



Administrative Division



Athletics for the Disabled

December 4, 2002

Minutes:

1. **Call to Order and Introductions**
 - a. By chair Barbara Chambers and introductions were made
2. **Minutes from November 30, 2001**
 - a. Read and accepted
3. **Chairperson's Report**
 - a. Some of the high points of her report centered on where we as an organized group fit in the USP plan. Also, we need to Brand our sport. Such as showcase our athletes with disabilities to attract public awareness. Identify our emerging athletes, provide access to coaching. (The full report is attached to the minutes)

Committee Members' Reports

- A. Wheelchair report
 - i. Adult team – World game in Lille
 - ii. Jr. Team – Australia most number of medals were awarded to US athletes. The Jr. Team was made up of multiple sports.
- B. Disabled Sports U.S. A. – Very successful International Challenge at Disney Sports. Due to lack of funds the International challenge will not be held next year.
- C. National Disability Sport Alliance (Cerebral Palsy)
 - i. 2005 – World Cup Games will be held in Connecticut
- D. U.S. Association of Blind Athletes.
 - i. The decision was made to place their recourses in the grass roots of their organization several sports camp will be held in 5 or 6 sites during the summer. This will include multi-sports. The world Championships will be held in Quebec, Canada. Our question is, “Will we be sending our best team or the team that can afford to go?”
- E. Special Olympic
 - i. No report at this time
- F. U.S.A. Deaf Track & Field
 - i. Like all sports we have problems in funding, but we were able to send our team of 6 to Venezuela to attend Youth PanAmdes Games where we won 36 medals and established some new PanAmdes youth records.
 - ii. Last year our focus was on youth development, this year we are

focusing on coaching education in preparation for the Deaflympic Games.

- iii. Discussion was held on way to implement our programs
 - iv. International governing body for Deaf Athletes CISS also known as International Deaflympics Committee met with IPC regarding their desire to remain an independent organization. IPC has since clarified that position in a written statement.
 - v. Coordinated Family Track and Field Day for 4 schools to introduce youths as young as 3 years old to Track and Field
 - vi. 2003 will host level 1 coaching school and send some deaf coaches to level 2 school
 - vii. 2004 will host trials for 2005 Deaflympics
 - viii. Deaf athletes will participate in USATF National Cross Country Championships Dec 13-15, 2002
 - ix. We won the bid to host the 2006 Youth Panamdes Games and are also bidding for the 2008 World Deaf Track and Field Championships
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Competition Rules
 - i. This discussion was tabled
 5. **New Business**
 - a. U.S. Paralympics
 - i. An invitation was extended to them to attend our meeting. No one responded
 - ii. A team was sent to France and they were not all of our best athletes. We were given the impossible task to bring home 50 medals. This was based on a rating system of the best athletes. A discussion was held on how to attract our best athletes to attend major meets such as world games.
 - b. COAD Direction
 - i. To be developed at AD – Hoc meeting
 - c. Schedule for “work” sessions
 - i. Thursday at noon in the lobby
 - d. Committee Assignments
 6. **Adjourn**
 - a. After

Athletics for the Disabled

December 7, 2002

Chairman Barbara Chambers called the meeting to order on Saturday December 7, 2003. The minutes for the December 4, 2002 meeting presented by Joanne Mitchell and approved with corrections.

Barbara Chambers presented the Chairman's report, which was a review of her December 4, 2002 report.

A C. O. A. D. representative next made a presentation. He explained to the committee the challenges facing C.O.A.D. in the coming year. The need for a high performance plan for each of the 21 sports, including Track and Field, under their umbrella has been recognized. The implementation of these plans will require 9 million dollars in new revenue in 2004. This funding will come for Corporate and private dollar funding along with congressional dollars and event dollars. There is also a need for coaches in all sports, and the importance of the coaches being accessible to the participating athletes was emphasized along with a consistent training schedule. The need for quality competition opportunities has been recognized and a new plan is being finalized. A new American Series for Track and Field competitions to be held in 7 major cities across the United States. These competitions should generate a renewed interest in the events and increase funding. It would also present a more attractive package for media coverage.

A partnership with Fortune magazine was announced, placing public service ads for Track and Field in the CEO edition. This has already resulted in new corporate and private dollar sponsorships in seven figures to be announced in the next 45 and 60 days.

As part of the Outreach Program for C.O.A.D., a new program, the Para-Olympic Academy was announced. This is a shell for the everyday training going on to create Para-Olympic athletes. This program will also train PE teachers and program directors across all 50 states on the ways to train and integrate children with a disability into their physical education programs.

Each odd numbered year they will select a disabled child, a coach, and a private donor to come to the Olympic Training facility to attend the national Para-Olympic Academy. Each even numbered year, starting in 2004, they will select 50 children from 50 states with disabilities, a coach and a private donor to attend the national Para-Olympic Academy. C.O. A. D. expects to be number 1 in the Para-Olympic Games, for each of the 21 sports they govern.

The national performance team has been selected they are in meetings with the Olympic Committee to create the

selection criteria for the Games and for athletes which will be finalized by March of 2003. Discussion followed his presentation.

Committee Reports

Brief reviews of the December 4, 2002 reports were presented by each of the following committees

- Wheelchair Sports, USA
- Disabled Sports, USA
- National Disability Sport Alliance (Cerebral Palsy)
- US Association of Blind Athletes
- Special Olympics, INC
- USA Deaf Track & Field
- Women's Track and Field

A report was given on the intermediate level hammer throw. The Women's Track and Field committee supported including in future disabled meets if facilities were available.

Youth Track and Field

A discussion on Youth hammer event was held followed by a close committee vote. It was returned to the rules committee for revision and will be presented for approval again next year.

