

NOC
General Session Meeting #1
Silver Legacy Hotel
Friday, December 5, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chair L. Melzer at 8:05 AM.

Secretary reported a quorum was present and the meeting could proceed.

First order of business discussed was adding language to the operating procedures and bylaws to accommodate for 3 positions to be voted on in the selection of the new USATF board. John Bahakel discussed the changes. After discussion a motion was given to accept changes after amending the eligibility issue, if the three candidates propose were not selected. Tom Hott motion to accept, bylaw changes, after amending, seconded by R. Harvey. Motion passed by majority. L. Melzer than asked for a motion to accept total package, motion passed by majority.

D. Berry motioned to change meeting agenda seconded by R. Harvey. Motion passed by majority.

Insurance Report -- Chester Bradley and Irene Herman gave the report. They stated the officials policy would be effective January 1, 2009. The policy is for liability coverage only. Both I. Herman and C. Bradley answered many questions from the members regarding what the policy covers and dose not cover. It was also stated the cost for each member will be \$9.75.

Candidates Presentations -- The three candidates running for the position of USATF President each gave a 5 minute speech regarding the reasons why they are running for the President's position. Bob Bowman spoke first followed by Dee Jensen and Stephanie Hightower. Each stated what they would do for officials if elected.

Secretary's Report -- Given by Len Krsak. Len stated the minutes from the 2007 annual meeting in Honolulu, HI, both general sessions and the minutes from the 2008 executive board meeting have been on the website, for the annual meeting 10 months and the executive board meeting 5 months. It was also mentioned there are copies available in the room for reviewing. No one reported any additions, corrections or deletions. George Kleeman motioned to accept report seconded by John Drolla. The minutes were accepted by majority. The Secretary also reported there were 8 Associations that did not return names of there additional rep's to the officials committee. The secretary also announced the NOC's Committee report booklet was available on tables in back of the meeting room.

Treasurer's Report -- Presented by Ken Taylor. Ken stated there was \$2,500.00 carried over from the 2007 budget to the 2008 budget. Projected income for 2008 was \$46,300 total anticipated revenue was \$48,000. Proposed budget for 2009 is \$89,800 with

an anticipated carryover from 2008 of \$1,500.00, it was also stated since 2009 is the first year of the Olympiad it is projected that certification revenue will be \$67,500.00. Ron Althoff motioned to accept report seconded by Don Berry. Report accepted by majority.

Dave Katz congratulated George Kleeman on his great work at the 2008 Olympics.

Rules Report -- Given by George Kleeman. George discussed on how the Rules Committee operates. George also stated 22 individuals attended the NOC Rules sub-committee meeting. George discussed the 2009 USATF and IAAF rule changes for 2009. George also stated the NCAA rule reviews will be up dated every two years. George asked for a motion to accept report. Report accepted by majority.

Awards Report -- Presented by Gordon Bocock. Gordon stated 2008 was the first time all 57 associations responded with names for the NOC Association award. It was announced 10 tickets are still available for the Hall of Fame Banquet.

Appeals Report -- Given by Ray Fitzhugh. Ray reported the following 1) Many applications to the national meets were not filled out correctly. 2) Many were hard to read, poor hand writing. 3) Many had poor resumes and had a history of not working major meets. 4) Ray also stated a few did not tell the truth on their application. Ray announced he has resigned from the committee and that Delores Murray would be taking his place. Ray also thanked his committee for their fine work.

Selection Committee Report -- Linda Melzer reported the following 1) 4 applications were returned with no signatures. 2) 8 applications were received from association level officials. 3) 5 applications had attachments and were discarded. 4) 9 applications were returned with USATF membership number missing. 5) 400 were returned because of a wrong address. Linda informed membership what the selection committee looks for on an application. She also informed membership 2009 selections would be posted after Saturday's (12/6/08) last general session.

Affirmative Development Report -- Presented by Yvonne Grimes. Yvonne informed membership of a new affirmative development revised brochure. She also stated the new brochure is available on the officials website. Yvonne also stated the ethnicity numbers and profiles, of individuals to work the 2009 USATF Championships were in order.

Foreign Exchange Report -- Given by Tony Wayne and Richard Messenger. They both said it was a great experience and invited membership to come and see a slide show. They also presented the secretary with a detailed report on their trip to the UK.

