

National Officials Committee
Executive Board Meeting
April 30 – May 1, 2008
Hampton Inn
Columbus, Ohio

Meeting called to order by Chair Linda Melzer at 9:00 AM.

Executive Board members present Linda Melzer, Jim Flanik, George Kleeman, Rex Harvey, Gordon Boccock, Ken Taylor, Len Krsak and Don Berry (Parliamentarian).

Secretary's Report: Given by Len Krsak. Reading of the minutes was dispensed as it was stated the minutes from the 2007 Annual Meeting conducted in November of 2007 have been on the web-site for the past four months. After brief discussion Don Berry motioned seconded by Rex Harvey to reconsider minutes from the November 30, 2007 meeting regarding vote count taken at the 2007 Annual Meeting regarding officials becoming members of USATF. It was noted minutes should read vote passed by majority and not unanimously. With the correction noted Don Berry motioned seconded by Gordon Boccock to accept report. Report accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Ken Taylor. Ken distributed year end report from 2007 and a first quarter report for 2008. Ken stated \$2516.43 was the ending balance as of December 13, 2007. Ken also explained that due to anticipated reduced income for 2008, it is vital for all disciplines to stay on budget. It was noted the Hall of Fame project went severely over budget last year, mainly due to start up cost, purchase of extra awards to be presented in future years and the expense for the banquet. Ken stated income to date as \$2983.69 and expenditures for 2008 would have to be lowered. It was also stated training budget would be reduced by \$4000.00.

George Kleeman stated, his two \$750.00 line item (\$1500.00) in his budget account could be put back into the general fund and used for training.

Gordon Boccock questioned why only \$346.85, award shipping expense to Hawaii, is listed as the only expense for awards when the total cost for awards was \$1730.00. After researching the discrepancy, it was discovered that the National Office paid the invoice in November 2007 not the date the invoice was received, which wasn't until the end of December 2007. In December when the National Office received the invoice for \$1,730.00 which was dated November 15, 2007, they recorded the invoice in the General Ledger with the November date instead of the date processed for payment, which would have been the end of December. This is what caused the confusion, which has been resolved.

Additional discussion took place regarding the Hall of Fame expenses, seeking explanation of line item expenses. Ken moved to accept the 2007 and 2008 reports. Jim

Flanik motioned seconded by George Kleeman to accepted the 2008 report as given and table the 2007 report until additional line item expenses could be researched and explained. Motion pass unanimously.

Later in the day, after researching Hall of Fame expenses Ken reported the following line Item expenses:

January 1, 2007	Sue Polansky	\$245.59
February 5, 2007	Simpson Award Deposit	\$1680.30
February 15, 2007	Sue Polansky	\$98.20
May 26, 2007	Sue Polansky (Postage)	\$23.30
July 7, 2007	Sue Polansky (Expenses)	\$306.25
August 31, 2007	Charles Ruter (Deposit)	\$500.00
	Hall of Fame Ceremony	
October 1, 2007	Hotel Deposit	\$3200.00
December 3, 2007	Sue Polansky (Banquet)	\$3180.00
December 3, 2007	Sue Polansky (H o F)	\$3000.00
December 3, 2007	Simpson Awards	\$4236.00
	Hall of Fame total expenses:	\$16469.64

With the explanation of the Hall of Fame expenses presented George Kleeman motioned seconded by Gordon Boccock to accept the 2007 treasurer's report. Motion accepted unanimously. Report accepted.

A question still pending is what budget was used to for payment of awards.

Certification Report: Given by Jim Flanik. Jim stated 400 new officials have been certified since January 1, 2008. George Kleeman suggested the NOC budget be revised yearly according to certification income.

Jim presented new I D card for the 2009 – 2012 Olympiad. He also discussed various methods being considered in keeping track of officials purchasing memberships on a yearly basis.

A brief discussion took place regarding making the I D card part of the uniform. Rex Harvey motioned seconded by Jim Flanik to require the current certification I D card be part of the USATF Officials uniform. Motion carried six members for and one member abstained.

