

Minutes of the Equipment & Facilities Specifications Subcommittee, December 4, 2009, Indianapolis, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 4:30PM.

Members present were Bob Springer, Jo Burrows, Tony Wayne, Bruce Long, Win Eggers, Jim Skelly, Richard Messenger as well as the newsletter editor, Ivars Ikstrums. There were 40 guests in attendance as well.

The minutes of the 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Bob Springer reported that two newsletters had been published in the last year. The September issue was the first done by the new editor, Ivars Ikstrums.

There was a discussion of implement problems over the last year. The biggest problem was distinguishing older marks on some implements at the NCAA D-1 Outdoor meet. This led to a discussion of methods of marking implements. Some preferred to use sticker that were customized to the meet. Others pointed out that this could be a problem for discus throwers, as a label on the top surface of the discus would be felt by the thrower. The agreement was that these should only be placed on the bottom surface of a discus.

Another problem that was mentioned was the redesign of the turbo javelin. Evidently there are some on the market that do not comply with the rules.

Ivars Ikstrums led a discussion on the use of cleaners and solvents to help remove some of the older marks. This was a preliminary report and will be followed up next year.

There was a brief discussion of the new box collars that Gill is selling.

Rules changes impacting on the committee were discussed. The major unanswered question was the size of the shot to be used by the sub-bantam group..

The goals for 2010 will be to publish two newsletters; one in February and one in September. Members and guests are also encouraged to send in reports from meets detailing the implements impounded and the reasons.

A question was raised about whether our marks on a javelin could effect the balance point. No answer was found.