but that won't be decided by IAAF until Sept. 1.

There was some discussion of public relations. Bob Campbell said that many people don't know what TAC is about, and that more publicity is needed. A list of clubs and a discussion of why runners might want to join clubs could be Xeroxed and given out at races. Bill Clark said that volunteer editors for a NEAC newsletter would be welcomed.

The winter meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 1 PM, place to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


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ANNUAL MEETING OF NEAC

This year's annual meeting is being hosted by the Central Mass. Striders and will be held at their headquarters in Shrewsbury, Mass. (see map on reverse side). The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th starting at 1:00 PM. The most important items of the day will be the elections of the members of the Registration Committee and of the delegates to the annual TAC convention which will be held in Reno, Nev. this year ~~from~~ Dec. 4 to 8.

Please try to have someone from your club available to attend this meeting.

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