Jim discussed old name plate I D badge produced by Charles Ruter. There was a question whether there is a need for such a vehicle. Majority of the NOC Board was in favor in making the name plate available if someone wants to purchase one. A further discussion took place regarding up dating the logo from the USATF triangle to the new wing logo. Item tabled until Gordon Boccock comes back to the Board with information regarding availability and cost as soon as possible.

Jim Flanik explained he eliminates deceased members once a year, usually in January.

Jim stated he is developing a commemorative I D card with the Olympic logo on it for officials working the Olympic Trials.

Jim discussed skilled section on the certification I D card. He is considering forming a committee to explore changing, eliminating and updating some of the skilled disciplines on the I D card.

Jim stated new officials pins will be ordered by November 1, 2008.

Rules Report: George Kleeman stated there is a new IAAF rule effective 5/1/08 that throwing athletes can now tape their fingers individually even without an open wound. Several questions were raised regarding this new rule. Conclusion was to have George get additional clarification and inform Board of the answer. The comment back from our IAAF Technical Committee member David Katz was that the interpretation was correct. Based on feedback after the first year, there might be some revision.

George informed Board he would have the new rules reviews for re-certification completed by August 15, 2008. It was also stated all rule changes for 2008 are up to date and available in the web-site.

A questionnaire for suggested rule changes will go to all head officials at the Olympic Trials and any proposed changes must be submitted to George Kleeman by August 15, 2008.

George also stated the rules committee is one member down due to a resignation. He will look for a replacement at the Annual Meeting.

Equipment & Specification Report: IAAF Officials, George Kleeman stated no classes were conducted at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Majority of the current applicants are not qualified. A new brochure will be published stating requirements. Next class to be conducted will be in Reno NV at the Annual Meeting. George stated hopefully, there will be a sufficient amount of candidates, It was also stated qualifications will be posted on the list server.

Training Report: Rex Harvey stated the five groups are working well and working on more things at one time.

Rex informed the Board Eric Smith will take over the Out Reach Training Group Chair vacated by Michael Maryott.

Susan Petrelli resigned as Chair of the Advanced Training Group. Tom Hott is currently acting as Chair with Larry Zirgibel as an assistant.

Linda Melzer requested from Rex a listing of all committee training members.

Rex informed Board he is simplifying the web-site to make it easier to find training materials.

Rex stated he asked for \$16000.00 to be budgeted for training in 2007. For year 2008 requested \$13000.00, received \$12000.00 which was reduced to \$8000.00 plus \$1500.00 from E&FS and Training Subcommittees.

Rex informed Board clinics will be conducted at the Annual Meeting, Olympics Trials and the Junior Championships. Featured will be electronic measuring, rules, certification information, long & triple jumps and liability issues. At the Junior Championships in Columbus, Ohio the clinic will feature electronic measuring and possibly race walking.

Discussion took place about giving clinicians a stipend/honorarium to research and be a presenter at a clinic. Conclusion a clinician will have the option to take/receive an honorarium as long as they give their Social Security number for processing payment.

Jim Flanik motioned seconded by Rex Harvey, that any expenditure over \$1000.00 that exceeds the budget line item, must be approved by the NOC Executive Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Rex stated that the Initial Training Group put a lot of work into the umpiring model. The group Chair thought the NOC Executive Board was too critical of the end product. They will continue to work on additional models on going.

Rex stated the Continuing Education Group, is responsible for developing training materials explaining rule change rational.

General discussion took place regarding individual officials distributing training materials on their own using the USATF logo without the authorization of the Vice Chair of Training. Result, Linda Melzer to seek opinion of USATF's legal department and will follow up with appropriate action.

Advancement Training Group, discussed results of current exchange program with England. First year conclusion was the program produced medium results, second year results were questionable. For the third year the two officials selected to go to England are Richard Messenger and Tony Wayne.

Linda Melzer reported that 16 individuals applied to participate in the 2008 exchange program. Three were eliminated because they did not send in a resume. 2008 candidates were selected via conference call on April 12, 2008. Date for 2008 USATF officials to go to England will be Labor Day weekend. Linda also informed Board, England for 2008 are sending two individuals to work our Junior Championships in June.