Men's L D R

Discussion on the hand cycles was held. Any athlete with asthma must have more extensive validation of their condition prior to future competition.

Old Business

The disabled rules changes will be returned to the rulebook. In the officials certification exam there will be a question set for those wishing to be certified to officiate disabled meets. The training film is being revised and will include a short segment focusing on officiating disabled meets. Work is in process for a monogram for disabled officials.

New Business

A physical fitness task force, grades 1 through 12, is presenting to school systems a new program called Walk Across America. This program will encourage walking, without leaving the school buildings. This program could allow for the integration of other subjects including geography and math. Information on the program is available on the USA Track and Field web site using the Great Idea icon.

The Run, Jump and Throw program for grades 1 through 12 gives children access to games, and includes children with all disabilities.

Tom Perteroff gave a report of the Turbo-Jav, explaining that this program is suitable for both able and disabled-bodied students.

A Physical Education Task Force was discussed to reach Physical Education teachers and encourage them to

attend clinics held by U S A Track and Field. They need to become more aware of ways to keep kids, especially obese children active.

Associations

There is a need for information to be delivered to all Associations on becoming involved with disabled athletes. Each association is strongly recommended to appoint a chair for disabled athletes. Each Association is also strongly encouraged to enable all disabled athletes to attend Association meetings.

A discussion was held on ways to recognize an outstanding disabled athlete for his or her performance. One idea suggested was an award to be presented at the national conventions awards breakfast.

A recommendation was made to keep the meets web site current. This may be the only way some athletes have to access information concerning meets.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:
Joanne Mitchell, Secretary

Member Services Committee

December 4 – Session One

Walter High, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. After determining a quorum was present the meeting proceeded in accordance with the written agenda.

Mr. High stated that a schedule was established for sub-committee meetings that will be used as a standard for this and future meetings. The schedules will be adjusted to account for Saturday conclusion of an Annual Meeting.

The chair reported that the increased number of delegates for attendance at the Annual Meeting became effective with this Annual Meeting. Each Association is now allowed a minimum of 12 delegates. He noted that the number of delegates allowed for 5-B and 5-C-3 organizations did not increase. Discussion followed. **A motion was made by Ruth White and seconded by Ginger Mulanax to propose that the number of delegates to the Annual Meeting for 5-B and 5-C-3 organizations be increased from 10 to 12. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Richard Courtney reported that the Credentials Subcommittee met on Tuesday evening to review Association delegate lists to determine if delegate representation conformed to USATF Bylaws Exhibit "E".

He reported that several delegations were deficient in appointing the appropriate number of athletes and/or coaches. Mr. Courtney stated that the sub-committee recommended that Associations with deficiencies be given provisional suspension of voting rights for this Annual Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to the effect and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. High reported that 5-C organizations are required to pay an annual membership fee to USATF. Failure to pay said dues could result in loss of voting privileges. There are a number of organizations that have not paid the membership fee. He asked for the support of the committee to prepare a policy statement to present to the Board that would effectively deal with organizations failing to pay membership fees. After a brief discussion centering on setting deadline for payment of fees and notifying organizations of the policy, a motion was made by Rose Murphy and seconded by Bob Langenbach to authorize the Chair to prepare and present to the Board a policy document to deal with 5-C organizations failing to pay membership fees. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Ruth White gave a report for the Elections Subcommittee stating that the only general election would be on Saturday. She called for volunteers to assist with committee elections. It was noted that committee nomination reports were to be posted 24 hours in advance of the session at which an election is to take place. Ms. White also noted that no committee election can be held on the same day as general voting.

Mr. Bob Langenbach reported that the only election this year would be for IAAF representatives. He noted that the National Headquarters had prepared a booklet with those nominations received thus far. Mr. Langenbach pointed out that nominations would be closed at the 9:00 a.m. General Session on Thursday.

Mr. Harry Simonis reported for the Accreditation Subcommittee. He stated that the subcommittee had spent many hours reviewing Bylaws and other accreditation criteria. There were only four Associations with full accreditation at this point. He went on to say that Associations with no Bylaws or with Bylaws not conforming to USATF criteria would be given a deadline of May 15, 2003, to provide a draft copy correcting deficiencies to the National Office for review. After this review, the Association would then have a deadline of November 15, 2003 to adopt the corrected Bylaws. There were a number of Associations that failed to submit a Plan for Improvement and suspension of voting rights in 2003 was being considered for those Associations. There was an extended discussion of application of Regulation 15 for deficient Associations.

Mr. High thanked the Accreditation Subcommittee and Andy Martin for the many hours spent on accreditation.

Mr. High reported that medal design was previously a function of the Member Services Committee and that with the revision of Bylaws last year that function was removed as a responsibility. He requested support of the committee to recommend that this responsibility become a function of the National Headquarters staff. Support was unanimous.

Mr. High gave an overview of issues to be considered at the Friday, December 6, 2002 session. He then recessed the meeting until the Friday session.

December 6, 2002 – Session Two

Walter High, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm. It was determined that a quorum was present and the meeting proceeded.

Mr. High announced that the New Jersey Association requested a hearing regarding the seven (7) southern counties in the State of New Jersey that are currently part of the Mid-Atlantic Association. He went on to say that the New Jersey Association submitted proposal documentation that he received within the last two weeks and asked if all members of the Member Services Committee had received a copy. Not all had. He also said a packet was sent to the Mid-Atlantic Association. Mr. High called on the New Jersey Association to present its case.

