

**N O C**  
**Executive Board**  
**Mid Year Meeting**  
**April 18 – 20, 2011**  
**Columbus, Ohio**

**Minutes**

**Chair** Meeting called to order at 4:21 pm April 18, 2011

**Secretary** Reading of Minutes

Motion by Gordon Bocoock, seconded by George Kleeman, to accept minutes from 2010 Executive Board mid-year meeting and December 2010 Executive Board meetings. Motion carried.

**Treasurer**

Discussion to clarify Hall of Fame budget for 2011 to indicate budgeted income and budgeted expenditures.

Discussion to consider a 4-year financial plan to be developed for the next Olympiad.

Financial reports from December 31, 2010 and March 31, 2011 were accepted.

**Chair's and Vice-Chair's Reports**

Chair

President Krsak reported on the search for new USATF CEO position, a court deposition regarding an injury that occurred at Princeton University, the Indoor Championships, transfer of certification materials and equipment from Jim Flanik to Jimmy Stuart, and the use of "Best Practice" materials at meets.

Motion by Gordon Bocoock, seconded by Sue Polansky to recess April 18, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Motion Carried.

Motion by Don Berry, seconded by Mark Heckel, to come out of recess April 19, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. Motion passed.

Vice Chair of Awards

Motion by Sue Polansky, seconded by Don Berry, that any listing of association award winners will be done by the local associations. Motion passed.

Motion by Sue Polansky, seconded by Mark Heckel, that NOC award lapel pins be given only to the award winner. Motion carried.

NOC National Awards -- The Executive Board policy is to furnish one award and one lapel pin for each award winner .

National Award Finalists

*Lori Maynard Award Finalists*

Elliott Denman  
Jim Hanley  
Ginger Mulanax  
Lawrie Robertson  
Gary Westerfield

*James Gray Award Finalists*

Fred Adler  
Gordon Boccock  
William Hickman  
Len Krsak  
Keith Mitchell

*John Davis Award Finalist*

Don Berry  
Gene Edmonds  
Lawrie Robertson  
Charles Sheppard  
Ruth White

*Horace Crow Award Finalists*

Doug Allen  
Shirley Connors  
Mark Heckel  
Richard Messenger  
Eric Smith

*Charles Ruter Award Finalists*

Larry Dixon  
John Drolla  
Tom Hott  
Linda Melzer  
James McKee

Motion by Tom Hott, seconded by George Kleeman, to destroy the award ballots. Motion carried.

Discussion of Andy Bakjian Award. Nominations are being accepted at this time. Ballots will be voted on in September, 2011.

Discussion of Hall of Fame Award. Nominations are being accepted at this time. Nominations are due June 15. Ballots will be sent in September, 2011.

Discussion of actual awards (globes). Some have asked committee to consider rings for award winners. Motion by Tom Hott, seconded by Mark Heckel, to have Sue Polansky investigate the design and pricing of a ring to be available for purchase by NOC Hall of Fame award winners.

#### Vice Chair of Certification

7500 registered officials to date. Approximately 500 new officials since January 1, 2011. Will need a new card printer probably by the end of 2011. Will work on combing certification web site with officials' information web site. Jimmy is working on cleaning up the certification data base.

#### Vice Chair of Rules

No rules changes since December, 2010. Association certification chairs have the new rules reviews and answer keys. The rules are available on line. For the new Olympiad, the rules reviews will be revised to have about 25 questions and also to reflect any rules changes implemented in 2011.

#### Vice Chair of Training

The Training Committee has initiated an internal information sharing web site for the members of the training committee. This site is not available to the general membership. The training subcommittees did not have full understanding of what each subcommittee was doing. With the new internal web site, this issue has improved. Need to tie training more closely to certification. The committee wants to standardize look and feel of print materials. Need to link certification with e-learning.

The Committee recommends development of a protocol sheet for how each event is run at national meets. Want to have prototype available for the horizontal jumps at the 2011 National Outdoor Championships. Training must be linked to recruiting and provide a pathway to advancement.

#### ***Old Business***

Training committee has reviewed Eric Zemper's training materials. The materials are great materials, but need to be revised to more usable sections of information. The material needs to be reformatted to be usable for most officials.

