

National Officials Committee
Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting
April 15 – 17, 2012
Columbus, Ohio
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:54 pm.

Chair Krsak, Vice Chairs Kleeman, Stuart, Bocock, and Heckel, Treasurer Polansky, Secretary Hott, and Parliamentarian Berry were present.

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Sue Polansky, to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 1, 2011. Motion approved.

Motion by Tom Hott, second by Sue Polansky, to amend agenda in order to address items out of order. Motion approved.

Old Business

ATO/NTO

Do not have to do anything with NTO certification at this time. Discussion of ATO certification.

Track and Field Exchange Program

Suggestion from Ken Yerger to consider exchange with Canada using the USATF Masters meet at Benedictine University in August. Discussion of value of the exchange program ensued. Ken Yerger will be asked to gather further information concerning the exchange.

Race Walk

Vince Peters asked about the availability of travel money for IAAF Race Walk clinic in Puerto Rico. There is no money available from the NOC.

Certification of Paralympic officials

The committee received a request from Paralympic Committee to work with NOC Certification committee to certify Paralympic officials. The Executive Committee recommends the Athletics for the Disabled committee develop training materials and the certification procedure including rules tests for officials who want to be certified for Athletics for the Disabled through Master Level. NOC training committee will review and approve the training materials to assure the materials can be integrated with existing materials. Athletics for the Disabled will make recommendations to their association certification chairs as to who meets the requirements for certification.

Motion by Len Krsak, seconded by Sue Polansky, to recess until 8:00 am April 16. Motion passed.

Motion by Don Berry, seconded by George Kleeman, to come out of recess at 8:05 am. Motion passed.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Mark Heckel, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Motion by Tom Hott, second Don Berry, to accept the amended 2012 budget. Motion passed.

Awards

Finalists for the Horace Crowe Award

Shirley Connors
Ray Fitzhugh
John Murray
Eric Smith
Bob Springer

Finalists for Charles Ruter Award

Laurie Boemker
Jim McKee
Tom McTaggart
Linda Melzer
Bob Podkaminer

Finalists for John Davis Award

Ginger Mulanax
Don Berry
John Stevens
Neal Johnson
Ken Morton

Finalists for James Grey Award

Fred Adler
Bill Boyd
Shirley Connors
James Hume
Dennis Olafson

Finalists for Lori Maynard Award

Elliott Denham
James Hanley
Darlene Hickman
Lawrie Roberson
Gary Westerfield

Certification

Association Certification chairs should be able to use new certification system by Friday, April 20. Should be fully functional at that time and association certification chairs should be able to use it. Chair Krsak asked Certification Vice-chair Jimmy Stewart to send notice to all association certification chairs asking them to send one check or money order payable to the National Officials Committee to the National Certification chair to cover cost of their officials' certification in the future. Chair Krsak asked Certification Vice-chair to send an email to each association chair immediately telling the certification chairs the status of the new certification process. Road Course Measurement certification is in the process of being worked out with a graded certification. Motion by Mark Heckel, second by Sue Polansky, that a person who wants to be a road race measurer will fulfill the requirements to become an Apprentice LDR certified official. Motion passed.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Sue Polansky, to recess for lunch. Motion passed.

Motion by Gordon Bocock, second by Don Berry, to come out of recess. Motion passed.

Chair

The new-year started off with a fairly good pace and has continued to gain momentum.

Selection Letters—all officials selected for the 2012 USATF Championships received their assignment letter by the first of January. For the Indoor Championship, 8 officials had to be replaced. Six declined their assignments and two had family emergencies. For the Indoor Combined, 18 individuals were selected and 8 had to be replaced. To date for the Junior Meet, 6 have declined their assignments and for the Olympic Trials, we have had 3 decline all alternates.

The Officials Coordinator Austin Brobst, an assistant coach at New Mexico University, did a good job in coordinating officials considering he had never previously coordinated an event of this magnitude. The Junior meet is being coordinated by committee, two individuals from Indiana University, Jeff Mlynski USATF's office, and me. Dennis Olafson, the officials' coordinator for the Olympic Trials, is again doing an excellent job. Information to officials has been sent in a timely manner.