Ms. Madeline Bost, President of New Jersey Association called on Mr. Mark Zenobia to speak on behalf of the Association. Mr. Zenobia stated that the New Jersey Association was asking that the seven (7) southern counties of the State of New Jersey be separated from the Mid-Atlantic Association so that the entire State of New Jersey would be one Association. He went on to say that the New Jersey Association had met accreditation standards and felt they could adequately serve the needs of these seven counties without causing a negative impact on the Mid-Atlantic Association. Mr. Zenobia stated that the Association received a number of letters of support and he read excerpts from several. He felt that the realignment would allow the New Jersey Association to gain more government support, have increased sponsorships, and provide more events, among other things. He stated that the New Jersey Association was willing to allow any members of the seven counties who wanted to remain members of the Mid-Atlantic Association to do so.

Mr. High called for comments from Mid-Atlantic representatives. There was no representative in attendance.

Mr. High stated that he had spoken with Mr. Earl Williams, President of Mid-Atlantic Association, who challenged the right of the Member Services Committee to address the issue at this meeting. Mr. High quoted

Article 6.A.4, which gives the authority. He said that Mr. Williams indicated that he had recently received the documentation and could not review the proposal in order to make a presentation at this time. Mr. High felt that the members of the committee also had not had sufficient time to review the documentation recently received. He went on to explain that the athletes in the subject area had been served by the Mid-Atlantic Association and were allowed to choose which of the two Associations they desired to be in under a 1987 agreement. However, that agreement was not available in written form. He went on to say that the two Associations came to a like agreement in 1999 that was signed by New Jersey, but not signed by Mid-Atlantic. A brief discussion centered on the two agreements.

A motion was made and seconded that there be joint jurisdiction of the seven (7) southern counties in the State of New Jersey by both the Mid-Atlantic and New Jersey Associations for the next two years to coincide with the accreditation process. *The motion carried unanimously.*

A discussion centered on the time frame required allowing both Associations to present their arguments on the proposal. A motion was made and seconded to allow the Member Services Chairman to establish guidelines and a time frame for receiving and review documents from both Associations. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Harry Simonis reported that the Accreditation Subcommittee had completed its review of all Associations. He stated there were four (4) Associations in full compliance, 37 had minor deficiencies, 15 had serious deficiencies, and one (1) had failed to comply with Regulation 15. He went on to say that the subcommittee recommended that action be taken to decertify the Wyoming Association and to place the remaining 51 Associations on notice of their violations.

A motion was made and seconded to decertify the Wyoming Association for non-compliance with Regulation 15 and that the State of Wyoming be merged with the Colorado Association to become one Association with a name to be determined by the Colorado Association. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Mr. Simonis explained the process recommended for notification of the remaining 51 Associations. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the remainder of the report of the Accreditation Sub-committee in its entirety. *The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Koch commended the members of the Member Services Committee for a job well done in enforcing provisions of the new restructuring plan.

Mr. High reported that the Site Selection Subcommittee concluded its review of three proposals to host the 2006

Annual Meeting. The subcommittee recommended Fresno, California.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Site-Selection Subcommittee to award the bid for the 2006 Annual Meeting to Fresno, California. *The motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. White reminded the members that voting would take place on Saturday.

Being there was no further business, the chairman closed the meeting.

Officials Committee

Executive Board Meeting December 4, 2002 – 9:00 Am

Linda Melzer, Chair, called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 AM.

George Kleeman moved that the minutes from the prior annual meeting and mid-year meeting be accepted. *The motion was seconded and passed.*

Linda Melzer will visit with the Credential Committee to determine who is to represent the Potomac Valley Association.

George Kleeman feels Elmer Powell can run irregardless of the outcome of the decision by the Credential Committee.

Linda Melzer discussed the Potomac Valley situation.

George Kleeman discussed the history regarding the additional representative deadlines. A resolution was passed at the Mid-Year Meeting June 16, 2001, stating the names of additional representatives must be submitted by October 15th, and substitutions would be allowed up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the first Officials' meeting.

Linda advised that after the call to order, at the first Officials' Meeting, she will entertain a resolution to change the order of business, and then the revision of Bylaws will be discussed.

Those people in dispute do not have a vote during these proceedings. The Certification Chair is allowed to vote. There was further discussion about additional reps.

According to George Kleeman, with regards to Associations not in compliance, all representatives are legal even though the Association isn't.

George reported he has been asked to be a member of the LDR Executive Committee by Chair, Jerry Crockett.

This year there were four candidates at the NTO Test. Testing will be held again at next year's convention.

Bob Podkaminer discussed the NTO clinic. Seven applied and four actually took the test. Intensive preparation is required – at least two days.

Linda brought up the subject of Master Referees re-certifying. Thus far everyone who checked "Master Referee" was grandfathered in. At the next re-certification, those individuals (currently 800+) will have to re-certify through the NTFOC.

Linda asked Bob Podkaminer to take over the Masters Referee testing program. This will be a subcommittee under certification.

Bob advised he plans to bring the program on paper next year to the committee for approval. He feels there will be a committee of a maximum of five. Linda Melzer asked for it by the beginning of May. By the next convention, Linda would like to have an information sheet, describing the program to hand out.

Finn Hansen feels it will minimize the burden on the Vice Chair of Certification to have the OK come from the committee. The paperwork needs to be ready by mid-year 2004.

Jim Carlisle reported that two proposed rule changes came through him. One had to do with the holding of starting blocks to prevent slippage. New rule 60.3. (the starter may assign a block holder to any athlete if he or she deems it necessary. The block holder must sit on the track so that the holder does not interfere with the starter or recall starter(s) view and must hold the block by the central beam only and shall not make contact with the foot pedals.)

Bob Podkaminer stated this is the first year of an eight-year cycle to rewrite the USATF Competition Rules book into IAAF format and order.

Rules 30-60 will be affected this year.

Bob also mentioned that there was an attempt to cut back on defined positions like IAAF. The committee feels it best to keep our defined positions. Need to address certification skills.

