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MINUTES OF THE NEW ENGLAND ATHLETICS CONGRESS QUARTERLY MEETING (the ANNUAL) HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1984 AT ALDEN RESEARCH CORP., HOLDEN, MA.

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting (the Annual) held 9/15/84.
Meeting held at Alden Research Corp., Holden, MA.
Meeting called to order at 12:40 pm by President Peter Stasz.

The main purpose of the meeting was to elect officers to 2 yr. terms,
select 2 athletes reps, and select the Registration Committees and Sport
Chairmen.

Peter Stasz brought forth the findings of a meeting held recently in San Diego to discuss the changing of Association Boundaries. The effect locally would be to have New Hampshire and Vermont combine to form one association, Maine stay the way it is, Connecticut likewise and have Massachusetts and Rhode Island two separate associations. This will be voted on at the convention in December. It is not known definately if the transition would occur in 1985 or 1986. Athletes will have the option of registering with adjoining associations if they desire. Locally in NEAC there has been virtually no involvement in meetings or policy making by the other 3 states. Mr. Stasz cited quarterly meetings held in NH and RI where no clubs from those states showed up even though the meeting was held in their own state.

There was discussion of a straw vote on accepting his proposal only for the purpose of directing our convention delegates on how to vote. Vote was in favor to accept.

Bob Campbell felt that New England would obviously lose some registrations, thus perhaps a vote at convention. However according to Pete Stasz, breaking up the Assoc. by state would in fact increase the number of delegates from New England as a geographical area as each association can send 10 delegates and representation can only increase as no one from R.I., NH, or VT has ever attended a convention anyway.

Nicole Hill gave a report on the Womens Long Distance Grand Prix showing the Liberty AC in the lead. A results sheet of the 5 events already run was passed out to all in attendance. Nicole also mentioned the Olympic Trials Marathon was the National Championship and the team prize was won by Liberty AC.

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There was mention by Fred Brown that John McGrath is listed in the TAC Directory as the Men's Long Distance Chair instead of Mr. Brown. This was attributed to the possibility that McGrath attended the convention especially the Men's LDR.

Pete Stasz reported on the Men's Grand Prix pointing out the Pre & Post registering for clubs and whether a post entry can score points needs to be ironed out and defined.

A motion to have a Men's Masters Grand Prix was seconded and passed. There was some thought to having an abbreviated Women's Masters Grand Prix because of limited numbers of Masters Womens, however Susie Hunter of Liberty felt that such a Grand Prix would serve as an incentive for women to get involved. Pete Stasz felt that the Sports Committee should make the decision on how to structure or limit the program.

A motion to accept the 30K road race sponsored by Central Mass. Striders as the Championship for Open Men & Women, Masters Men & Women, and Racewalking was seconded and approved.

Peter Stasz discussed the possibility of corporate sponsors donating money to our NEAC LDR Grand Prix. Also that the entry fee is waived for defending champions and defending team champs.

Marja Wright (BAA) wanted to know about the availability of NEAC Medals. Steve Vaitones (Treasurer) said that the deposit has been sent to the manufacturer and the medals will be available soon.

Cross Country report: Championships to be held Nov. 11 at Rocky Woods Pk. in Westwood. Sponsor Cambridge Sports Union. National Championships to be held Nov. 24 at Franklin Pk. Selection race for Women & Senior & Junior team for the World Championships held in March. John McGrath meet director could not be at this meeting due to responsibilities directing the Pro Comfort 10K.

Race Walking (Brian Savilonis)- Brian mentioned that the One hour walk is being held 10/27 in Lexington. Also Steve Vaitones (GBTC) mentioned that Chris Anderson of Liberty AC will represent the U.S. in the PAN AM women's racewalking championships to be held in October.

Masters LDR (Jack McDonald) - The Men's Masters Marathon Championship to be held 10/7.

Motion to eliminate the 5K and 25K from the Championships offered was seconded and passed.

A suggestion was made by Paul Schell to send out Bid forms for championships with the minutes of this meeting.

