

**National Officials Committee  
Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting  
Minutes  
April 12-14, 2015  
Columbus, Ohio**

In attendance: Chair Len Krsak, Secretary Tom Hott, Treasure Doug Allen, Awards Vice Chair Scott Rose, Certification Vice Chair Jimmy Stuart, Rules Vice Chair Mark Kostek, and Training Vice Chair Rob Buzaitis, Parliamentarian Don Berry.

Jim Estes, Lindsay Toussant, and Carl Eagleman joined the committee on April 13.

Meeting called to order by Chair Krsak at 2:55 pm April 12, 2015.

Motion by Mark Kostek, Second by Rob Buzaitis, to have a floating agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, Second by Jimmy Stuart, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Executive Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, Second by Mark Kostek, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Officers' Reports**

Chair Len Krsak

See Chair's report attached.

Awards Vice Chair Scott Rose

Vice Chair Rose will keep the current structure for the awards committee. The awards banquet will be shorter and may be somewhat different than in the past. Discussion of the entire awards program including the Hall of Fame. Discussion of proposed new awards and the committee declined any action at this time.

Certification Vice Chair Jimmy Stuart

Vice Chair Stuart presented a proposal to modify the official's certification system.

Motion by Don Berry, Second by Doug Allen, to recess until later the evening of April 12, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Rob Buzaitis, to come out of recess at 8:05 pm. Motion passed.

Rules Vice Chair Mark Kostek

At this time no proposals for changes in USATF rules.

### Training Vice Chair Rob Buzaitis

Vice Chair Buzaitis reported the names of the new members of the Training committee. Reported on the "From the ground up" which is venue set-up for pole vault and preparing the bar for vertical jumps. Annual meeting clinics at the 2014 convention went well. Discussion of possible clinics for 2015.

### **Old Business**

#### Evaluation Project

Vice Chair Buzaitis presented a new form for the evaluation of officials at national meets. Agreement that the new on-line form will be used for the 2015 championships.

#### Ludus Tours Project

Don Berry reported on the officials awarded the Ludus stipends. The NOC will ask each officials selected to report on their experience.

#### Up Dated Award Pictures / Names on Website

Scott Rose and Jimmy Stuart will review the awards portion of the web site and update.

### **New Business**

#### Officials' Data Base

Request from the Masters' Record Chair to have access to the officials data base. Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Scott Rose, to not expand the access to the officials data base at this time. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by mark Kostek, to recess until 8:30 am April 13, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, Second by Doug Allen, to come out of recess at 8:30 am April 13, 2015. Motion passed.

#### NOC Presidential Appointments

Sara Domeier, Kim Dismuke, Jim Flanik, and Scott Rose are current appointments. USATF Chair Hightower will need to appoint a replacement for Scott Rose. Chair Krsak will recommend two names to USATF Chair Hightower for consideration.

#### Starting Issue

The Starters Preparations and Duties have been updated and posted on the Officials Best Practices site.

### Regional Clinics

Discussion of the concept of 5-6 regional clinics located in various parts of the country. Referred to Training Committee.

### USATF's Per Diem Policy

The USATF per diem policy has been provided to Treasurer Allen.

### NOC's 2015 Selection Committee Representative

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Don Berry, to ask Jim Carlisle to serve as the official's representative to the selection committee. Motion carried.

### Boathouse Raingear

Vice Chair Kostek asked about changing the rain gear when the officials receive new shirts. Discussion of alternatives to current rain gear.

### Newsletter

The monthly newsletter is posted the first full week of each month. Scott Rose is asking for additional input for the newsletter.

### Master Referee Program

Chair Krsak will recruit a committee of individuals who have expertise in writing evaluations for the purpose of reviewing the rules reviews and other assessment documents.

### Certification Vice Chair Jimmy Stuart (continued)

Motion by Jimmy Stuart, second by Rob Buzaitis, to increase the 4 year certification fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 Motion carried.

### Background Checks

Officials selected for the 2014 Indoor and Outdoor championships will have their background checks paid by USATF. Procedures for background checks for all other officials are being discussed with the USATF office and details will be forthcoming.

### SafeSports Project

Must be finished by the end of the year.

### Outdoor Championship in Oregon 2015

Need to get information to officials ASAP. USATF staff has communicated with the Oregon LOC.

### Uniform Shirt Availability

Discussion with Nike about shirts. Shirts will probably not be available until 2016.

### 2016 Senior Indoor Championship and IAAF World Meet

These two meets are one week apart. Need housing for officials available the week between the meets provided for them.

### Annual Meeting Officials' Banquet

Request for the officials to use the same room USATF used for the Jesse Owens banquet. Jim Estes will look into that.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Don Berry, to recess until 8:30 am April 14, 2015. Motion passed.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Don Berry, to come out of recess at 8:03 am April 15, 2015. Motion carried.

The Executive Board discussed a variety of issues facing officials with an emphasis on how the NOC could assist in addressing those issues.

Motion by Don Berry, Second by Rob Buzaitis, to adjourn. Motion passed.

Date: April 9, 2015

To: NOC Executive Board Members

From: Len Krsak

Subject: NOC 2015 Chairs Mid-Year Report

**USATF Senior Indoor Championships - Boston, MA**

The officials' crew did an excellent job, not one protest filed. Six selected individuals declined their assignment, one was for health reasons. All officials were given a stipend to work the meet and a good number of them sent an e-mail letter/note of thanks to Max Siegel.

**USATF Senior Outdoor Championships – Eugene, OR**

As of this date 4/9/15 three individuals have declined their assignment to work the championship. I anticipate a few more will decline as we get closer to the meet.

**Competitive Championship Dates**

As it currently stands next years' indoor championships both USATF and NCAA (all divisions) are geared for the same weekend March 11-12, 2016.

**Officials Uniform Shirt**

Anticipate introducing the new officials' shirt in 2016.

**2016 Selected meets**

For 2016 official will be selected for four meet, USATF Senior Indoor, IAAF World Indoor, Junior Meet and the Olympic Trials. A fifth meet could possibly be added if its decided to contest the Senior Indoor combine events separate from the indoor championship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len Krsak

**NOC Chair**