

NOC
Executive Board
Mid Year Meeting
April 27 – 29, 2010
Stow, Ohio

Minutes

- Chair Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm April 27, 2010
- Secretary Reading / Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve by Gordon Bocoock, second by Sue Polansky. Motion carried.
- Treasurer End of year report given by Sue Polansky. Have \$18,714.67 as of January 1, 2010 As of April 15, 2010, \$42,519.91 in officials account.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Jim Flanik, second by Gordon Bocoock. Motion carried.
 - Motion to accept the revised 2010 budget made by Gordon Bocoock, second by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried.
- Chair Krsak asked for a motion to appoint a replacement for Training Chair Rex Harvey.
- Motion to ask Chair Krsak to appoint Rob Buzaitis as Chair of Training Committee made by Gordon Bocoock. Second by George Kleeman. Motion carried.
- Officers' Report** Motion to take reports out of order made by Sue Polansky, second by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried.
- Chair Report
Chair's written report is available attached to the minutes
 - **Annual Meeting**
 - ◆ One day less (Thursday PM through Sunday AM)
 - ◆ Fewer or no sub-committee meetings
 - ◆ Conduct conference call prior to meeting
 - ◆ Report results from conference calls @ general sessions
 - ◆ Annual Meeting Schedule

- ◆ Chair Krsak requested list of committees that need to meet and type of room.
- ◆ All committee chair reports will be posted on line and an electronic copy will be sent to each certification chair

■ **Selection Committee**

- ◆ 2010 Appointment – Deloris Murray
 - Motion to recommend Chair appoint Deloris Murray as officials’ representative to Selection Committee made by Gordon Bocoock. Seconded by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried.
- ◆ Selection process
- ◆ Dates of meeting in December T. B. A
- ◆ 2010 selection application & letter
- ◆ Application available on website

Motion to recess until Wednesday AM made by Sue Polansky. Seconded by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried.

Motion to resume made by Jim Flanik. Seconded by Gordon Bocoock. Motion carried.

Officers’ Report (cont.)

■ Awards Vice President Report

- ◆ Motion to make number of officials eligible for National Outstanding Official Awards during the first year of each Olympiad is based on the number of certified officials certified during the preceding Olympiad made by Jim Flanik. Seconded by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried.
- ◆ Executive committee selected the five finalists for the Horace Crow Award: Mike Armstrong, Arkansas Association; Shirley Connors, Pacific Association; Patrick Lavelle, New England Association; John Shirey, Pacific Association; Robert Springer, Pacific Northwest Association
- ◆ Executive committee selected the five finalists for the Charles Ruter Award: Laurie Boemker, New England Association; James McKee, Kentucky Association; Linda Melzer, Ohio Association; Robert Podkaminer, Pacific Association; Fred Thomas, Ohio Association
- ◆ Executive committee selected the five finalists for the John Davis Award: Don Berry, Maine Association; Gene Edmonds, Indiana Association; Rex Harvey, Iowa Association; Richard Moss, Georgia Association; Charles Sheppard, Pacific Association
- ◆ Executive committee selected the five finalists for the James Grey Award: James Carlisle, Southwestern Association; Jim Hume, Pacific Association; Rod Larson, Florida Association; Keith Mitchell, Indiana Association; Murray Sanford, Georgia Association
- ◆ Motion made to establish the Lori Maynard Race Walking Officials Award and establish the selection procedure for the award to recognize outstanding race walk