## ***New Business***

### **USATF Annual Meeting**

As of this date additional day has not been added to the meeting.

NOC will add a day to the selection committee agenda.

Room size for clinics and meetings were adequate last year. However, we may need to rethink room set-ups for some. Have surveyed officials selected for the National Outdoor Championship to discover topics for clinics to be held at that event.

Certification chair asked that the certification chair meeting be moved in the schedule so that meeting is not during one or more of the training sessions. We may need a session for certification changes if any.

This is an L&L year.

### **Selection of officials for Championship Meets**

Application -- Re-design & make the application available on website for 2012.

Officials Representative To Selection Committee -- Don Berry was recommended to serve on the Selection Committee. Don agreed to serve.

Dates of meeting in December -- The selection committee will meet at least one day in advance of the USATF convention and the selection committee will meet two days.

### **Certification Process**

Don Berry reviewed the proposals the Certification Study Committee developed.

Jimmy Stuart presented white paper submitted by Rob Buzaitis concerning proposed certification changes.

Jimmy Stuart presented a proposal concerning a new certification process for the new Olympiad.

Motion by Jimmy Stuart moved, seconded by Gordon Boccock, to add a New Officials level for first time officials beginning in 2012.

Motion by Gordon Boccock, seconded by Sue Polansky, to recess April 19, 2011 at 6:00 pm. Motion passed.

Motion by Don Berry, seconded by Sue Polansky, to come out of recess April 20, 2011 at 8:00 am. Motion passed.

Executive Board continued discussion of new certification proposals.

Jimmy Stuart will edit proposal he presented to reflect the ideas of the Executive Board and present it to the Executive Board.

A new I. D. Badge and Card Holder idea was discussed and approved.

A brief outline of Association Certification duties and responsibility was discussed.

The Executive Board commends Jimmy Stuart for his efforts in updating the certification process in an effort to assist association certification chairs in their duties.

The Board discussed drafting a common brochure for potential new officials. The training committee is charged with formulating the draft.

New On Line Evaluation Process -- A draft of the on line forms was presented to the Board. The Training Committee will work on the on line evaluation tool.

### **Topics For Discussion**

Electronic Measuring Equipment -- Recommendation to purchase 2 measuring devices. Len asked Mark to send him information concerning brand of device, cost, etc. Suggesting the cost is a USATF function.

Rulebox Software -- Provides on line training/testing/tutorial for a fee -- Executive Board agree that the NOC web site can provide this.

Kahuna Timing Request -- The Executive Committee agreed the NOC should not be involved in promoting a timing conference or convention.

Starter's Uniform -- USATF Indoor & Outdoor Championships. The Executive Board recommends the starters wear the uniform decided by meet management.

Officials Uniform Shirt -- National officials' uniform shirt policy is being reviewed.

National Official's Award Winners -- The national award winners will be posted on website with pictures.

### **Officials Situations**

Good News! -- The Pacific Association refunded \$120.00 back to the officials that worked the JO's in 2010.

Meet Issues -- Issues between officials & meet management at Championship meets were discussed. At a championship we have to convince people to only do their assignments and not other people's assignments. These issues must be handled at the time of the meet and on an individual basis.

IAAF Area Starter's Course -- Tiffany Banks was selected and participated in March. She will make a presentation at one of the general sessions at the convention.

Foreign Exchange Program -- The program has been suspended for 2011 due to the World Masters meet being conducted in California. We have contacts in Jamaica, Canada, and other countries. Motion by Sue Polansky, seconded by Gordon Bocock, to suspend the Foreign Exchange Program for 2012. Motion carried.

Development Official Mentoring Program -- The Training Committee was asked to develop criteria for this mentoring program.

Association Clinic Kit -- The Training Committee will develop a template for associations to use.

Training Videos -- The Executive Board would like to update videos for training officials in each event. Videos exist, but are quite old.

USATF Board – Len Krsak is now communicating with the officials' representative to the USATF Board of Directors at least once per month.

Motion by Gordon Bocock, seconded by Sue Polansky, to adjourn at 11:29 am. Motion carried.