Communications Report -- Given by Jimmy Stuart who is replacing Carolee Stephens. Jimmy encouraged officials to sign up to receive the List Server service. At this time approximately 1500 officials are getting information from the List Server on a regular basis.

Vice Chair of Certification Report -- Report given by Jim Flanik. Jim stated for the last Olympiad (2005-2008) 8866 individuals were certified, down 700 from the last Olympiad (2000-2004). Jim discussed how the sticker system will work, for future years, since yearly membership is now a requirement. After renewal each year, a new sticker will be issue indicating they have renewed their membership. Jim said he will issue the stickers to the certification chairs who in turn will pass them on to the officials in their association.

Vice Chair Training Report -- Presented by Rex Harvey. Rex explained on how each training group functions and what their responsibilities are, there are five groups. The five groups are 1) Initial Training Group 2) Advancement Training Group 3) Continuing Education Group 4) Championship/Convention Clinics Group and 5) Outreach Training Group.

Linda Melzer acknowledged Shirley Connors for the great job she does in implementing clinics at the Annual Meetings and National Championships Meets.

Facilities & Equipment Report -- Given by George Kleeman. George stated 39 members attended the Facilities & Equipment meeting. George said the committee is trying to put together a booklet on the history of equipment specifications, currently looking for information of any history of W&M in each association since 1900.

NTO Report -- Presented by George Kleeman. George informed membership three individuals took the NTO test during the 2008 annual meeting. It was stated the committee is looking for additional minorities and new people. It was also stated all current NTO's will have to recertified.

Ethics Report -- Given by Rich Schornstein. Rich stated his committee researched many governing bodies for their code of ethics brochure. After the research was completed the committee developed a new code of ethics and in addition published a performance guidelines for officials to use on line.

Evaluations Report -- Presented by Murray Sanford. Murray stated 2008 evaluations reports were received from the USATF Indoor Championships, Youth National Meet, Junior Meet, J O Meet, Olympic Trials and the Master's Championships. It was stated the most important part of the evaluation report is the comment section. Murray stated if an individual wants his/hers evaluation, contact the head of the event first, and if no response is received than contact Murray for the information.

Historical Report -- Given by Charles Ruter. Charles said he is currently up dating the 1976 – 2006 book. Price for the new up dated book to be determined.

Linda Melzer called for a recess of the first General Session. Meeting recessed at 10:40 AM.

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General Session Meeting #2
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Linda Melzer reconvened the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Dennis Hutchison discussed 2008 Disabled Athlete's meets and called for officials to come.

L & L Report -- Report given by John Bahakel. John discussed new operating procedures and bylaws.

Hall of Fame Presentation -- Sue Polansky re-presented a mini version of the Hall of Fame presentation given the night before to the Tom Turk family. The family was unable to attend the original presentation due to disruptive travel arrangements.

Master Referee's Report -- Report given by Jim Skelly. Jim recognized his committee and informed membership they are working on new guidelines for master referee re-certification.

Uniform Report -- Presented by Keith Mitchell. Keith said shirts are available and orders are being processed in a timely manner. Keith also stated additional merchandise is available for ordering on the officials website.

Linda Melzer announced two officials present worked the Olympics in China Gary Westerfield Race Walk and Dick Moss Disabled Athletes.

L D R Report -- Report given by Barbara Palma. Barbara announced dates and locations of up coming long distance championships.

Linda Melzer again made mentioned of the volunteer forms available for individuals that want to sign up for committees.

Linda again announced 2008 officials selection information will be posted in several locations at the end of the meeting.

Unfinished Business -- None was brought before the committee.

New Business -- None was brought before the committee.

Elections -- For the year 2008 the following positions were up for elections, the Chair of the Officials Committee, the Vice Chair of Training, the Vice Chair of Rules and the Secretary's position. In addition three at large positions and the three names to be

presented to the Governance and Nominations Committee that selects the next Board of Directors for USATF.

Nominations

Officials Chair -- For the Chair of the Officials Committee only person nominated was Len Krsak. There were no other nominations from the floor. Bob Podkaminer motioned to close nominations seconded by John Drolla. Len was voted in by acclamation to the Chair's position

Secretary's Position -- There were three candidates for the position Tom Hott, Sue Polansky and Ken Yerger. Sue Polansky announced her withdrawal from the race. Andrew Boyajiam motioned to close nominations seconded by Sam Smith. Each candidate had two minutes to present their profile. Tom Hott was elected secretary by ballot.