- officials made by Gordon Bocock. Second by Sue Polansky. Tabled until time certain.
- ◆ Discussion of Hall of Fame nomination criteria and form
 - Certification Vice Chair Report
 - ◆ Motion by George Kleeman to recommend to the NOC that Section 5-D of the Operating Procedures read “ a vacancy in the office of chair shall be filled temporarily by a member of the Executive Committee elected by the Executive Committee with the approval of the President of USATF.” Seconded by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried by show of hands 7-0.
 - ◆ Motion by Tom Hott to have Executive Committee adopt a policy that requires all certification clinics to be held by an association certification chair or his/her designee and to recommend to the NOC an Operating Procedure change to include the above statement. Seconded by Jim Flanik. Motion carried.
 - Rules Vice Chair Report
 - ◆ Rules revisions to be ready this fall. Took out the IAAF and H.S. rules. Will update all rules to 2010 rules. 25 questions per test.
 - Training
 - ◆ Training Vice Chair report is available on line.
 - **Albuquerque – Indoor Championship**
 - ◆ Meet Director, Rich Ceroni, pulled it all together in less than a six week period
 - ◆ Hopefully it will be a smoother ride for year 2011
 - **Officials Insurance**
 - ◆ Need ideas on how to administer the program
 - ◆ Is it cost justified?
 - ◆ Is the need there for this type program? The Executive Board agree there is a need for this type of program
 - ◆ How do we produce an accurate number certified each year to USATF Hdq’s?
 - ◆ Associations have been saddled with part of the payment
 - **NCAA / College’s**
 - ◆ We have some influence on selection of championship officials
 - ◆ Colleges/Universities can chose who ever they want to work their meets or events and be their officials coordinator
 - ◆ Bob Tice contacted all conferences suggesting and requesting USATF officials be used. Received many returned comments, both favorable and not so favorable.
 - **Training**
 - ◆ Was the grant for video training ever applied for? No

- ◆ How do we get training material to all certification chairs? The Executive Board and the Training Sub committee is working on a distribution method.
 - ◆ We have to find a way to get this material into all officials hands.
 - ◆ Clinics, how many? Where? When? Presenters? And topics? Committee discussed these issues and decided to hold clinics at the 1) National Championship in Des Moines and 2) annual meeting
 - ◆ What type of clinics? Committee decided to hold both training and certification chair clinics.
 - ◆ Any thoughts regarding a mid-year workshop for certification chairs & Association officials committees? This could possibly tied in with the Association's workshop. This was not received favorably by the Executive Board
- **Letters & E-mails received from various Individuals & Associations**
 - ◆ People issues over a variety of issues across the country
 - ◆ Several individuals not being advanced to another level
 - ◆ Received a letter from a certification chair complaining about a race director not using certified officials for road races.
 - ◆ Many letters received complaining about the certification process, not receiving their credential, pin ,etc. in a timely manner.
 - ◆ Individual complained he took the rules review in January, by mid March still received no response. In checking with the certification chair, he was told the tests are graded once a month.
- **Certification Process**
 - ◆ This should be the Executive Board's major goal to streamline the process.
 - ◆ Executive Committee should recommend all officials use the 4 year USATF membership starting in the next Olympiad
- **Master Referee Program**
 - ◆ Need for program. Where are Master Referees going to use the credential? Various meets around the country
 - ◆ If we keep it how do we improve it? Develop national mentoring program at the youth meets and masters meets
 - ◆ Should the program be disbanded? No
- **National Technical Officials**
 - ◆ Discussions have taken place to put the program under the officials committee
 - ◆ USATF leadership have questioned the use of TO's
 - ◆ This topic will be discussed further in the future
- **Condolence Letter**

- ◆ The Executive Board reviewed a proposed copy. All are in agreement this is a great concept.

- **Foreign Exchange Program**
 - ◆ What is the ultimate purpose, goal & expectation of the program?
 - Have our officials see how officials in other countries work
 - Bring back different ideas on how to officiate various events
 - Share ideas with our officials
 - ◆ How could we make this program more viable to the entire NOC?
 - Send officials to countries other than Great Britain
 - Send officials who are more in meet management rather than specific event officials?

- **Officials Listserve**
 - ◆ Have Officials Listserve published monthly rather than twice monthly
 - ◆ Monthly articles – Each officer to write something one per month

- **Officiating Fairness**
 - ◆ Must make certain officials are fair to all athletes in all situations.
 - ◆

- **Electronic Measuring Devices**
 - ◆ Need two for Outdoor Championships
 - ◆ Should these be purchased or rented? The decision on this issue is pending

- **Nominations/Elections 2010 Annual Meeting**
 - ◆ Treasurer
 - ◆ Vice Chair Certification
 - ◆ Vice Chair Awards
 - ◆ Vice Chair Training-to elect replacement for Vice Chair who resigned from position

- Motion to recess at 5:00 PM made by Rob Buzaitis, Seconded by Gordon Bocock. Motion carried.

- Motion to reconvene at 8:00 AM made by Jim Flanik. Seconded by Rob Buzaitis. Motion carried.