Awards Report: Presented by Gordon Bocoock. Gordon discussed and reported the following:

Association Award Certificates, six Associations did not submit any Officials for this award in 2007.

George Kleeman motioned seconded by Jim Flanik, that Associations that do not meet minimum requirements are allowed to award one certificate per year. Motion passed by majority.

The following awards were voted on by the NOC Executive Board

Horace Crow Award, voted on ten candidates. Five finalist were Win Eggers, Jim Flanik, Frank Orsak, Robert Springer , Tony Wayne.

Winner will be announced at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Charles Ruter Award, voted on ten candidates. Five finalist were Bill Doreen, John Drolla, Karen Krsak, Kenny Morton, Fred Thomas.

Winner will be announced at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

John Davis Award, voted on 8 candidates. Five finalist were Don Berry, (Laurie & Ron Boemker), Gene Edmonds, Dick Moss, Charles Sheppard.

Winner will be announced at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Jim Grey Award, voted on 9 candidates. Five finalist were Jim Carlisle, Val Foss, Len Krsak, Bill Price, Murray Sanford.

Winner will be announced at the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Andy Bakjain Award, as of 4/30/08, twenty one candidates are carried over from the 2007 ballot. Additional candidates can be nominated by August 30, 2008. Final ballots must be submitted by October 1st. of each year.

Hall of Fame Report: Given by Gordon Bocoock in place of Sue Polansky. It was reported seven candidates from last year's nominees will be carried over to this year's ballot. Additional nominations will be accepted until 5/15/08.

Discussed entire NOC Committee i. e., names, numbers and replacements who will have a Hall of Fame vote.

Discussed induction banquet for 2008. Each individual attending is responsible for their own expense, except inductees.

Affirmative Development Report: Linda Melzer presented the brochure that the committee has developed regarding development of officials. Committee's current project is to develop a program on mentoring new officials.

Appeals Committee Report: Linda Melzer reported for Ray Fitzhugh. Ray received thirteen appeals regarding the 2008 selections. All individuals that submitted an appeal received a response from the Chair of the Appeals Committee with an explanation as to why they were not selected.

Communications Report: Linda Melzer stated the list server program is working well as a communication vehicle.

Evaluation Report: Linda Melzer stated Murray Sanford will send evaluation forms to all chief of events for USATF's major championships.

New Business: Discussed a variety of topics listed below.

USATF situations

Pacific Association potential grievance

2008 Annual Meeting schedule, re-wording 2008 senior championship meet application and letter. On the application change electronic identities to electronic measurer, electronic recorder and electronic manager.

Goals & Ethics committee submission. Linda Melzer to get back with the committee to refine statements.

Discussed uniform i. e., rain gear and new polo shirt. Prices on rain gear were lowered. Linda stated polo shirts should start shipping around the first of May. Linda also stated Nike is providing clothing for Olympic Trial officials. Items to be given are shirts, hats, caps, shoes and socks.

Discussed insurance program.

Discussed Olympic Trial race walk officials who will not work the entire meet. The NOC Executive Board concluded expenses will not be paid for any race walk official not working the entire meet.

Discussed 2008 selection process i. e., anyone sitting on the selection committee will not be able to work the National Championships.

Meeting recessed at 7:20 PM.

Meeting resumed at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 1, 2008.

In attendance all Board members.

George Kleeman suggested the following changes to the NOC by-laws:

- 1) Add e-mail to mail information
 - 2) List standing committees
 - 3) Incorporate the \$1000.00 maximum spending limit by a Board member, within the by-law document.
 - 4) Place in the by-law document that all official shall be a member of USATF.
- George Kleeman and Don Berry to work on up dating by-laws.

Jim Flanik to produce a one page flyer to be mailed to all certified officials informing them that in order to re-certified for the next Olympiad they must be a member of USATF.

Final topic discussed was setting up clinics, committee meetings and schedule for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

With no other business before the Executive Board Linda Melzer called for a motion to adjourn. Motion given by Rex Harvey seconded by George Kleeman. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Len Krsak
NOC Secretary
June 9, 2008