

MINUTES OF THE LONG DISTANCE RUNNING
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY,
DECEMBER 16, 1991
TAKEN BY DONNA W. RICKENBACKER, SECRETARY

The Long Distance Running Committee ("LDR") meeting, conducted at the Downtown YMCA, was called to order at approximately 6:15 p.m. by Andy Stewart, Vice President. Those in attendance included Andy Stewart, David Nettles, Joy Smith, Tom McBrayer, Mary Anne McBrayer, Donna Rickenbacker, Roger Boak, John Stokes, Ray Hodges, Rudy Alvarez, Ron Morgan, David Chester, Paul Bunch, and Madilene Bunch.

The following matters were discussed:

- I. TAC Report - The following resulted from the National TAC Conference:
 - a. The Athletics Congress ("TAC") name will be changed. The final name has not been announced but a possibility is United States Track & Field Association.
 - b. TAC ran a deficit of \$450,000.00 last year. In order to reduce the deficit, budgets were cut across the board and money was taken out of the 1984 reserve.
 - c. American Airlines is the official TAC airline. If more than 10 runners are traveling to a TAC event, they can get 50% off a "Y Class" ticket on American Airlines. Getz Travel can make the arrangements.
 - d. TAC/USA Women's National 8K Championship will be held on Saturday, October 24, 1992 at the Moonlight 8K in Alhambra, California (I have a copy of the race application for those interested), and the Women's National 5K Championship will be held at the annual Freihoffer's Run For Women held in Albany, New York in May of 1992.
 - e. TAC/USA Men's National 5K will take place in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
 - f. Locations for the remaining TAC/USA Championship races have not been selected.
 - g. Rule 185.5 - deleted the Boston Marathon course from a "Record Quality" course.
 - h. As of December 16, 1991, 117 women have qualified for the Olympic Trials to be held in Houston, Texas

on Sunday, January 26, 1992, in conjunction with the Tenneco Marathon.

- II. 30K - The 30K held on Saturday, December 14, 1991 was reported on by Andy Stewart. 1705 runners entered the race. 1390 runners finished the race. The race started at 7:33 a.m. 250 volunteers participated. Fiesta provided food and was a great sponsor. \$1250.00 in race proceeds will go to LDR (including equipment). Awards will be presented at 11:00 a.m. next year and a drop off location will be provided in the 1992 race application.
- III. Privatization of Memorial Park - Houston City Counsel voted 10-3 in favor of Joe Russo's proposal with the exception of a feasibility study to be preformed on the need for the 25,000 sq. ft. running center Russo would like to build.
- IV. 10K - The 1992 GAC 10K will be held in Lake Livingston, Texas on Saturday, February 29, 1992.
- V. 15K - The 1992 15K will be held at Bear Creek Park on Saturday, March 14, 1992. John Nix of the Greater Houston Running Club is the race director. Also, LDR voted (5-2) to make the GAC 15K the race whereby a stipend of up to \$250.00 would be given to the first male and female finisher to be applied towards their expenses to any TAC/USA National Championship Race of their choice during 1992.
- VI. TAC cards - Tom McBrayer reported that there are not alot of 1992 TAC cards available since TAC changed its policy and wants money up front before they will distribute the cards.
- VII. Quarterly Reports - John Stokes, Treasurer of LDR will be providing LDR quarterly financial reports.
- VIII. Tom McBrayer reported that our insurance has been cancelled. We currently have two agents out collecting bids.

The LDR meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next LDR meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 1992.