

National Officials Committee
Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting
April 13 – 15, 2014
Columbus, Ohio
Minutes

The following were present at the meeting: Chair Len Krsak, Secretary Tom Hott, Vice Chair of Certification Jimmy Stuart, Vice Chair of Rules Mark Kostek, Vice Chair of Training Rob Buzaitis, and Parliamentarian Don Berry. Members excused: Vice Chair of Award Gordon Bocock and Treasurer Sue Polansky.

Meeting called to order by Chair Krsak at 1:31 p.m.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Jimmy Stuart, to approve the minutes of the Executive Board meeting of December 5 and 7, 2013. Motion carried.

Treasurer Polansky emphasized that the National Officials Committee does not have a separate bank account for its use. The 2014 Budget and the Financial Report ending on March 31, 2014 were discussed. Motion by Don Berry, second by Jimmy Stuart, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

Chair Len Krsak

Chair Krsak has made many contacts with USATF office concerning a variety of topics. There are a variety of issues that need to be resolved between the office and the field. 2014 is an election year for the NOC. The offices of Treasurer, Vice Chair of Certification, and Vice Chair of Awards are open for election. Chair's entire report is attached.

Vice Chair of Awards Gordon Bocock

Vice Chair Bocock sent nominees to the members of the NOC Executive Board. Voting will take place later in 2014.

Vice Chair of Certification Jimmy Stuart

7146 officials certified at this time. Almost 2600 apprentice officials at this time. The board held a discussion concerning Apprentice Level officials.

Vice Chair of Rules Mark Kostek

Vice Chair of Rules Mark Kostek reported on upcoming discussion of roles of referees, jury, and meet management. Some clarification of training of officials may result. The USATF rules committee will survey officials to determine if officials use hard copies of rule book or e-version of rules book or a combination. Rule changes that are under consideration include record requirements be more in alignment with IAAF, allowing or using net timing for LDR races, cleaning of shoes in throws events, clarification of what constitutes excusing an athlete from one round at a time, and requiring that those entering events use own name registering and competing in events

Vice Chair of Training Rob Buzaitis

Vice Chair Buzaitis has established a curriculum group for NCAA rules training. Vice Chair Buzaitis will contact Shirley Connors to inquire if she is willing to continue as coordinator of clinics. The committee is looking for ideas for web based seminars.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Don Berry, to recess until 8:30 April 14, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Mark Kostek, to come out of recess at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Old Business

NCAA Officials' Registration and Selection

Vice Chair Buzaitis has developed a draft for officials' registration page for NCAA officials to allow officials to enter resumes.

NCAA and USATF working on web site for officials' use.

There are still many issues to be resolved.

Award Winners (2013)

2013 award winners need to be posted on web site. Jimmy Stuart will contact Gordon Bocoock to get files and post winners.

Updated By-Laws/Regulations

Current By-Laws will be posted to the web site as soon as possible.

Recruiting / Retention – Officials

The board discussed a variety of ideas to recruit and retain officials. Current Operating Procedures will be posted to web site immediately. The group will look into the production of a recruitment video.

World Masters Championships

Jim Flanik will be the contact person for those applying from the U.S.

New Business

Officials Evaluations

The evaluation system will probably use the same criteria but be computerized.

Vice Chair Buzaitis shared a draft of an on line evaluation system. The draft was revised and a final version was agreed upon.

NOC Elections (2014)

Treasurer, Vice Chair of Certification, and Vice Chair of Awards are up for election.

Championships/Selection

Rob Buzaitis will serve as the NOC representative on the selection committee.

Certification Level

Certification levels will remain as present.

Warren Ring, Fred Adler, and Richard Mann have applied for Emeritus Status. Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to name the three officials named above as Emeritus Status officials. Motion passed.

Best Practices

All training, educational, and best practice materials will be reviewed and approved by the Vice Chair of Training prior to publication.

NTO/ATO/ITO

Laurie Boemker will have information for those who want to test for ATO this summer.

Vice Chair Stuart asked about the ability for certification chairs to view officials' certification level for those officials outside of their association. Executive Board discussed the issue and decided that the information can be provided by contacting Vice Chair Stuart.

Motion by Rob Buziatis, second by Don Berry, to recess until 8:30 April 15, 2014. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Rob Buzaitis, to come out of recess. Motion carried.

Guests who joined the meeting on April 15 are Desiree Friedman, Lindsay Toussant, and Jim Estes.

Ludus Grant

The grant money is in the USATF account. The NOC has approval to proceed with the grant. These stipends will be available for the 2015 season.

General Discussion

Discussion of problem with changing dates of championships. It is more expensive to book travel when flights have to be changed or booked late.

Discussion of problems with officials housing, meals, etc. at Masters and Youth meets. The USATF office representatives asked the NOC Executive Board to provide a list of concerns that can be addressed.

Discussion of email concerning NCAA rule change regarding not allowing post-collegiate, pro and unattached athletes in NCAA meets.

The Executive Board thanked the Jim, Lindsay, and Desiree for attending and sharing with the board.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Attachments:

Chair's Mid-Year Report

Date: April 13, 2014

Subject: NOC Chairs Mid-Year Report

Communications, since the first of the year there have been several contacts with Stephanie Hightower, President and Renee Washington, CEO , discussions were numerous on a variety of topics.

For the Indoor Senior Championship at Albuquerque, NM, we had 8 officials decline their assignments due to family situations and or work related obligations.

The Indoor Senior Championship, aside from the situation with the Women's distance race, was a well officiated meet. Not a single protest regarding Field events.

Lloyd Garcia, officials' coordinator for the Indoor Championship did a remarkable job keeping the whole process together (coordinating) after the meet director resigned.

For the Senior Outdoor Championship at Sacramento, CA thus far 9 individuals have declined their assignments. Most declined due to employment obligations and one passed away.

To date for the Junior Championship 6 have declined to work the meet and for the IAAF World Junior Championship 3 have declined.

There are a few situations around the country where the Officers of an Association and the Certification Chair do not communicate very well which leads to 1) Clinics not being scheduled and 2) New officials not being certified in a timely manner.

NCAA/Arbiter certification website is currently being designed. Hopefully officials will be able to register online by the end of April.

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At the 2014 USATFs' Annual Meeting, in Anaheim, CA the following positions will have elections Treasurer, Vice Chair of Certification and the Vice Chair of Awards. Val Foss Chair of the nominating committee will handle the nomination process. I will ask Don Berry to handle the election process at the Annual meeting.