

**National Officials Committee
December 2 & 3, 2011
St Louis, MO
Officials General Session
Minutes**

- Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 am Len Krsak
- Tom Hott, Secretary, announced a quorum was present.
- Reading/Approval of Minutes Tom Hott

Motion to approve minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting. Motion seconded. Approved.

- Treasurers' Report Sue Polansky

Motion to accept Treasure's Report. Motion seconded. Approved.

- Motion to amend agenda in order address items out of order. Motion seconded. Approved.
- Geyer Larkin, representative from Ludus Tours, presented a report on tours to the 2012 Olympic Games in London and the USATF Olympic Trials in Eugene, OR.
- Ken Taylor, USATF Board of Directors, reported on the USATF financial outlook which is very good for 2012.
- Kim Haynes, USATF Board of Directors, thanked the officials for their time and hard work officiating at all levels of USATF meets.

Officers' Reports

- Chair Len Krsak

The Chair's report is on line. Chair Krsak commented on the process for selecting the officials for the national meets to be held in 2012. 522 officials applied to work one or more of the meets. 22 applications were invalid. 145 officials were selected for the Olympic Trials, 101 for the Junior Championships, 74 for the Indoor Championships, and 18 for the Combined Event Championships.

- Awards Vice-chair Gordon Boccock

The Awards Committee report is on line. Mr. Boccock presented plaques to the finalists for each of the awards presented by the NOC—Lori Maynard Award, James Gray Award, John Davis Award, Charles Rutter Award, Horace Crowe Award, and Andy Bakjian Award. He also recognized the Hall of Fame inductees for 2011.

- Doc Patton representing active athletes brought greetings to the officials.
- Shelby Sharpe commented on applications for officiating meets. He warned officials to not sign

any application that release meet management from liability or that hold an official responsible for negligence or misdeeds of others. He cited the application for a national Masters meet as an example of an application that contained verbiage not official friendly.

- Brian Keaveny, NCCWMA President, brought greeting to the officials. Brian spoke of an initiative to create a panel of officials for WMA international meets. He asked officials to volunteer to be members of this panel if interested. Chair Krsak asked Jim Flanik to be the point person for this initiative and Jim agreed to do so.

Brian announced the 2012 NCCWMA outdoor championships will be held in St. John, New Brunswick August 9-12 and the 2013 WMA Outdoor Championships will be held in Puerto Allegre, Brazil.

Brian is working with the NOC Training Committee to organize an officials exchange in 2012 with the thought that the USATF officials would work at the NCCWMA meet in St. John.

- Certification Vice-chair Jimmy Stuart

The Certification Committee report is on line. 7900 officials are currently certified. Mr. Stuart reported the new card printer has arrived and will be used in the near future.

- Rules Vice-chair George Kleeman

The Rules Committee report is on line. Mr. Kleeman reported on a few rules that will affect officials if approved at this meeting.

Bob Podkaminer reported the NCAA Case Book and Rule Interpretations are on line now. He also clarified the Pole Vault helmet rule stating that helmets are not mandatory, but if helmets are used, the helmets must be certified.

- Kathy Sellers, Athletes for the Disabled, brought greetings and reminded the officials of the Paralympic Trials to be held in Indianapolis, IN June 29-July 1.
- Training Vice-chair Mark Heckel

The Training Committee report is on line. Mr. Heckel briefly outlined the initiatives for 2012:

- A Mentoring Program for officials – Rob Buzaitis will chair the mentoring group
- A Standardized National Curriculum for Training
- A National Event Protocol for National Meets

Mr. Heckel also mentioned the exchange program with Canada and reminded the officials that training materials are on line on the officials' page of the USATF web site.

- Motion to accept all Chair and Vice-chair reports. Motion seconded. Approved.

- Law & Legislation John Bahakel

The Law and Legislation committee report is on line.

Mr. Bahakel reported on the Law and Legislation items that affect officials.

- Athletes Advisory Jon Drummond

Mr. Drummond reported on the logo issue on team uniforms and the Law and Legislation amendment to increase the percent of athletes on USATF committees from 20% to 25%.

- Communication/Newsletter Jimmy Stuart

The Communication/Newsletter report is on line.

The committee will switch providers at the end of 2011 and the new newsletter will be more informative and visually pleasing.

- Equipment & Facilities Bob Springer

The Equipment & Facilities report is on line.

- Evaluations Murray Sanford

The Evaluations report is on line. Mr. Sanford provided a brief history of the evaluation process since 1998. He commented the process is working very well.

- Uniform/Merchandise Win Eggers & Keith Mitchell

The Uniform/Merchandise report is on line. The long sleeved official's shirts did not sell well and are no longer being offered.

- Special Projects Bob Tice

Mr. Tice reported that he has updated the list of NCAA conference championships and that list is on line. He also reported that he is attempting to compile a book of track and field officials' stories about situations that would be interesting or funny to other officials. He asked that the officials email those stories to him.

- Nominations Val Foss

Ms. Foss reported that the offices of Chair, Secretary, Vice Chair for Rules, and Vice Chair for Training will be open in 2012. She encouraged all members to submit nominations for those offices.

- Motion to recess the meeting until 2:00 pm December 3, 2011. Motion seconded. Approved.
- Motion to return to session at 2:00 pm December 3, 2011. Motion seconded. Approved.

- Disabled Athletes Sports Association Kelly Behlmann & Andy Capp

Ms. Behlmann brought greetings from the association and asked for assistance with their meets.

- Shelby Sharpe reported on a follow-up meeting regarding officials' applications and the issue of meet management asking officials to release management from liability. Mr. Sharpe met with the USATF legal council. USATF did not approve the application for the masters meet discussed in Mr. Sharpe's previous report. The objectionable language has been removed and a new application is now being used.

- IAAF Technical Officials Laurie Boemeker

Ms. Boemeker reported those interested in becoming NTO's will complete the National Master

Referee's Rules Test in the future. Additional requirements to be named as an NTO are currently under review.

- Appeals/ Selection Delores Murray

Ms. Murray reported she received 6 appeals in 2011—5 for nonselection to a national meet and one asking for an explanation of the selection process.

- IAAF Technical Official David Katz

The new IAAF rule book is now available. The IAAF referee book is available soon. Mr. Katz recognized Eric Zemper for being selected as an ITO for the Olympic Games in London.

- Master Referee Jim Skelly

Mr. Skelly reported 2 persons have been certified as National Master Referees in 2011.

- A number of officials coordinators mentioned national level meets in 2012. The officials' applications for these meets are or soon will be on line.

- Law and Legislation John Bahakel

Mr. Bahakel presented an up date on the Law and Legislation committee work. All the L & L amendments have been addressed. The amendment to increase the number of athletes on each committee from 20% to 25% has been resolved by requiring that increase for a limited number of committees. The NOC is *not* one of the committees that will be required to increase the percentage of athletes to 25%.

- Certification Committee Jimmy Stuart

Mr. Stuart presented the updated certification requirements that will be implemented in the 2013-2016 Olympiad.

- Stephanie Hightower, President USATF, brought greetings.
- President Krsak reminded the attendees to renew USATF memberships. Renewal notices will be coming soon from the USATF office. The USATF office is planning to implement a 4-year membership card good for each Olympiad.
- A request was heard for a photo gallery of officials working at meets to be available for recruiting purposes. The request was taken under consideration.
- Motion to adjourn at 4:33 pm. Motion seconded. Approved.