

USATF Officials Training Subcommittee Meeting
Sunday, October 3, 2010
Minutes

Members Present: Rob Buzaitis (Michigan) – Vice Chair – Training
Robt. O. Kern (Wisconsin) – Secretary
Janice Berkebile (Florida) – Instructional Designer
Shirley Connors (Pacific) – Chair, Championships/Convention Clinics Group
Dave Bowers (Indiana) – Chair, Initial Training Group
Mike Armstrong (Arkansas) – Chair, Continuing Education Group
Richard Schornstein (Colorado) Chair, Advancement Training Group
Ken Yerger (Mid-Atlantic) – Co-Chair, Outreach Training Group

The teleconference was called to order at 7:01 p.m. EDT.

1. Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2010 Conference Call

The minutes were approved without objection.

2. Group Reports

- a. *Championship/Convention Clinics Group*: Connors explained that seven clinics are proposed for the 2010 USATF Annual Meeting. Audio Visual requests must be made by November 10. Some individuals presenters will be bringing their own equipment. The clinics are:
 - Safety & Marshaling – presented by Shelby Sharpe
 - Referee – presented by Bob Podkaminer
 - Expectations for Head Field Event Officials – Panel Discussion -
 - Weights & Measures – presented by Richard Messenger (2 hours, hands-on)
 - Clerking – presented by Jim Smyth and possibly Dan Reynolds
 - Panel Discussion on Officials Training for National Meets
 - Certification Chairs Training by Jim Flanik, including information on the basic training modules – presented by Dave Bowers
- b. *Initial Training Group*: Bowers reported that the modules on Introduction to Officiating and Umpiring are online. The Long & Triple Jumps Modules are getting ready to be placed online, while the High Jump & Pole Vault Modules will be completed soon. The Throws Module will be one unit rather than four. Major topics will include venue, equipment, throws in a circle, and throws on a runway. Throws will be finalized at their October 13 meeting. Modules are being presented in a “self study” format.
- c. *Continuing Education Group*: Armstrong indicated that the group was nearing the final draft on a “Venue Safety Project” for high school referees. This would provide a checklist for safety issues and concerns to assist the high school referee in ensuring that the safety and integrity of the meet and the events are not compromised. The NCAA Rule Changes for 2011-12 are also nearing the final drafts. Both projects expect to be completed and presented on or about November 1.
- d. *Advancement Training Group*: Schornstein reported that progress has been slow, as only four members have sustained the effort. Four new members names will be forwarded to Buzaitis. The series of four (4) instructional videos, approximately 30-minutes in length, will utilize actual meet footage, power point presentations, voice overs, and provide standardized conclusions. The purpose of the videos is to demonstrate the proper techniques in setting up a field event venue at a college meet. Topics will include equipment, safety, what could go wrong. USOC has a videographer at Colorado Springs who will be contacted for input and services. Late winter and

early spring indoor meets will be utilized. Costs will be included in the 2011 budget. The “Best Practices” will be incorporated. Buzaitis reminded Schornstein that there are two different types of standards in the pole vault that need to be taken into consideration for educational purposes.

- e. *Outreach Training Group*: Yerger stated that the Exchange Project with the UK has appeared to run its course. Possible option for future exchanges could be the Caribbean. Rex Harvey can be contacted for his suggestions and possible contact information. The NFHS Pre Meet Notes are presently in the 1st Draft process as the information was received from the NFHS later in the summer than expected. Four articles to be written on the 2011-12 Points of Emphasis:
- Excused Time from Field Events
 - Discus Cage Guidelines
 - Preventive Officiating
 - Concussion Management, Casts, Braces, Protheses, and Blood on Uniforms

Buzaitis stated that previous years Notes contained more articles. Kern added that articles can be written on specific rule changes. Buzaitis and Kern will investigate the possibility of additional articles and contact NFHS for writing assistance. One suggested topic was the change in the penalty for jewelry and how to apply it.

3. Review Budget for 2010

Buzaitis informed the group that National Officials Committee Treasurer Sue Polansky had requested potential budget requests for 2011. Planning ahead is a good thing as convention is too late to decide. Money for the Advancement Training Group needs to be set aside for the video project. Schornstein will look into the cost of the videographer for use at the meets and give an estimate to Buzaitis.

4. Other discussed Items

Officials Hall of Fame Banquet to be held at the Cavalier Hotel ; officials are encouraged to stay there. It appears that group rate rooms are getting in short supply there. Kern said USATF is looking into possible shuttles or group fares from airport to hotels.

5. Next Subcommittee Meeting:

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Cavalier Hotel (Virginia Beach, VA), USATF Annual Meeting. A reminder e-mail will be sent.

The teleconference adjourned at 7:38 p.m. EDT