New skill – operating electronic scoring equipment – (PDA with Field Lynx software)

Linda wants certification skills addressed at the mid-year meeting.

There was a general discussion of rules changes.

The Selection Committee now covers all national and international meets. USATF Open and Junior Championships.

There was a discussion on proposed new rule 49.4 (The Starter, wearing distinctive attire, shall be positioned so that there is full visual control over all runners during the start process.) "Distinctive attire" is not defined and there is concern the starter will wear attire other than the national uniform. A sleeve or armband should be considered to fulfill the requirement for distinctive attire. Linda Melzer feels this rule change should be tabled until this issue is clarified.

There was a discussion about the proposed Article 13 to the Operating Procedures concerning desertification of an Official.

Linda Melzer discussed the process used to select officials for the National Championships. Officials were evaluated at three meets held in 2002, Junior Olympics in Omaha, Masters' Championships in Orono, Maine, and Youth Nationals in Miami, FL. Also Certification Chairs were asked to send reports evaluating the officials from their association who had applied.

Three thousand eighty-nine applications were mailed; 402 were returned; 223 officials were selected; 64 for the Indoor Championships; 115 for the Outdoor Championships; 16 for the Indoor Combined; and 26 for the Outdoor Combined.

The number of applicants is down. Finn Hansen feels the decline is due to the membership requirement. Sue Polansky feels the decline in applicants is due to meetings being on the West Coast.

Finn feels it's hard to staff meets with the number of applicants. The selection committee should have at least 500 applicants in order to select proper staffing.

Dick Connors feels location plays a part.

The committee got many applications from Southern California and Oregon for the Outdoor Nationals, but very few from East of the Mississippi.

The Committee tries to put women in leadership positions. Qualified women are needed and are hard to find. George Kleeman mentioned the same thing about applicants for NTO.

Keith Mitchell concurred with Sue about meets being in one area thus cutting down on the number of applicants. For the next two years the Indoor Nationals will be at Reggie Lewis in Boston. The 2004 Olympic Trials will

be in Sacramento and the 2006 World Championships in Los Angeles.

Linda reported the Task Force Report was presented to the USATF Board of Directors and there were three dissenters, Stephanie Hightower, Brooks Johnson and Terry Crawford.

Warren Ring asked if an official is part of site selection for National Championships. George Kleeman advised that for the past two years he has been asked by Duffy Mahoney to review venue plans but not on site selection per se.

Sue Polansky presented the financial report for the first three quarters. Our income is down tremendously since the bulk comes in the early part of the Olympiad. The Newsletter will go out 4 times a year free to all certified officials and the Officials' ID Card will replace the badges which were previously purchased from the Committee through Charlie Ruter. The Committee receives \$18,000 from USATF and is not permitted to use this for computer equipment or ink cartridges. The certification process is very hi-tech in equipment and supplies.

Sue discussed the fact that the National Headquarters has decreed that no committee will be allowed to maintain their own bank account. This is being done in an effort not to jeopardize the 501.c.3 status of USATF. She has been in extensive discussions with Jim Elias, of the National Headquarters. It has been proposed that a special account be set up for officials with the stipulation that:

1. It can be used to buy equipment; and
2. The committees' money belongs to the committee and cannot be dumped in a general fund.

It was mentioned that the committee would need petty cash for immediate reimbursements. Sue would like to see the officials receive the same type of exemption the Associations have. They have their own accounts and report to the National Office.

There was further discussion regarding the Committee's checking account and possible solutions.

The subject of Officials' Compensation was discussed. Now we are asking for room and board for all selected officials with a provision for added stipend in successive years. By 2005 it is expected that bid proposals will include room, board and compensation for officials.

The meeting was adjourned until Wednesday evening at 6:30PM.

C. Rhea Warren
Secretary

Officials' General Meeting #1

December 4, 2002 – 6:30pm-9:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Linda Melzer.

Sue Polansky presented the Treasurers' report. Sue mentioned that since the Newsletter would only come out four times a year, rather than six, the cost would not be as much as in the past. A motion was made to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary, Rhea Warren, conducted roll call.

A resolution was made to change the order of the meeting so that proposed changes in the Bylaws of the Officials' Committee could be discussed and voted on.

George Kleeman discussed the proposed changes in the Bylaws. A motion was made to accept the Bylaws as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reading of the minutes was waived since they were included in the 2002 Annual Meeting report that was distributed to all Committee members. A motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair, Linda Melzer presented her report. She briefly reviewed what the Task Force has been doing and the reaction of the USATF Executive Committee.

She reviewed what's upcoming for the Officials' Committee website. Applications for upcoming meets will be posted on the website.

Linda announced that USATF President Bill Roe named Ron Althoff, Ohio Association; Chester Bradley, Southwestern Association; Fred Grandfield, Oregon Association; and Paul Morency, Maine Association as his Presidential Appointees to the Officials' Committee.

She introduced John Blackburn who was just elected Chair of the USATF Rules' Committee. John is also Certification Chair of the South Carolina Association.

Rules Committee Vice Chair Jim Carlisle reported that 172 items were presented for consideration for rule change. Most of the changes have to do with conformity to the IAAF rulebook.

Jim Grey, Vice Chair of the Awards Committee, report appears in the National Committee Report.

Finn Hansen gave his final report as Vice Chair of Certification. He encouraged all certification chairs that currently don't have email to get it. His complete report appears in the National Committee Report.

George Kleeman, Vice Chair Training gave his report. His complete report appears in the Committee's Annual Report.

Jim Flanik, Chair of the Website Subcommittee and Rhea Warren Chair of the Newsletter Subcommittee gave their reports.

