

**National Officials' Committee**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**December 2, 2009**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

President Krsak called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

In Attendance: Len Krsak, Tom Hott, Sue Polansky, Jim Flanik, Rex Harvey, George Kleeman, Gordon Boccock, Don Berry, Paul Morency, Bob Tice, Shirley Connors, Dick Connors, Joe Scecina, Dan Reynolds, Rich Schornstein, Ken Yerger, Jimmy Stuart, Rob Buzaitis, John Bahakel, Lil Mahoney

Secretary's Report – Tom Hott reported the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and the NOC meetings in Reno have been on the web site for some time. No additions or corrections to the minutes made. Gordon Boccock moved, seconded by Rex Harvey, to approve the minutes from the meetings in Reno. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Polansky reported the NOC treasury had a balance of approximately \$28,000 as of November 1, 2009. The 2010 budget being recommended is in the amount of \$51,250. George Kleeman moved, seconded by Rex Harvey, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried. Sue also reminded the board that she needs receipts for all expenditures made by members of the board.

Chair's Report – Len Krsak mentioned the fine work of the Executive Committee. He reported the USATF National Committee agreed to compensate Head Officials at the national championship meets starting in 2010. He commented on the Training Committee's PowerPoint presentation for new officials, the "Best Practices" initiative, the improved officials' web site, and the work being done to encourage NCAA conferences to use USATF certified officials for their championships. Chair Krsak also commented on the need to continue to train officials so that mistakes such as the one at the 2009 Outdoor Championships do not happen in the future. He reminded the committee that change, although difficult, is necessary. He commented on his meetings with Stephanie Hightower and Doug Logan and their support of officials. The Chair's written report is on line.

Vice Chair of Training – Rex Harvey reported on the Officials Exchange program with the UK. The value of the program was discussed and the board agreed the program has merit. Stephanie Hightower and Doug Logan have both said that USATF must "play the game" internationally. The Exchange Program is one aspect of this. A grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the creation of an officials training video has been written. After discussion of the grant application, Sue Polansky will rewrite portions of it. Sue plans to submit the grant to the USATF Foundation. The Vice Chair of Training's written report is on line

Vice Chair of Rules – George Kleeman reported that the certification rules reviews have been rewritten. They will now contain 25 questions instead of 50 questions. George also reported

that the reviews will contain questions concerning only NCAA and USATF rules. National High School Federation and IAAF rules will be reviewed in a separate document. All rule changes for 2010 have been posted to the web site. George suggested that the new review documents be used starting in the fall of 2010. The Vice Chair of Rules written report is on line.

Vice Chair of Awards – Gordon Boccock reported that there are 225 reservations for the Awards Banquet and there are just a few more tickets available. Gordon also reported that he has received numerous nominations for the 2010 awards at this time. The Vice Chair of Awards written report is on line.

Sue Polansky moved, seconded by Jim Flanik, to accept the Vice Chair's reports. Motion carried.

John Bahakel, NOC representative to the L & L committee reviewed the proposed changes to Law and Legislation that affected officials.

Rich Schorenstein, chair of the Ethics and Goals committee, reported on the Best Practices Project his committee has been working on. Rich handed out copied of the information he has received to date. He will make a report at the NOC General Session.

Bob Tice reported on the NCAA Project. The project is an attempt to get all NCAA institutions to use USATF certified officials at their meets. Bob reported that the coaches he contacted realize they have a problem getting competent officials, but do not know how to resolve the problem. Bob also mentioned that association certification chairs need to be involved with promoting USATF officials at the NCAA meets in their areas.

Old Business – Jimmy Stuart mentioned that he needed articles for the web site. He also reported that the officials' web site would now be a part of the USATF web site; however he would retain complete control of the content.

New Business – Rex Harvey moved, seconded by Gordon Boccock, to enter into closed session for personnel and legal reasons. Motion carried.

Jim Flanik moved, seconded by Rex Harvey, to return to open session. Motion passed.

Gordon Boccock moved to adjourn.

Chair Len Krsak adjourned the meeting at 10:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Hott  
NOC Secretary  
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