

**Committee Name: Finance Committee**

**Committee Chair: Jeanne Ensign**  
**Minutes recorded by: Laszlo Eger**

**Vice Chair: Laszlo Eger**  
**Date of meeting: Jul. 8, 2013**

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## Motions Passed

1. Approved report from Sub-Committee on Club and Work Out Group (WOG) fees, dated 3/26/2013, recommending the imposition of an annual registration fee of \$25 on each Club and Workout Group registering with USMS, starting in 2014. All, but one member, voted for the proposal and one member abstained. The recommendation will be presented on 7/19 to the BOD by Ralph Davis for action.

**Number of committee members present: 16**

**Absent: 2**

**Number of others present: 0**

**Committee members present: Jeanne Ensign (Chair), Laszlo Eger (Vice-Chair), Thomas Boak, Sherri Bogue, Joan Campbell, Ralph Davis (Treasurer, ex-officio), Elyce Dilworth, Phil Dodson, Betsy Durant, Harry Greenfield, Paul Griffin, Kildine Harms, Lucy Johnson, Susan Kuhlman (Controller, ex-officio), Homer Lane, Sarah Welch**

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## Minutes

The telephone conference meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm EDT.

1. The BOD requested the FC to study and make a recommendation on the magnitude of fees charged for Clubs (currently \$30) and WOGs (currently zero). A Sub-Committee was formed at the FC's last meeting and its subsequent report distributed.
  - a. Laszlo Eger, Chair of the Sub-Committee summarized the report, with additional comments from the other members of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee recommended, unanimously, the imposition of an annual registration fee of \$25 on each Club and Workout Group registering with USMS, starting in 2014.
  - b. Lucy Johnson made a motion to accept the report, with numerous seconds.
  - c. The ensuing discussion covered a broad range of issues, mostly concerning the mechanics and timing of its implementation and possible reactions from Club/WOGs, such as:
    - i. Why would all WOGs not be required to register and pay the fee?
    - ii. How and by whom would this be implemented?
    - iii. What impact will this have on WOGs/Clubs?
    - iv. One FC member questioned why the alternative of eliminating Club dues and, instead, increasing USMS dues by \$1 was not retained.
  - d. The Chair pointed out that the BOD simply requested a recommendation on the fee structure, which is solely what the Sub-Committee addressed. Subsequent acceptance/implementation steps are the purview of the BOD.
  - e. In the ensuing vote all members voted to accept the report and forward it to the BOD, except Joan Campbell, who voted against, and Phil Dobson, who abstained. Ralph Davis assumed responsibility to present it to the BOD, at their July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, for further action.

The Chair recognized and thanked the work done by members of the Sub-Committee on this matter.

2. The Chair requested if there were any comments on the recently received USMS financials. There were none.
3. The Chair indicated that we will be receiving a preliminary budget late August and should anticipate conference calls on this end-August/early/Sept, prior to the Convention.

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

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