

**National Officials Committee
Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting
April 14 -16, 2013
Columbus, Ohio
Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm by Chair Len Krsak.

Motion by Gordon Boccock, second by Mark Kostek, to approve 2012 Mid-year meeting minutes.
Motion carried.

Treasurer Sue Polansky reviewed the March 31, 2013 financial report. Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Tom Hott, to approve treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Don Berry moved, second by Rob, to take agenda items out of order. Motion carried.

Officers Report

Chair -- Report attached.

Report on meeting with committee and division chairs and USATF leadership April 13, 2013.

Awards Chair – Associations has been divided into 11 areas nationally to assist the vice chair of awards in gathering nominations for the national awards. Area chairs have been invited to take a lead role in awards procedures.

Hall of Fame Selection Committee Revision—A proposal to name the 7 members of the National Officials Committee Executive Board, 11 Awards Committee Area Chairs, 2 at-large members of the Awards Committee, and present Hall of Fame inductees to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Rob Buzaitis, to accept the Awards Committee and Hall of Fame organizational structure as presented by the Awards Chair. Motion carried.

Finalists for National Awards

Charles Ruter Award

Ron Altoff
Lori Boemker
Jim McKee
Linda Melzer
Bob Podkaminer

Horace Crow Award

Raymond Fitzhugh
Bob Gadari
Richard Messenger
John Murray
Rich Schornstein

John Davis Award

Neal Johnson
Ken martin
Ginger Mulanax
Jack Todd
Melinda Wheatley

Jim Grey Award

Mica Barton
Roger Burbage
Shirley Connors
Rod Larson
Dennis Olafson

Lori Maynard Award

Jo Burrows
Ron Daniels
Elliot Denman
Darlene Hickman
Lawrie Robertson

National Certification Chair – The local association Certification Chairs have notice on their web page that shows any funds owed to NOC. A discussion of situations with certain associations regarding non-payment of officials' fees was held.

Rules Chair – Chair has received a few phone calls from various officials regarding rules and some questions regarding rules reviews. Discussion of rules reviews and needs for revision.

Training Chair – Written report is attached.

Motion by Gordon Boccock, second by Mark Kostek, to adjourn until 9:00 am April 15. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to come out of recess at 9:00 am. Motion carried.

Old Business

Waivers

Discussion of various meet applications and the waiver language included in them. Recommendation to continue to inform officials of inappropriate language in meet applications.

Insurance

Norman Wain and Desiree Friedman discussed USATF insurance program for officials. For USATF sanctioned events and USATF non-sanctioned events officials have General Liability and Participant Accident insurance although somewhat different procedures apply. Discussion of associations' responsibility for payment of insurance premiums. The national Certification Chair has worked with the USATF national office to align membership with certification.

Motion by Gordon Boccock, second by Don Berry, to recess for lunch. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Gordon Boccock, to come out of recess at 12:45. Motion carried.

Master Referees/TO's

The NTO program for USATF is being reevaluated at the national office level at this time.

Emeritus Status

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Sue Polansky, to accept revision 2013-1B to the Certification Rules as proposed. Motion carried. Revisions will be posted on the officials' website as soon as approved by the USATF national office.

Hosted Community Website

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, seconded by Jimmy Stewart, to approve the expenditure of funds to host a community website not to exceed \$200 per month. Motion carried.

Clinics

There will be no training at the outdoor championships in 2013.

New Business

Officials Code of Conduct

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, seconded by Mark Kostek, to amend the officials Code of Conduct as presented. Motion carried.

Back Ground Checks

Discussion of need for background checks for officials and the issues involved.

UK Seminar

Lori Boemker is in England at this time. She will report at the 2013 annual meeting.

Newsletter

Will institute rules article of the month, best practices of the month, and original content.

Ludus Grant Money

A USATF supplier is providing \$5000.00 to be used for a grassroots project. USATF is considering a "new officials" grant. Discussion of various options for use of the funds. Motion by Rob Buzaitis, seconded by Mark Kostek, to submit to Ludus two options for use of grant monies. 1) to provide a grant to up to 10 Association level officials 35 years of age and younger to attend the annual convention for the first time in 2013, 2) to provide a grant to a total of up to 10 Association level officials 35 years of age and younger to attend the JO meet, the National Youth Indoor meet, the Youth Outdoor meet, the Indoor Masters meet, or the Outdoor Masters meet in 2014. Criteria for the selection is to be determined. Motion carried.

L & L/Bylaws

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Gordon Bocock, to direct the NOC Law & Legislation representative to submit amendment proposals concerning Regulation 18 of USATF's Governance Manual to the USATF Law and Legislation Committee for consideration at the annual convention in 2013. Motion carried.