Certification Process—the new certification processing system being instituted has been a major undertaking and has taken longer than anticipated to get it up and running.

Incidents/Injuries—several have been reported regarding throwing events (hammer) and safety education is a non-stop issue.

Olympic Trials—the hammer will be contested in Beaverton, OR, NIKE's hdq's. Arrangements have been made to transport people to and from Eugene. Trials uniform from NIKE will be 3 shirts, 1 white, and 1 red and 1 blue. We will also wear our USATF red/blue shirt on a couple of days. Specific day's colors to be worn are still to be determined. Additional items to be provided by NIKE are shoes, jacket (wind breaker type) and baseball type cap.

Best Practice—probably close to 90 items is on the web listing. I asked all event heads selected for the trials to look over the materials pertaining to their event to determine if the materials are accurate, should be updated or in some cases eliminated.

Rules

Rule reviews are in place. The reviews will be reviewed by the rules subcommittee no later than August 2012 and forwarded to the Communications Chair for posting on line. NCAA rules changes that have been proposed are mostly editorial changes and changes to bring NCAA rules in align with USATF and IAAF rules. 2012 is a rules year for USATF.

Training

Mark Heckel will talk to Shirley Connors to set up training at the Olympic Trials. Will probably do training on days with no competition. Specific topics are to be determined. E-training portal being recommended training plan and materials to introduce at annual convention. Recruiting handout pretty well developed. National championship event protocols are in good shape. Planning to use them at the Olympic Trials and be introduced at the Annual Convention. Committee is trying to find the most effective way to produce and distribute training videos. National Federation pre-meet notes have been updated.

NOC Executive Committee will assist Associations with putting on clinics. Need to encourage all Associations to put dates and locations of training clinics on web to share with others.

New Business

USATF Board of Directors Nominations

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Sue Polansky, that NOC communicate with the USATF Board of Directors Nomination and Governance Panel stating the NOC cannot send a list of candidates for the USATF Board of Directors within the time frame requested due to apparent discrepancies with the 2012 USATF Bylaws Article 11(G)1. Also communicate with the members of the NOC providing a list to them of possible names for nominations and requesting any additional name for consideration of candidates. If required by the Nomination and Governance Panel prior to the 2012 Annual Convention, the NOC Executive Committee will make the final determination of the nominees to be submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Hall of Fame

Hall of Fame and Andy Bakjian award nomination requests will be send out soon. Voting will take place later this year. Hall of Fame ring letters will be send out soon. Sue Polansky will look into having a display made of the current Hall of Fame inductees for display at meets and the annual meeting.

Background checks

The youth committee will require all officials at National JO's and Youth meets in 2012 to have a background check.

Meet Applications

Some concern that meet applications are/were not on-line. Most problems result from meet management not providing applications to Communication Chair Stuart.

NOC Officer Openings

Chair, Secretary, VC-Rules, and VC-Training are to be elected in 2012.

Waivers in Officials' Contracts

The committee will ask Shelby Sharpe to write and furnish suggested wording concerning officials' contracts. Will also ask Shelby to make clear this suggested wording is his opinion and not necessarily representing the NOC as a whole.

CEO Search

The search committee is approaching all candidates who were interested in the past. President Hightower mentioned the board wants an appointment by the end of the Olympic Trials.

Selection Committee Representative for National Meets for 2013

Discussion of possible candidates for appointment. Tom Hott was selected to represent the Officials.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Sue Polansky, to recess until 8:00 am April 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by George Kleeman, second by Gordon Bockock, to come out of recess at 8:00am April 17, 2012. Motion carried.

Selection of candidates for nomination to USATF Board of Directors

The following persons have been nominated to be considered for the USATF Board of Directors representative from the NOC: Doug Allen, Don Berry, Irene Herman, Tom Hott, Dee Jensen, and George Kleeman.

Motion by Gordon Bockock, second by Sue Polansky, to adjourn at 10:30 am. Motion carried.