- Motion to bring Lori Maynard Race Walking Officials Award discussion off table made by Rob Buzaitis. Seconded by Sue Polansky.
 - ◆ This award is to be financially supported by the Race Walk committee.

- ◆ Criteria for Lori Maynard Award presented to board. Motion to accept the criteria and nomination and selection process as amended made by George Kleeman. Seconded by Rob Buzaitis. Motion passed 7-0.

- Discussion of clarification of James Gray Award and John Davis Award criteria. Awards Chair Bocock to revise description of each award and send to members of the Executive Committee for review.

- Tentatively set 2011 Mid-Year meeting for April 18-20, 2011. Location to be announced.

- Motion to adjourn at 8:35 AM made by Gordon Bocock. Seconded by Sue Polansky. Motion passed.

Date: April 27, 2010

Subject: NOC Chairs Report
Mid Year Executive Board Meeting

Since the Annual Meeting of December 2009 I have had two meetings each with Doug Logan and Stephaine Hightower. Both have been very approachable and realize the efforts and hard work the officials do for USATF and all others levels of track & field. Doug has attended several Association clinics this past year including the one conducted by the Ohio Association in January of 2010. In addition Brian Brase the official's liaison with USATF headquarters has been great to work with. He has been instrumental in setting up the head officials compensation program and has covered additional officials expenses that have not been picked up by LOC's.

Both Indoor Championships (Open & Combine) were well officiated even though some officials could not make the indoor meet due to difficult weather conditions. At the combine event meet officials out numbered athletes. Food and lodging for both of these meets were more than adequate. For the Indoor meet (3) alternates were used and for the Combine events (1). As of this date no alternates are needed for the Outdoor, however this is subject to change.

I have had to address several different people issues. There are some Associations where individuals just don't get along, usually due to people in charge not doing their job or paying back someone for past differences. There are others who think they should be in control of everything i. e., clinics, meets, certification, number of officials at meets and who works meets. I try to handle these situations one on one and diplomatically as possible.

I have been informed that this year's (2010) Annual Meeting is to be one day shorter. As a result schedule adjustments must be addressed i. e., less sub-committee meetings scheduled. Possible remedy, have sub-committee conduct conference calls prior to the annual meeting and just give reports at the General Sessions. Cutting annual meeting time is due to expenses among other reasons.

There will be 3 hotels involved with this years annual meeting, being held at Virginia Beach. All meetings will be conducted at the convention center which is 7 miles away. USATF would like for the officials , which represents the largest block, to stay at the Cavalier Hotel and also have the Hall of Fame & Award dinner at the hotel. All other functions will be at the convention center.

Bob Tice is doing research on why passed certified officials have not re-certified for this Olympiad. The reasons are varied & numerous. In addition "Best Practices" are now available on line. Hopefully they will get some use.

Len Krsak NOC Chair

Training Subcommittee Report

Activities Since 2009 Annual Meeting

- Released 2010 NCAA Rules Update

- Launched the introductory module of a five-part series for Basic Training for Track and Field Officials
- Held three pilot webinars on Throws Safety, 5-Alive, and UK Exchange Program
- Appointed Rich Schornstein as chair of the Advancement Training Group (to replace Tom Hott)

Upcoming Activities

- Subcommittee
 - Create “Training Materials Review Team”
 - Work with rules subcommittee and certification as necessary to develop an appropriate curriculum
- Championships/Clinics Group
 - Planning clinics for the Outdoor Championships.
 - Webinars – Solicit topics and presenters
 - Plan – about one/month
 - Clinics for 2010 Annual Meeting
- Initial Training Group
 - Continuing work on “Basic Training” modules.
 - Umpire and Marshal module is going through final proofing – should be released within about two weeks.
 - Jumps module is going through editing. Estimated release: Late May
 - Throws module is being drafted. Estimate release: June
 - Around the Track (Clerking, Starting, Finish Line) is the last module. Estimated release: TBD
- Continuing Education Group
 - Finish 2010 USATF Rules Update
 - “Venue Inspection” Guide/Checklist, primarily applicable for NFHS
- Advancement Training Group
 - “From the Ground Up” – 4-part video series on field event venue set-up
- Outreach Training Group
 - UK Exchange Program – Application and selection for 2010
 - 2011 NFHS Pre-Meet Notes (3rd edition)