

**UASTF NOC
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JULY 7 – 8 – 9 – 2006
MARRIOTT COURTYARD
STOW, OHIO**

Meeting called to order @ 5:15 PM by Chair L. Melzer.

In attendance were L. Melzer, J. Flanik, S. Polansky, G. Bocoock, G. Kleeman, L. Krsak, and R. Harvey

First order of business > was to complete USATF restructuring survey 2006 form. After completion the forms were faxed to USATF Indianapolis.

Also discussed USATF'S mission statement, self-assessment form, diagnosing culture form and strategic plan (success & challenges) and USATF senior staff job descriptions.

Second order of business > Discussed Utah certification situation regarding Leo Lines. After a lengthy discussion R. Harvey made a motion seconded by G. Bocoock that the Chair L. Melzer write a letter to the Utah Association President that this situation is an Association problem, of self Governance, and not a National Officials Committee problem. Motion pass unanimously.

J. Flanik made a motion seconded by R. Harvey to authorize Carolee Stephens to employ the new list server. Motion passed unanimously.

First session concluded at 7:10 PM on July 7, 2006.

Second session resumed Saturday, July 8, 2006. Meeting called to order by Chair L. Melzer at 8:40 AM.

All board members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report > Given by L. Krsak, copies of 2005 convention and 2006 conference call minutes were passed out to board members. G. Kleeman pointed out an error on the December 3, 2005 convention minutes. Correction was noted and made. G. Kleeman motioned to accept reports seconded by S. Polansky. Motion passed unanimously. Reports accepted.

Treasurer's Report > Presented by S. Polansky, copies of report given to all board members. Sue explained a \$100.00 donation was made to the Mark Springer Youth Scholarship Fund in memory of Heliodoro Rico. After a brief discussion motion to accept report given by G. Kleeman seconded by R. Harvey. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair – Certification Report > Presented by J. Flanik. Jim informed members of the new web certification program and stated program should be operational by convention time. After extensive discussion board agreed to present the new program to certification chairs at the convention.

Jim, requested permission to purchase a paper shredder, board OK'd purchased.

Jim also stated all levels of rule reviews for certification are now on a CD and were mailed to all certification chairs for immediate implementation.

Discussion took place regarding getting new rule reviews, with reduced question, online a. s. a. p. Report accepted unanimously.

Newsletter > Lengthy discussion took place. The plan is to have a web only copy of the newsletter starting in January of 2007. The September 2006 mailed copy will serve notice that future newsletters will be published on line only every other month as News & Notes. Rational for this change is the high cost of printing and mailing some 6000 copies. G. Kleeman motion for the change seconded by J. Flanik. Motion passed unanimously.

Rules Report > Given by G. Kleeman, informed board 2006 is a rules year at the convention. Discussed contacting certification chairs requesting suggested changes. Cut off date for sub-mission, August 31, 2006. George also informed board the Rules Committee will conduct a pre convention conference call in October (Columbus Day Weekend).

Training Report > Presented by R. Harvey, who stated the Training Committee re-organized into 5 sub groups, each with a sub chair, i. e., 1) championship group, responsible for clinics at championship meets and the convention, 2) training group, 3) continued education group, 4) advancement training group and 5) out reach training group. Each sub committee will conduct a conference call in August 2006 to discuss their subcommittee's goals and projects.

The objective is to have each group accomplish at least one project (large or small) yearly. Rex also stated to accomplish the objectives a possible budget increase may be needed.

Rex also informed board Rob Buzaitis has been appointed secretary for the training committee.

International officiating was also discussed, Linda and Rex will be corresponding with Amadeo Francis about a officiating exchange program within NACAC.

Awards Report > Given by G. Bocoock, discussed association awards, number to be given 5% of National/Master/Emeritus officials certified within an association by July 31, of each year. An individual can receive such an award only once per Olympiad. Discussed new criteria for the Andy Bakjian award which will become effective with 2006 nominee's.

Horace Crow/Charles Ruter awards, discussed criteria to be eligible for award, must be national /master official for 10 year period.

John Davis award, discussed criteria for award, requirement 10 years service either national or master level official eligible.

Horace Crow award for 2006, discussed nominee's which number 19. Candidate selected TBA at the convention.

Charles Ruter award for 2006 discussed potential 16 candidates. Candidate selected TBA at the convention.

John Davis award discussed 11 nominated individuals. Candidate selected TBA at the convention.

Board discussed a Jim Grey award sponsored by the Maine Association. After much conversation, project tabled for this year. Committee to explore criteria for decision by next year.

