

**NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2006  
THE WESTIN HOTEL  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

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

In attendance were Linda Melzer, Sue Polansky, Gordon Boccock, Rex Harvey, Jim Flanik, George Kleeman, Len Krsak also present parliamentarian Don Berry.

**Order of Business:**

**Secretary's Report** --- Given by Secretary Len Krsak. Committee was informed minutes have been posted on line for the past several months and a motion to accept report would be asked for at the NOC first General Session December 1, 2006. It was also reported all committee reports, meeting agenda and copies of past meeting minutes would be available at the first NOC meeting. Secretary also informed committee a procedure was in place for checking in members for the first NOC business meeting. Also briefly discussed was tweaking NOC by-laws to conform to USATF's.

**Treasurer's Report** --- Given by Sue Polansky. It was stated \$18,561.04 was the income through November 1, 2006. Majority of the income comes from the certification of new officials. Current expenditures as of November 1, 2006 are \$32,015.76, additional expenditures will occur for the conducting of the Annual Meeting. Sue also stated an expected carry over of approximately \$25,000.00 from year 2006 to 2007.

Additional expenditures expected for 2007 due to increase Training Programs and Hall of Fame start up costs.

Sue thanked the NOC Board for all their cooperation during her time on the Board. Sue presented L. Melzer with a gift.

**Awards Report** --- Given by Gordon Boccock. Gordon stated response to the Association Awards from Certification Chairs improved 2005 (82%) Vs 2006 (96%). Forty-nine Associations were eligible to receive Awards, two Associations did not respond.

It was also stated the John Davis, Andy Bakjian, Horce Crow and Charles Ruter awards were prepared for presentation. The Andy Bakjian Award received 24 nominations for 2006, highest number ever, with excellent candidates.

Gordon also explained new criteria for achieving the above mentioned four Awards.

**Certification Report** --- Given by Jim Flanik. Jim stated the number of officials currently certified at 7300. The new on line certification process was explained, started with one Association (Ohio) in September, problems were rectified and five additional Associations are currently going on line. Goal is to have all Associations using new process by the end of 2007. Jim also stated he will conduct two clinics regarding the new certification process on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

**Training Report** --- Report presented by Rex Harvey. Rex explained new training group set up. Committee has been re-aligned into five Sub-Groups, chaired by Rob Buzaitis, 1)

Championship/Convention Group Chaired by Shirley Connors, 2) Initial Training Group, Chaired by Dave Bowers, 3) Continuing Education Group Chaired by Mike Armstrong 4) Advancement Training Group Chaired by Susan Petrelli and 5) Outreach Training Group Chaired by Michael Maryott.

Rex stated the goals and responsibilities for the Sub-Groups as follows:

Championship/Convention Group

- Clinic set up
- Set up a data base to evaluate clinics
- Review and select clinic topics
- Investigate conducting clinics at other venues

Initial Training Group

- Train Officials before and after certification
- Develop a survey on initial training programs
- Evaluate proficiency for skill and level.

Continuing Education Program

- Develop a case book
- Keep up on advanced technology

Advancement Training Group

- Specialized training
- Up date training material in all skilled areas
- Study training modules from Associations
- Work and communicate closely with Certification Chairs

Outreach Training Group

- Exchange program with foreign country's for working Officials
- People selected for participation on the exchange program must
- Have long careers ahead of them
- 2007 exchange program will feature field event Officials

L. Melzer also stated an exchange program with some Caribbean countries is being investigated.

A discussion took place regarding the cost/expense of the exchange program.

R. Harvey announced topics for the 2006 Annual Meeting clinics, two sessions person to person training with palm pilot, two one hour sessions with Laser Lynx plus a session on weights & measurers and safety in throwing events. Also to be conducted are two certification clinics.

L. Melzer informed group the palm pilot and laser tech person at future National Championships will be part of the working crew.

G. Kleeman stated 2006 is a rules year at the Annual Meeting, 108 items are to be considered. George estimated approximately one half of the items pertain to Youth and Masters, not many competition issues, mostly regulation and administration type.

Equipment/Facilities, two newsletters were issued in 2006. Also it was stated weight specifications were being re-determined.

G. Kleeman also stated an Electronic Measuring Judge ( an international title) must be selected for Major Championships.

**2006 Selection Process** --- L. Melzer stated 410 applications were received for the National Championship meets. 217 individuals were selected, 93 applications were returned due to incorrect addresses, 3 did not sign application, 24 did not know the difference between their certification number and/or their USATF membership number, 4 put certification number in both places and 4 missed the deadline.

No Selection committee member who applied to work the Championships recuse themselves.

Selected individuals for all three 2006 Championships will be announced after the first NOC session.

**Uniforms/Merchandise** --- Keith Mitchell explained Officials shirt manufacturing and order process. Discussed new Dry – Wick shirt and increased cost. It's unknown at this time when the new USATF Logo shirts will be available.

**Web-Site** --- L.Melzer acknowledged the excellent work Jimmy Stuart did with creating the new Officials web-site.

**Hall of Fame** --- Report given by S. Polansky. Sue explained criteria, process and procedures. First induction to take place at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

**L & L** --- L. Melzer briefly discussed tabled items from last years Annual Meeting.

L. Melzer explained Event Heads at future National Championships will be required to inform their Crew before arriving at the Championship of their assignments and rotation.

Question --- Bruce Coleman inquired about the insurance program presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Response from L. Melzer, due to the cost of the program each Association must obtain their own insurance.

At 10:05 A M Chair L. Melzer called for a closed session.

First executive session (meeting) adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Point of information, 42 guests were in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak  
NOC Secretary