NOC Operating Procedures

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, seconded by Mark Kostek, to direct the Parliamentarian to draft proposed amendments to the NOC Operating Procedures and present those to the NOC Executive Committee for recommendations and approval. Motion carried.

NCAA

No update at this time.

Selection Committee

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to appoint Roger Burbage as NOC representative on the 2013 selection committee. Motion carried.

World Juniors

Competition officials will be selected by the selection committee at the national convention. The meet will operate under IAAF rules.

Electronics

The Executive Committee endorses the current rules prohibiting electronics on the field of play.

Coaches Request

A request for the NOC to establish a pool of officials in areas of the country by event that is available to officiate meets. Discussion followed with a decision that this is not feasible across the country.

Training Document

A copy of a starter manual was presented from Carolyn Griggs concerning starting at youth meets.

Motion by Gordon Bocock, second by Mark Kostek, to adjourn until 8:30 am April 16. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Gordon Bocock, to come out of recess at 8:35. am April 16. Motion carried.

Officials' Shirts

Nike is working on a new design for shirts. No update on status of project.

Motion by Sue Polansky, second by Gordon Bocock, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Attachments:
Presidents' Report



Officials Committee

Date: April 14, 2013

To: USATF National Officials Committee Executive Board

From: Len Krsak -- NOC Chair

Subject: Chairs Report -- Mid-Year Executive Board Meeting

Indoor Championships -- Albuquerque, NM, 3 officials declined their respective assignment.

Outdoor Championships -- Des Moines, IA , to date (4/14/13) 9 individuals have declined their assignments.

Two selections took place for 2013 as the Indoor Combine Championship was not conducted separate as in the past, but was made part on the Indoor Championship in Albuquerque.

For 2014 there is a possibility that 4 selections will occur if the Junior Meet is split from the Outdoor Championships, this is still to be determined. The other additional selection will be for The World Junior Championships to be held at the University of Oregon.

Other issues that have come about since the first of the year are as follows:

USATF Office -- New direction

Insurance (Officials) Who pays, Associations' Individual official, USATF office, etc.

Officials advancement

Safety issues

Newsletter

Officials uniforms

NTO'S -- New direction after many discussions with Laurie Boemker

Master Referee's Program -- now being administered by George Kleemam.

Historian -- Need a replacement, suggestions ????

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak

NOC Chair

**USATF Officials Training Subcommittee
2013 NOC Executive Committee Mid-Year Report**

At the 2012 USATF Annual Meeting, Rob Buzaitis was elected Vice Chair for Training. Other than that, the subcommittee membership has remained the same to date: Robert Kern (Secretary), Janice Berkebile (Instruction Designer), Dave Bowers (Initial Training Group), Mike Armstrong (Continuing Education Group), and Rich Schornstein (Advancement Training Group). The subcommittee has had two conference calls.

Below are current projects of the subcommittee:

Basic Training Online Modules

In February 2013, the introductory module was released. Three modules will be drafted for each event area: (1) Apprentice/Association; (2) National; and (3) Master. For the Apprentice/Association module, it will simply state the rules and explain event judge positioning and duties. The National module will explain the rationale of the rules and scenarios. The Master module will continue with scenarios and also focus on event management (for head officials).

The next modules will be for throwing events, followed by umpiring. Bowers and Berkebile are reformatting the material drafted up through 2010 for the throwing events to fit the three module format.

“From the Ground Up”

This is a four-part video series would show the step-by-step process of field event venue set-up. Schornstein has written a draft script for the Pole Vault and looking into the necessary arrangements and equipment; he has permission to film at the U.S. Air Force Academy track. The next step will be to convert the script into a storyboard and edit it.

Championships Evaluations

At our meeting after the end of annual meeting, we decided to ask the elected at-large members (Jim Carlisle, John Murray, and Dan Reynolds) to work on revising the current evaluation form. I sent them the current forms and two sample evaluations. I have also suggested Mike Davey assist with the project.

Venue Inspection Checklist

This project will create a checklist with specific and helpful suggestions on how to inspect each venue for rules compliance and safety. Mike Armstrong is leading the project. I selected the following people who expressed interest in getting involved in training projects: Mica Barton, Mary Onken, John Sales, and Angela Vail.

USATF Officiating Mentoring Program

I will be meeting with Robert Kern to head this project. We will update the current templates and finish the remaining one to release to the Associations.

NFHS Pre-Meet Notes

In January 2013, the fifth edition of the NFHS Pre Meet Notes was published.