

**National Officials' Committee
General Session Meeting #2
Indianapolis, IN
Saturday, December 5, 2009**

Chair Len Krsak called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Secretary Tom Hott reported a quorum was present.

Chair Len Krsak presented chair awards to John Bahakel and Brian Brase.

Chair Len Krsak introduced Stephanie Hightower, President of USATF and Chair of the Board of Directors of USATF. Stephanie thanked the officials for inviting her and CEO Doug Logan to the awards banquet. She thanked the officials for all the work officials do at meets at all levels.

Law and Legislation Update – John Bahakel presented an update on the L & L package. He reported the amendment to permit officials serving on the selection committee to be eligible to officiate national championship meets passed out of the committee. He also reported the other items regarding selection of officials for national championship meets passed out of committee as presented at Session #1 of the NOC meeting.

Championship Meet Etiquette Report– Dave Katz and Ed Gorman gave officials some tips about etiquette at the championship meets. They said officials need to be a little less visible, more aware of where they are on the track or in the field, cooperate with TV and other media, stay away from the sponsor's signs, and keep movement to a minimum.

2009 Masters Meet Report– Pat Pretty reported the meet was a little short on officials, but it went very well. Three UK officials were at the meet and they worked very well with the US officials.

Vice Chair of Rules Update – George Kleeman reported on the final rules committee report. He mentioned the no false start rule in particular and other rules that affect officials.

Appeals/Selection Committee Report –Delores Murray reported the committee received one letter regarding not being selected for a national meet. She encouraged all officials to complete the application correctly. She recognized the members of the committee.

Communications/Newsletter Committee Report – Jimmy Stuart reported that he needs all committee members' names, email addresses, and phone numbers for the web site.

The NOC now has a group on Facebook. The separate web site of officials is no longer on line. The web site is now part of the USATF web site at www.usatf.org. The site is still maintained by Jimmy and the committee and he has reorganized the materials to make it easier to navigate.

Equipment and Facilities Committee Report – Bob Springer reported two newsletters went out this past year. He reported seeing some failures of javelins to pass inspection due to profile violations. He invited all those interested in receiving the newsletter to provide him their email address.

Evaluation Committee Report – Murray Sanford reported that the evaluation process is going well. The meets at which officials were evaluated were Senior Indoor, Combined Indoor, Senior/Junior Outdoor, Youth Athletics Outdoor, Masters Outdoor, and the Junior Olympics Outdoor. One of the problems this past year was that head officials did not know they were the head officials until just prior to or at the competition. Murray reinforced the need to evaluate fairly and to also follow the instructions for evaluations.

Historian Report – Charles Ruter reported he has NOC history books and updates available for \$20.00.

IAAF Technical Officials Report – Laurie Boemker reported that the ITO exam is very difficult. Four USATF officials took the exam last October and all scored above 80% on the exam. Bob Podkaminer, John Blackburn, and Eric Zemper were named ITO's and George Kleeman was named ATO as not more than three officials were named ITO's from any one country.

Uniform/Merchandise Committee Report – Keith Mitchell and Win Eggers reported the distributor of the officials' shirts could not get the shirt in sizes 4X or 5X. The distributor found a very similar shirt in black and red for those sizes. All other sizes will continue to be navy and red.

Association Meetings Report – Val Foss reported the committee has some recommendations for associations to implement next year.

Women's Long Distance Running Report – Barb Palma reported the Women's LDR will provide a list of all race sites. WLDR is also beginning to write a history of Women's Long Distance Running.

Chair Len Krsak thanked all who made reports to the National Officials' Committee. He asked for topics and presenters for the convention in 2010.

New Business – None

Unfinished Business – Chair Len Krsak commented about certification and that seemingly some certification chairs are not doing their job responsibilities. He encouraged members of associations with non-functioning certification chairs to consider replacing them when the local elections are held in 2010.

John Murray reminded the officials that the Master's meet and the Junior Olympics are in Sacramento, CA next summer. The applications are on line at the Pacific Association web site.

Motion to adjourn made by Fred Adler, seconded by Finn Hansen. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hott
NOC Secretary
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