

**National Officials Committee
Executive Board Meeting
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
Honolulu, HI
November 29, 2007**

Meeting commenced at 10:30 AM, meeting call to order by Chair Linda Melzer.

In attendance were Linda Melzer, Rex Harvey, Jim Flanik, Gordon Bocoock, George Kleeman, Ken Taylor, Don Berry (Parliamentarian), Dick Conors (At Large) and Len Krsak.

First Order Of Business: Discussed new officials' uniform shirt. Linda stated there will be no embroidery or signage on the shirt. The colors will be red & blue with new USATF logo attached. Ordering for shirts should commence by the first quarter of 2008.

It was stated officials working the Olympic Trials and the Junior Championships must have and wear the new shirt.

Linda passed out cards for board members to sign for Lori Maynard (deceased) and Jim Grey (illness).

Secretary's Report: Given by Len Krsak. Reading of the minutes was dispensed as it was stated that the minutes for last year's (2006) Annual Meeting and the 2007 Executive Board meeting conducted in July have been on the web-site for many months for review. No corrections, deletions or additions were noted. Jim Flanik asked for a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Rex Harvey. Motion passed unanimously. Report accepted.

Len also stated on August 8, 2007 a letter was sent to all Certification Chairs informing them of their additional Rep's eligible to be on the NOC Committee for a one year period. Out of 57 Association 13 did not respond, even after a follow up request.

It was also stated in assembling the report (book-let) for the Annual Meeting it took several contacts to get Subcommittee Chairs to get their material in by the due date. Len also informed Board Members copies of the 2007 meeting agenda and 2006 meeting minutes would be made available to the membership attending the first general NOC session.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Ken Taylor. Ken stated the following, 2007 income at \$29,070.00 as of October 31, 2007. With a carry over of 2006 funds (\$35,406.43) equals expected revenue at \$64,476.43. Total expenses through October 31, 2007 are \$32,570.67, which leaves an available balance as of October 31, 2007 at \$31,905.76.

Ken reviewed proposed budget for 2008, projected carryover from 2007 \$22, 000.00, projected income of \$43,300.00, total projected funds available @ \$65,300.00. Projected 2008 expenses \$65,300.00. Rex Harvey motioned to accept report seconded by Gordon Bocoock. Motion passed unanimously. Report Accepted.

Awards Report: Given by Gordon Bocoock, Gordon stated 122 certificate awards were mailed to Certification Chairs to be presented at the local level. Gordon informed the board there were a number of Associations who did not submit any officials for awards. Gordon discussed awards to be presented at the Saturday night banquet. He also stated with the publishing of the criteria on how the awards are earned produced more candidates for 2007.

Discussed the new pins developed for the Hall of Fame award and the Jim Grey award. Gordon also stated because of the design and size of the Hall of Fame pin the date will be printed in the back of the pin.

It was stated that there were 28 candidates for the 2007 Andy Bankjian Award.

Gordon also informed Board as of November 29, 2007, 247 individuals have reserved a seat for the Hall of Fame banquet.

Certification Report: Given by Jim Flanik. Jim stated 8300 officials are currently certified. Jim suggested business cards, similar to what the Pacific Association uses in recruiting new officials be printed and mailed to all Certification Chairs for use in recruiting. Board asked Jim to look into the cost of printing the cards.

Discussed giving “New” officials that sign up now and before the 2008 Olympics a 5 year certification. After a brief discussion Jim Flanik motioned seconded by Rev Harvey to put the 5 year suggestion into effect. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim discussed how “New” logo certification pin should be passed on to re-certified officials. After brief discussion, result was to mail pins in bulk to all Certification Chairs for distribution. It was also agreed to issue old logo pins to everyone who certifies between now and the new Olympiad.

Jim stated he will issue a commemorative credential for all officials selected to work the Olympic Trials.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the NOC Executive Board members receiving an electronic version of the Officials data base. Conclusion all Board members will receive a paper copy after Jim returns from Hawaii.

Rules Report: George Kleeman stated 2007 was not a rules year at the Annual Meeting. However 75 items were up for discussion. It was pointed out majority of the work was accomplished during a September 23, 2007 conference call. George Kleeman also informed Board that the new officials' reviews for the new Olympiad will be ready and mailed by the end of the second quarter of 2008 to Jim Flanik to distribute to Certification Chairs. George stated there will be two reviews for the Association level i. e., for new officials the review will have rule and page number listed, for existing Association level officials there will be no page or rule numbers listed, intend is to have existing official look up the information. It was also stated an official will have to take only one rules review, at their current level. Only exception if an official is trying for certification in additional disciplines i.e., race walking, weights & measurers etc.

Training Report: Presented by Rex Harvey. Rex informed Board in excess of 30 people attended the first clinic session. Stated Shirley Conors has done a great job in setting up a variety of clinics for the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Rex stated the Initial Training Group did a survey of new officials regarding their initial training when first becoming an official, received 400 plus responses. The group now will tailor training methods according to the responses received.

The Board was informed Advanced Training Group Chair Susan Petrelli resigned from the position. Currently seeking a new chair.

Out Reach Program to continue, however Rex informed Board that Pat Lavelle said his recent trip to officiate in England was not productive and in addition reported a lot of negatives.

Board discussed whether to continue the Out Reach Program for 2008. Conclusion was to continue program and possibly send clerks and or umpires on the 2008 trip. It was also agreed that the program should be announced so that interested officials could apply selection would be made by the NOC Executive Board.

Linda Melzer informed Board she is sending Justin Kuo to the NFHS rules interpretation meeting to give a clinic on the operation of electronic measuring. She also stated the NOC Executive Committee's budget will pay his expenses.

Linda Melzer announced \$4,000.00 will be available in the future for NOC Board members' expenses to attend the Annual Meeting.

NOC Executive Committee discussed the agenda for the first general session meeting. George Kleeman suggested making an announcement the meeting will be conducted out of order due to many of the Board members having additional meeting conflicts.

Linda Melzer informed the NOC Executive Board that USATF'S Board of Directors informed the USOC they have no intentions of reorganizing.

Old Business: None discussed.

New Business: None discussed.

Seeing that there was no other business brought before the Board, Linda Melzer motioned for Adjournment. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Krsak
Secretary, National Officials Committee