Lori Maynard and Rich Zulaica, of the Pacific Association, addressed the meeting concerning Chair Linda Melzer's interaction with the Executive Board of USATF with respects the issue of Officials' Compensation. They represent a group who feel that Linda's hard line approach was not well received. They feel we should take a more moderate approach.

Bill Thompson stated we keep getting promises and we need to take a hard line.

Dee Jensen spoke for the Compensation Task Force and stated that Officials' Compensation will be a line item in the budget for meets in the future.

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday, December 5th, at 1pm.

C. Rhea Warren
Secretary

Officials' General Meeting #2

December 5, 2002 – 1 to 5 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Linda Melzer.

Finn Hansen read the names of the officials who had passed away since the last Annual Meeting.

Paul Mahoney gave the Officials' Task Force Report. The Committee is asking for Officials' Compensation to be a line item in the budget for future Championship Meets. There was a question of officials vs. volunteers. Should true volunteers who are certified officials be considered for food and housing?

George Kleeman reviewed the procedures for officials becoming NTO's and certification of Master Level Referees. The National Officials' Committee will handle certification of Master Level Referees.

Frank Greenberg, representative to Law & Legislation, discussed the new Article in the Bylaws pertaining to desertification that will be handled by the National Organization.

Chris Turner was not in attendance to present a report on Affirmative Development.

Jerry Jenson discussed the procedures of the Appeals & Grievances Subcommittee.

Elections were held for the Office of Treasurer of the Officials Committee. Those nominated were: Bob Podkaminer, Pacific Association; Len Krsak, Ohio Association; and Sue Polansky, Long Island Association.

While the ballots were being counted invitations to various meets to be held during the year were extended.

The results of the election for Treasurer were announced and Sue Polansky was re-elected.

Elections were held for the Office of Vice Chair Certification. Those nominated were: James Flanik, Lake Erie Association and Elmer K. Powell, Potomac Association.

While the ballots were being counted additional invitations to various meets were extended.

The results of the election for Vice Chair Certification were announced and Jim Flanik was elected.

Elections were held for the Office of Vice Chair Rules. Those nominated were Richard L. Connors, Pacific Association, and Jim Carlisle, Southwestern Association.

While the ballots were being counted, additional invitations were extended to meets to be held during the year.

The results of the election for Vice Chair Rules were announced and Jim Carlisle was elected.

Bill Thompson moved the ballots be destroyed. Barbara Palma seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Keith Mitchell presented the report of the Officials' Uniform Committee with examples of items proposed for our official uniform. Presented were hats, coats and raingear. There is a hatband, which can be purchased separately.

Merchandise will be featured on our website usatfofficials.com-merchandise. The "Official" jacket on the USATF website is not our official jacket.

In Gore-Tex, the jacket only is \$200+ while jacket and pants are \$300+.

Apparel will be available in heavyweight, lightweight and Gore-Tex.

Chester Bradley asked if the Officials' Committee would get a copyright on the design.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed uniform.

Bill Roe, President of USATF introduced John McArdle, President of the USATF Foundation who addressed the Committee.

Jim Grey, Vice Chair Awards introduced the nominees for the Andy Bakjian Award who were presented with commemorative plaques:

- Richard L. Connors – Pacific Association
- John C. D. Drolla, Jr. – South Texas
- James R. Grey – Ohio
- Finn S. Hansen – Utah
- Jonas Harding – Mid-Atlantic
- Mark T. Heckel – Three rivers
- J. Arthur Miles – Potomac Valley
- William F. Nault – Kentucky
- Warren J. Ring – Metropolitan
- W. Murray Sanford – Georgia
- Robert A. Seaman – Southern California
- Fred Thomas – Ohio
- Earl C. Williams – Mid Atlantic

In 2001 the Officials' Committee presented the first John R. Davis Memorial Award. The recipient for 2002 is Frank Orsek of the Gulf Association.

The Horace Crow Award for an Outstanding Field Event Official was presented to Billy Walters of the Southwestern Association and the Charles M. Ruter Award for an Outstanding Track Official was presented to Virginia Mulanax of the Ozark Association.

Chair Awards were presented to:
Stanley Underwood – Tennessee Certification Chair
Jim Flanik – NOC Website – Lake Erie
Eddie Seese – Pole Vault – Pacific
David Post – Equip. & Specifications – New England
Fred Adler – Indoor Championships - MAC

Retiring Vice Chair of Awards, Leo Costanzo, was presented with bookends made from rules books encased in plastic.

Sue Polansky was presented with a pen.

Retiring Vice Chair of Certification and former Acting Officials Committee Chair, Finn Hansen, was presented with a crystal globe.

Linda Melzer announced committee assignments:

The new Webmaster, replacing Jim Flanik, will be Carolee Stevens, assisted by Gregg Flanik.

Jim Carlisle, vice chair Rules will pick his subcommittee

Ray Fitzhugh and Dick Connors will serve as co-chairs of the Appeals and Grievance Subcommittee.

George Kleeman will continue to serve as Chair of the Equipment and Specifications Subcommittee.

Dan Reynolds and Ruth White will serve as co-Chairs of the Nominations Committee

Adam Sanford will continue to serve as Sergeant at Arms and Bill Thompson will continue as Parliamentarian.

The officials' committee representative to the Selection Committee will be Elmer Powell.

The meeting was adjourned.

C. Rhea Warren
Secretary

Officials Executive Board Meeting

December 6, 2002 – 4:00 PM

Chair Linda Melzer called the meeting to order.

There was discussion regarding a proposed rule concerning starters wearing "distinctive attire".

Jim Carlisle advised that "distinctive attire" was removed and replaced by "identifiable". It was mentioned that in the IAAF Rulebook there is nothing about officials' attire.