Vice Chair of Training Position -- Only one candidate was nominated, Rex Harvey. There were no nominations from the floor. John Drolla motioned to close nominations seconded by Andrew Boyajian. Rex Harvey was voted in by acclamation.

Vice Chair of Rules Position -- Only one candidate was nominated, George Kleeman. There were no nominations from the floor. Jim Flanik motioned to close nominations seconded by Joyce Burrows. George Kleeman was voted in by acclamation.

Board Candidates -- Officials candidates for the new Board position, three names are to be presented. Nominations from the floor were as follows:

Linda Melzer, nominated by Donna Zirgibel, seconded by Richard Messenger
Ken Taylor, nominated by Mike McCoy, seconded by Ron Althoff
Perry Jenkins, nominated by Dennis Olafson, seconded by Robert Springer
Sue Polansky, nominate by Gordon Boccock, seconded by Jim Flanik
Bill Price, nominated by Ed Wilson, seconded by Bill Hickman
Dee Jensen, nominated by Eric Smith, seconded Joyce Burrows
Irene Herman, nominated by Bruce Colman, seconded by Chester Bradley

Motion to closed nominations given by Sam Smith seconded by Jeff Bauer. Each candidate had two minutes to speak. Top three candidates in order according to votes received were Dee Jensen, Sue Polansky and Linda Melzer.

Keith Mitchell motioned to destroy all ballots seconded by Jeff Bauer Motion passed unanimously.

At Large Positions -- Nomination from the floor were taken for the three at large positions. Individuals nominated is as follows.

Perry Jenkins, nominated by Sam Smith

Dick Connors, nominated by Dennis Olafson
Susan Petrelli, nominated by Tom Hott
Chester Bradley, nominated by Charles Ruter
Ken Yerger, nominated by Alemena White
Alma Price, nominated by Bill Price
Lance Turley, nominated by Pat Lavelle
Bob Podkaminer, nominated by John Blackburn
Ron McLean, nominated by Andrew Boyajian
Mike Armstrong, nominated by Shirley Crowe

Motion to close nominations given by Sam Smith and seconded by Jeff Bauer.

At large candidates receiving the most votes were Perry Jenkins, Susan Petrelli and Bob Podkaminer.

Meet Opportunities -- Several meet directors and or officials coordinators presented and distributed applications looking for officials for 2009 meets. Six individual presentations were given.

NCAA Report -- Given by Bob Podkaminer. Bob stated the following 1) Trying to get the NCAA and USATF rule books aligned 2) 2009-2010 NCAA rule book is now available for ordering 3) NCAA rule book now good for a two year period 4) Rule book can be ordered either by phone or on line. If you order by phone you can request a spiral bound version.

Gary Westerfield spoke regarding the race walk event(s) in China at the Olympics. Gary stated that China spent over one million dollars for the race walk venue.

Point of Information:

The National Officials Committee major award winners for 2008 as follows.

Chair Awards -- Went to Irene Herman, Bob Tice, Dick Moss, Dennis Olafson, Mike Olsen, Raymond Pierre and Sue Polansky.

Association Awards -- 764 certificates were issued for 2008. All 57 Associations Certification Chairs sent in names for the awards

John Davis Award -- Recipient Ron & Laurie Boemker

Jim Grey Award -- Recipient William Price

Horace Crow Award -- Recipient Jim Flanik

Charles Ruter Award -- Recipient Kenny Morton

Andy Bajkian Award -- Recipient Robert Podkaminer

2008 Meeting Attendance:

Executive Board Meeting #1	12/4/08	7
Insurance Sub-committee	12/3/08	20
Training Sub-committee	12/4/08	43
Rules Sub-committee	12/3/08	22
Affirmative Development	12/4/08	22
Equipment & Facilities	12/4/08	39
Officials General Session #1	12/5/08	163
Clinic A Certification	12/5/08	63
Clinic B	12/5/08	
Clinic C	12/5/08	
Clinic D	12/6/08	
Clinic E	12/6/08	
Officials General Session #2	12/6/08	166
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Hall of Fame Banquet	12/5/08	

With no other business brought before the committee Keith Mitchell motion to adjourn meeting seconded by Sam Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak
NOC Secretary
December 8, 2008