

November 13, 2008

U.S. Modern Pentathlon Community:

On behalf of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), I'm pleased to publicly introduce you to the Board of Directors (biographies below) of USA Pentathlon, Inc.

As a matter of background, the former National Governing Body (NGB) for modern pentathlon dissolved in February, 2005. Following the dissolution, the USOC stepped in to assume programming to ensure that elite athletes weren't negatively impacted in their preparations for Beijing.

In early 2007, the USOC began the process of seeking a new NGB for the sport of modern pentathlon and two (2) groups applied. Following an agreement between the groups to work together, this Board was put together by a joint USOC/Pentathlon Nominating Committee. Each group was asked to submit six (6) nominees and the Nominating Committee chose four (4) from each group and added an additional athlete to complete the nine (9) person Board of Directors. The USOC also reserves the right to appoint an independent interim Chair and that process is currently ongoing.

In closing, the USOC is pleased with the make-up of the Board and collective efforts of the Board thus far. They have shown an ability to work together in the best interest of the sport of pentathlon and we ask you to join us in supporting USA Pentathlon, Inc. as they strive to provide the NGB leadership this sport deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EJP', written in a cursive style.

Eric J. Parthen
Director, NGB Organizational Development
U.S. Olympic Committee