Rhea Warren brought up the deadline for the next newsletter, December 15th. Kathy Fox of the National Headquarters has stated that if we get our Convention Program to her around October 15, 2003, she will have it printed, bound, and delivered to us at the annual meeting.

Sue Polansky reported the Officials' Committee bank account would be centralized in Indianapolis. She said this will happen, but we need certain guarantees and stipulations. We will not sign our money over to USATF. We will not have restrictions on use of our money.

For 501(c)(3) status it is desirable to accounts to be centralized. IRS is trying to eliminate a number of these organizations.

Linda discussed the budget meeting. The inclusion in the allocation for officials to meets is still an outstanding item. She will be getting notification in writing shortly as to budget allocation for the indoor meet. We have done what we can to accommodate the requests of the USATF Executive Board.

George Kleeman advised LDR and the Coaches had approached him. They support us in concept. LDR is considering changing the sanction fees.

Linda reported that she had asked Bob Tice to write each of the USOC NGB's and inquire about their method of compensating their officials. She says USATF did not take too kindly to this. Sue Polansky wants to think about it before it's done.

Jim Carlisle, Vice Chair Rules, reported that everything seems to be coming into line with the proposed new rules.

Jim Grey, Vice Chair Awards, had no further report.

Jim Flanik, newly elected Vice Chair of Certification, stated that he and Finn Hansen would be working on how the equipment will be transferred. Sue Polansky told Finn to do what he has to do to get it done. It has been budgeted.

Sue will meet with Ed Koch, Treasurer of USATF, and Jim Elias, of the National Office to work out details concerning deposits and petty cash.

Linda discussed subcommittees.

The Rules and Certification subcommittees should have no more than five members.

The certification subcommittee was originally set up to work on rules reviews.

Tom Light, Alaska, is going to set up specific web sites for the Committee, one for the Committee and one for the board. It will be further discussed at the mid-year meeting.

Linda is considering putting a co-chair with Affirmative Development. She is considering Laurie Boemker. One of them will be expected to be at the annual meeting.

Jim Grey stated he might change one member on his committee.

Rhea Warren will continue to do the newsletter.

George Kleeman will continue with Equipment and Facilities.

Ray Fitzhugh and Dick Connors will co-chair the Appeals and Grievance Subcommittee.

Dan Reynolds and Ruth White will handle nominations.

Carolee Stevens will serve as Webmaster and will be assisted by Greg Flanik. Applications to various meets will now be posted on the website.

Finn Hansen reported that Jim Elias advised him that the Committee could have access to all training videos. Need

to set up DVD for training. At what level should the training be?

Possible dates for the mid-year meeting to be held in Columbus, OH were discussed. Will be held on a weekend. The date will be resolved later via emails.

Sue Polansky reminded everyone to get receipts for annual meeting expenses to her prior to the end of the year.

Linda reported that Weather Writer will give us their product for door prizes based on the number sold via the website.

MF Athletics has decent walking shoes for officials.

Short sleeve shirts will be worn at the Indoor Meet.

The Committee is working on getting the uniform copyrighted.

We need to put on a united front.

Keith Mitchell asked what happens in the next Olympiad with those who have the shirts but don't re-certify. Finn brought up the official ID Card, which would replace the badges previously sold by Charlie Ruter.

Tony Wayne mentioned that the ACC Indoor and Outdoor Officials would be USATF Certified. More and more groups are requiring USATF certification.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

C. Rhea Warren
Secretary
National Officials Committee of USATF

Records

After due consideration of the recommendations of the Records Committee, the various sports committees have taken the action set forth below with respect to pending records. Items "approved" are submitted to the USATF General Meeting for ratification. The items referred to by number are as they appear on pages 121 to 132 of the 2002 USATF Convention Book.

I. Men's Track & Field

Defer items 7, 14, 15, 16, approve all others

II. Women's Track & Field

Defer items 4, 5, 8 – 11, 13, 22, approve all others.

III. Race Walking

Defer items 4, 6, 8, 9.

Items 1 & 2 are approved as American Junior Records.

Approve all others.

IV. Men's Long Distance Running

Approve 1, 2 and 5. Defer all others.

V. Women's Long Distance Running

Approve 1 – 5 and 7 -9. Defer all others.

VI. Masters Long Distance Running

Approve 1-3, 8, 11,12, 15, 18, 19, 22 - 25, 30, 31, 33, 35, 36, 39, 41 – 44, 47, 51, 57, 61 – 63, 67, 71, 74 – 79, 83, 84, 90.

Add and approve the following road mark:

29a	F70-74	15km	1:16:32a	June Machala	70	WA	Tulsa Run	Tulsa, OK	102701
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Add and approve the following track marks:

90a	M55-59	200,000m	23:37:51	Jeff Hagen	55	WA	San Diego 1 Day	El Cajon, CA	110902
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Defer all others

VII. Masters Track & Field

Deny item 100.

Defer items 155, 156, 158, 159, 161, 169, 170, 171, 175, 177, 178, 181, 189, 198

Add and approve the following:

6a	200 m	M100	2:22.81		Everett Hosack(OH)	3-16-02	Berea, OH
21a	Shot Put	M100	12' ¼"	3.66	Everett Hosack(OH)	3-16-02	Berea, OH
21b	56# Wt. Throw	M45	35' 2"	10.72	Jim Wetenhall	3-24-02	Boston, MA
21c	56# Wt. Throw	M45	38' 3 ¼"	11.67	Jim Wetenhall	6-2-02	Gilbertsville, PA
21d	35# Wt. Throw	M100	7'3"	2.21	Everett Hosack(OH)	3-24-02	Boston, MA
21e	Wt Pentathlon	M45	4268 pts		Jim Wetenhall	6-1-02	Reading, PA
64a	1500 m	M40	3:52.99		John Hinton(NC)	6-8-02	Waltham, MA
70a	Shot Put	M100	12' 1 ¼"	3.69	Everett Hosack(OH)	3-16-02	Slippery Rock, PA
75a	Hammer Throw	M100	29' 1"	8.86	Everett Hosack(OH)	6-30-02	Slippery Rock, PA
76a	35# Wt. Throw	M90	12' 8 ½"	3.87	Leon Joslin(WA)	9-7-02	Seattle, WA
87a	One Mile	W45	5:07.76		Jeanne Johnson	9-14-02	San Mateo, CA
87b	1500 Meters	W55	5:22.7		Joni Shirley	3-24-02	Boston, MA
134a	Shot Put	W40	49' 6 ¼"	15.09	Oneithea Lewis(NY)	7-17-02	Lancaster, PA

150a	20# Wt. Throw	W40	62' 7 3/4"	19.09	Oneithea Lewis(NY)	9-28-02	Newark, DE
173	Pentathlon	W55	4252		Phil Raschker(GA)	8-10-00	Eugene, OR
199a	16# Wt. Throw	M75	43' 7 1/2"	13.29	Vince Sempronio(OR)	9-7-02	Seattle, WA
199b	12# Wt. Throw	M80	39' 5 1/4"	12.02	Robert Horsley(WA)	9-7-02	Seattle, WA

change 74 replace M70 with M65
change 81 replace 4-17-19 with 4-17-99
change 86 replace 4-17-19 with 4-17-99

Add and approve the following:
MEN'S AMERICAN OUTDOOR MASTERS RELAYS
Note: Club records are listed before USA Team Records

4x100		Club/USA				
40-49	42.79	HE	(Austin,Collins,Mitchell,Hartfield)	5/2/1992	Houston,TX	
50-59	45.04	USA	(Fields,Bell,Jones,Robbins)	7/23/1995	Buffalo,NY	
60-69	50.9	CDM	(Morales,Jordan,Killion,Guidet)	6/24/1978		
	48.51	USA	(Dennis,DougSmith,Sims,Tolson)	6/24/2000	Long Beach,CA	
70-79	54.69	USA	(Larsen,Melville,Brown,Sochor)	7/18/1998	Lisle,IL	
80-89	77.37	USA	(Lum,Crane,Hosack,Pitcher)	8/25/1985	Indianapolis,IN	
4X400						
40-49	03:25.4	PM	(Abayomi,Stanford,Burnett,Roberts)	4/30/1983	Philadelphia,PA	
	03:21.5	USA	(Thiel,Brinker,Tucker,King)	8/6/1989	Eugene,OR	
50-59	03:44.2	NTC	(Peterman,Watley,Aiken,Allie)	4/28/2000	Philadelphia,PA	
	03:35.9	USA	(Steffes,Mathis,Adamson,Colbert)	8/6/1989	Eugene,OR	
60-69	04:17.6	PMTTC	(Kane,Hitt,Hoffman,Coy)	8/14/1994	Eugene,Or	
	03:53.9	USA	(Adamson,Stewart,Johnson,Colbert)	8/8/1999	Gateshead	
70-79	04:35.1	USA	(Bloomfield,Jordan,Spnnsele,Weinacht)	8/6/1989	Eugene,OR	
4X800						
40-49	08:11.8	SCS	(Montenez,Knocke,Elliot,Cohen)	7/3/1983		
	08:02.1	USA	(LeBourne,Nearman,SeraFini,Dalton)	4/28/2000	Philadelphia,PA	
50-59	08:45.9	WVTC	(Duffy,Franklin,Thomas,McMillan)	9/10/1994	Berkeley,CA	
60-69	10:32.8	SAC	(Haviland,Bernstein,Chase,MacDonald)	8/2/1998	New York,NY	
	10:09.1	USA	(Stewart,Stevenson,Stevens,King)	7/23/1989		
70-79	11:46.9	WVJS	(Valles,Stewart,Jacques,King)	8/10/1997	San Jose,CA	
	11:09.9	USA	(Selby,Escobson,Linde,Bryant)	8/2/1998	Orono,ME	

WOMEN'S AMERICAN OUTDOOR MASTERS RELAYS

4X100						
35-39	50.28	USA	(Drumgole,Seeley,Thompson,Gilkey)	8/6/1989	Eugene,OR	
40-49	50.21	West	(Amarasekara,Iba,Upshaw-Margerum,Sargis)	7/28/2001	Baton Rouge,LA	
50-59	53.39	USA	(Tucker,Hill,Hill-Hudgins,Raschker)	7/27/1997	Durban	
60-69	61.85	USA	(Barnes,Kerr,Miller,Obera)	7/23/1995	Buffalo,NY	
70-79	70.59	USA	(Holland,Valien,Leonard,Peterson)	8/8/1999	Gateshead	
4X400						
35-39	04:00.9	USA	(Murray,Berg,Gilkey,Seeley)	8/6/1989	Eugene,OR	
40-49	04:46.5	BRC	(Ryan,Tucker,Upton,Hearty)	4/28/1995	Philadelphia,PA	
	03:58.7	USA	(Foreman,Thompson,Board,Libal)	8/24/1996	Eugene,OR	
50-59	04:36.8	USA	(Fitzgerald,Meadows,Hoagland,Obera)	8/6/1989	Eugene,OR	
60-69	05:14.9	USA	(Freeman,Hals,Kerr,Obera)	7/23/1995	Buffalo,NY	
70-79	06:33.9	USA	(Valien,Smalley,Friedman,Peterson)	8/24/1996	Eugene,OR	
4X800						
35-39	09:58.5	LVL	(Archuletta,Jefferson,Hoppie,Ledbetter)	6/13/1999	Las Vegas,NV	