Chair awards per L.Melzer currently pending.

Hall Of Fame Project > Chaired by S. Polansky, Sue stated G. Kleeman drew up document for suggested criteria and procedures to select candidates. Also informed board a conference call will commence on July 12, 2006 with Hall of Fame Committee to decide the following 1) who has say in selecting candidates? 2)

who selects screening committee? 3) who votes? 4) who nominates? 5) how many are elected each year 6) does the NOC executive board have any input 7) how many letters of recommendations will be required. 8) place of recognition 9) awards/plaques 10) length of experience 11) what type of ceremony/presentation and 12) explore expense of instituting program.

Appeals/Selection > No appeals received thus far for 2006. Only situation pending Utah Association's Official Committee, regarding certification of an individual.

Incident Reports > Board read hand out and discussed topic. Report consist of situations or problems that occur at major Championship Meets and reported to the Chair of the Evaluation Committee.

Master Referee Report > Noted, that Jim Skelly is doing a good job and has program in place.

Communications (Newsletter/Website) > Discussed previously. It was also noted that Carolee Stephens is doing an excellent job with the officials web-site.

Selection Committee > Chair L. Melzer announced that Susan Petrelli is the officials representative to the committee for 2006.

Officials Uniform > Discussed shirt with or without logo. J. Flanik suggested in addition to the USATF triangle logo being used the words certified official on a curve under the triangle logo also be on the shirt. Motion to keep logo on shirt given by R. Harvey seconded by G. Boccock, motion passed unanimously. Also discussed purchasing new shirts made from light weight material called (Dri-Fit) or of similar light weight absorbing material. Discussed cost, old shirt vs. new shirt. Uniform committee currently working on getting cost of new shirt.

J. Flanik also stated new lightweight fabric shirt is preferred by majority of officials over the current heavy fabric shirt.

Equipment & Facilities Specification > G. Kleeman stated he will continue sending out newsletter and information on 2007 rule changes. Board discussed lazer certification, George stated he is waiting on IAAF for their criteria before writing a job description for a lazer operator. Discussed and questioned accuracy of steel tapes.

R. Harvey to check if lazer training can be done at the Masters meet in August.

Affirmative Development > Y. Grimes working on a pamphlet aimed on recruiting, project to be presented at the convention.

Nominating Committee > Working on seeking candidates for up coming elections at 2006 convention.

Law & Legislation > L. Melzer reported Tom Hott is the committee chair and will be working on restructuring and will attend all L & L meetings at the 2006 convention.

NOC Operating Procedures > Need up-dating and put on web site, to be completed by the secretary.

Unfinished Business > G. Kleeman discussed 2005-2008 officials executive committee goals. After much discussion, conclusion was goals are some what on target and being accomplished.

Convention Clinics/Training Sessions > There will be 7 in total, 6 training sessions one hour each and 1 session pertaining to new certification procedures lasting 2 hours.

Law & Legislation > Discussed difference between USATF's By Laws and NOC Operating Procedures for the Officials Committee make up, i. e., associations officials chair vs. certification chair, which is on the NOC committee and how to resolve the situation through L & L. Current Governness manual is in error.

New Business > L. Melzer stated event heads at major National Championships must inform their crew of assignments, schedule, rotation and how the event is to be conducted prior to the championship.

Equipment reports are to be submitted after championship meets to the Officials Coordinator of the meet.

USATF shirt topic re-visited, conclusion, look into finding a new supplier by preparing a bid package.

L. Krsak discussed lack of equipment at recent National Championship meet, conclusion G. Kleeman to mail list of equipment needed to L. Melzer and pass on to Keith Mitchell.

G. Kleeman concerned about future meet management personnel who's coming along? Hard to fine interested people in taking on this task.

Second session ended at 6:40 PM July 8, 2006

Third session called to order by Chair L. Melzer at 9:05 AM July 9, 2006.

Board members present L. Melzer, R. Harvey, J. Flanik, G. Bocock, G. Kleeman, L. Krsak

Order Of Business > General discussion

Discussed the following:

Convention schedule prepared by R. Harvey.

Equipment needed for the 2006 convention.

Situation(s) with USATF board

Possible USATF member dues increase.

Making officials become members of USATF mandatory.

R. Harvey motioned seconded by J. Flanik to pay expenses for guest starters to England from the current training budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair L. Melzer call for adjournment, motion given by R. Harvey seconded by J. Flanik. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM, July 9, 2006.

Respectfully submitted.

Len Krsak
NOC Secretary