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Frank Nealon (Upton RR) made a plea to all to get your race sanctioned. At a recent race put on by Frank, a man died. Janice Savilonis (CMS) did mention that this man was 5' 240 lbs. and on blood pressure medication. Frank did say that everything was all set in regards to sanctioning and registration and course management.

The group discussed at length who should pay for the medals for NEAC Championships. It was concluded that each race and sport is different and that paying for the medals by a club could wipe out any profit at all in small races or track meets. A motion to have Championship Sponsors pay some small fee to NEAC for putting on an event was seconded and defeated.

A motion to have NEAC send out one set of 5 individual medals and 1 set of team medals was seconded and defeated. Susie Hunter(Liberty) felt that perhaps race sponsors wouldn't try to add more awards or feel that this was the required amount. Ken Caouette said we should try to help out first time sponsors anyway we can.

Track & Field (Steve Vaitones) - Indoor Championships to be held Jan. 19 & 20 at B.U. Steve stated that rental fee for Harvard's facility is \$400/hour. A complete Indoor schedule will be out shortly. A club allstar meet is being tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3 at Yale. Team will come from winners at the NEAC Championships. There will be no Collegians picked only club athletes.

A break was taken @ 2:30.

Meeting resumed @ 3:05

Administrative Committee Reports.

Budget & Finance (Steve Vaitones) - Registrations are down, but so are expenses. Steve handed out a detail sheet of expenses for 1983 and 84 to date.

Registration Chairman (Bob Campbell) - Stated registrations are down.

Officials - Ken Caouette. Ken noted that there are 78 TAC certified officials and 51 have already renewed for next year. He requested that anyone interested in becoming TAC certified see him. He also mentioned that everyone should try to have at least 1 TAC official at their race because a National record won't be ratified if there's not at least one. Ken also said 8 officials from NE were involved with the Olympics.

Law & Legislation (Pete Stasz) - nothing to report.

Marketing & Media (John McGrath) - not present.

Medical Advisory - a vacant position.

Records (Jeff Lee) - no action.

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Membership (Paul Schell) - Questioned when the new association realignment would take place. Paul hoped that someone would have the good judgement to make sure this move doesn't take place until 1986.

A comment from Pete Stasz that convention delegates are paying their own way to San Diego. NEAC will reimburse each delegate \$100 after attending.

A motion to have the next NEAC Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 16, was seconded and passed.

A motion to have same at Alden Research Corp. pending approval from Ed Morley. seconded and approved.

Sue Hunter (Conventions) - reports that the Corporate Challenge Road Race sponsored by Manufacturers Hanover raised \$4000 with \$1300 going to NEAC and \$2700 going to clubs that helped put it on. The 8 clubs were Greater Springfield Harriers, Mass. Track Officials, New England School of Law, Central Mass. Striders, Cambridge Sports Union, Commonwealth AC, North Medford Club, and Liberty AC.

Discussion initiated by Peter Stasz to hire an Executive Director for NEAC to run the organization. Thoughts involved how much to pay, and how to fund such a position.

Results of the Election of Officers:

PRESIDENT - Jeff Hennessy

VICE PRESIDENTS - Ken Caouette, Bill Clark, Walter Childs

SECRETARY - Pete Stasz

TREASURER - Steve Vaitones

A motion to not fund the Cross Country Championships was seconded and defeated.

A motion to table the creation of the Position of Executive Director seconded and passed.

Motion to define the position of Executive Director, salary range, and where funds are coming from seconded and passed.

A suggestion from Hope Saltmarsh was to send out information on meetings with registration materials.

Also suggested by Pete Stasz that when clubs and race directors request sanction forms a bid form should be sent.

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Motion to adjourn seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey M. Hennessy

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Addendum: Sports Committee Elections

Race Walking: Brian Savilonis

Cross Country: Pat Lavelle

Track & Field: Steve Vaitones

Youth Athletics: Jeff Hennessy

Masters Roadrunning: Jack McDonald

Mens LDR: John McGrath

Womens LDR: Nicole Hill

Registration Committee: Ed Morley,
John McGrath, Jeff Hennessy, Merry Nelson,
Bob Campbell, Gloria Ratti, Alex Saltmarsh

Athletes Reps: Barbara Pike
Bob Hodge

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