40-49	10:18.6	SDTC	(Pendleton,Olson,Lievers,Bache)	7/23/1988	San Diego,CA
	10:14.2	USA	(Grafius,McHampton,Villar,Ogle)	8/14/1994	Eugene,OR
50-59	11:25.8	USA	(Kerr,McCormick,Bigelow,Ottaway)	8/14/1994	Eugene,OR
60-69	12:14.7	Unat	(Michelson,LaVigne,Ingalls,Daprano)	8/11/2002	Orono,ME

MEN'S AMERICAN INDOOR MASTERS RELAYS

4X400

40-49	03:33.3	NYPC	(Gaton-Small-Shane-O'Neal)	3/29/1980	Syracuse,NY
50-59	03:47.3	NYPC	(Small-Rizzo-Shane-Burrell)	4/5/1992	Columbus,OH
	03:43.4	USA	(Johnson-Lee-Brown-Green)	3/25/2001	Boston,MA
60-69	04:25.6	SAC	(MacDonald-Byrd-Bernstein-Haviland)	3/4/2001	New York,NY

4X800

35-39	08:51.1	ADIR	(Devitt-McKenzie-Murphy-Kitzrow)	3/25/2000	Boston,MA
40-49	08:15.3	WVTC	(Mason-Thomas-Franklin-Barnett)	3/19/1988	Baton Rouge,LA
	08:07.6	USA	(Dalton-Serafini-Nearman-Lebourne)	4/1/2000	New York,NY
50-59	09:20.1	SAC	(Nolan-Brockwell-Senkowski-Kuhi)	3/14/1999	New York,NY
	09:08.7	USA	(Price-Myers-Brown-Green)	3/28/1999	Boston,MA
60-69	10:32.8	SAC	(Haviland-Bernstein-Chase-MacDonald)	3/14/1999	New York,NY

WOMEN'S AMERICAN INDOOR MASTERS RELAYS

4X400

35-39	06:21.8	CCTC	(Iba-Selby-Chou-Bergen)	3/26/2000	Boston,MA
40-49	05:48.3	USA	(Eichel-Selby-Chou-Naftel)	3/25/2001	Boston,MA
50-59	05:14.2	LAC	(Riordan-Cappetta-Reed-Gustafson)	3/26/2000	Boston,MA
	04:55.0	East	(Riordan-Michelson-SmithHanna-Warren)	3/24/2002	Boston,MA
60-69	06:35.4	LAC	(Johnson-Hayes-Harada-Burguess)	3/25/2001	Boston,MA
	06:28.0	USA	(Burguess-Hals-Hareda-Hays)	3/26/2000	Boston,MA

4X800

35-39	11:01.44	ATC	(Best-Morris-Sterret-Vega)	3/25/2000	Boston,MA
	10:29.15	USA	(Best-Morris-Zebuth-Long)	3/24/2001	Boston,MA
40-49	10:26.5	PSTC	(Stoneking-Larson-Jansen-Day)	3/24/1994	Blaine,MN
50-59	12:49.94	LAC	(Reed-Igoe-Wright-Bullerjahn)	3/24/2001	Boston,MA
	11:38.14	East	(Michelson-Trotto-SmithHanna-Warren)	3/23/2002	Boston,MA
60-69	16:08.7	BTC	(Finger-Killeen-Delaney-Stanjones)	2/25/2000	Long Island,NY

Club Codes

CDM:	Corona Del Mar Track Club	SDTC:	San Diego Track Club
KHTC:	King of the Hill Track Club	WVTC:	West Valley Track Club
SCS:	Southern California Striders	PM:	Philadelphia Masters
BRC:	Boston Running Club	HE:	Houston Elite
BAA:	BAA Running Club	MMTC:	Midwest Masters T&F Club
PMTC:	Portland Masters Track Club	TR:	Tamalpa Runners
WVJS:	West Valley Joggers & Striders	SAC:	Shore Athletic Club
NTC:	Nadia Track Club		
SDTC:	San Diego Track Club	LVL:	Las Vegas Lizards
NYMC:	New York Masters Club	BRC:	Boston Runners Club
TR:	Tamalpa Runners	SCTC:	So. Cal. Track Club
OHTC:	Over the Hill Track Club	NYPC:	New York Pioneer Club
SAC:	Shore AC	WVTC:	West Valley TC
LAV:	Los Angeles Valley TC	SCTC:	Syracuse Chargers TC
PSTC:	Prairie Striders TC	FLRC:	Finger Lakes Running Club
AATC:	Ann Arbor TC	BTC:	Bohemia TC
LAC:	Liberty AC	ATC:	Atom Track Club
CCTC:	California TC		

Approve all others

Masters Race Walking

Change the item 13 time to 26:51 and approve.

Approve all others.

Add and approve the following track record:

10a 3,000 M65-69 16:44.6 James McGrath Uniondale, NY 8/8/02

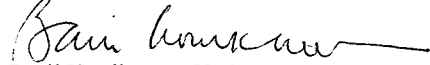
VIII. Youth Athletics

Item 6 change the time to 23:15.46 and approve. Add the omitted time of 54.29 to item 8 and approve.

Approve all others

The Records Committee Chair gratefully acknowledges the work of the respective sport committee record keepers: Bob Hersh (Men's & Women's Track & Field), Denise Smotherman (Youth Athletics), Pete Mundle, Mary Trotto (Masters Track & Field), and Bev LaVeck (Masters Race Walking), Linda Honikman and Ryan Lamma (USATF Road Running Information Center). Thanks are also due to Michael Wickiser and Doug Loeffler (Road Running Technical Council) for their indispensable contributions to the record keeping process.

Submitted by



Basil Honikman, Chair

12/8/02