

**Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting
held September 21, 2020**

President Kenny Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. online via Zoom. The following were present:

P	Kenny Emerick	YTH	Holly Genest	OTC	Bob Springer	A-L	Carole Langenbach
VP		OPN		ATH		A-L	Carol Coram
SEC	Ed Viering	MAS	Lance Neubauer	ATH	Trisha Steidl	A-L	Patti Petesch
TR	Melita Aquino	COA		ATH	George Mathews	A-L	Jim Ryan
IPP	Ivars Ikstrums	OFF	Geof Newing	ATH		A-L	
	Bob Langenbach		Sue Hoppe		John Patterson		Michael Lane
	Becca Peter		Linda Ikstrums		David Ortman		Kevin Rentner
	Evan Williams		Arnie Mayer		Andy Martin		Daphne Scott

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Welcome and Introductions: President Kenny Emerick welcomed the attendees. He announced Trisha Steidl as our new MUT Chair.
The Board sends thanks to Eric Sach for his years as MUT Chair and Athlete Rep.
- B. Verification of Voting Members: Secretary Ed Viering explained there are 25 members present and all are eligible to vote. We have one out-of-Association guest.
- C. Secretary: The agenda was distributed online. The minutes for the August Meeting have been emailed and posted on the website with no amendments required. The minutes were accepted.
- D. Treasurer: Melita Aquino. We recently moved money from checking to savings to get more interest. The report was accepted.

Overall Total as of 9/20/2020: \$147,063.85. Group breakdowns:

Open	\$ 14,209.22
Masters	\$ 26,913.49
Officials T&C	\$ 4,375.27
Fred Dean Youth Travel	\$ 2,113.00
General	\$ 80,057.73

- E. Membership: no report.
- F. Sanctions: Carole Langenbach. We have 88 sanctions so far this year, compared to 197 at this time last year. There have been 23 cancellations, leaving us at 65 sanctions.
- G. Vice President: no report.
- H. President– The State of Our Association: Kenny Emerick.

It has been a really interesting year. We had a great XC season, with some National Championship teams. Indoors...the UW, HS, MPSF and SPU meets all went well. Then everything stopped. HS, college, Youth, Open and Masters were cancelled.

After a 2-year legal battle, including our grievance, Vin Lananna was reinstated as President. Thank you, Becca, for your help. We both testified.

The USATF Annual Meeting is virtual. We have no info on it.

I have big doubts about being able to have XC season. This is a really hard blow to the athletes. I feel sorry for them.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
1. The head coach for the Bremerton Jaguars, Earl Sincere, passed away from Coronavirus. He will be sorely missed.
 2. We had no meets, but managed 5 virtual meets with 40-50 athletes competing at each.
 3. JO XC Nationals are still a go in Kentucky on Dec 12. Final determination will be made at the end of September. National Youth Committee sent a questionnaire asking: can we hold meets and practices? would our athletes self-quarantine for 2 weeks? would they return to school?
 4. No in -person meets at this time.
 5. Idaho is wide open.
 6. AAU held their T&F championship in Florida with 2,100 athletes. They normally get 6,000 to 8,000. They are planning their XC championship the week before ours in Tallahassee.
 7. HS T&F is holding their season in May and June. State will be the last weekend of June, which is the same date we normally do JO Associations. We will push Association and Regional championships back a week.
- B. Open: Becca Peter for Tony Monroe.
1. Club XC is cancelled. The meet is in Tallahassee next year and probably in San Francisco in 2022.
- C. MUT: Trisha Steidl.
1. Nothing much happening championship-wise. Some trail races in the area have been going well. Five people start at a time.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer.
1. Many events have been cancelled.
 2. Even when we try to do small events, there are no facilities available.
 3. George was at a meet in Arizona.
 4. We have been asked to host the National Throws Championship in 2021.
- E. Race Walk: no report.
- F. Athletes: no report.
- G. Coaches: Holly Genest for Kevin Jackson.
1. There are a lot of online coaching clinics right now. There are seven more before the end of the year, but there are no level 2's left.
 2. If you got Level 1 between Jan 2013 and Jun 2019, your deadline to get recertified is the end of this year.
 3. You can take specialty courses online to recertify---ranges from \$35-\$90 depending on the course.
- H. Officials: Geof Newing.
1. We purchased bib chips, but not the software yet.
 2. We are waiting to see if PAC12 allows football. If so, it may open things up.
- I. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. We had 65 people attend our clinics this year. We might shift from Jan/Feb to Feb/Mar for clinics due to HS schedule.
 2. Recert starts on Nov 1. I am trying to get everyone onto USATFConnect.
 3. WIAA expects to put something out about social distancing at meets.
 4. NFHSlearn.com has lots of free courses on various things.
- J. Communications: Lance Neubauer.
1. Andy Martin is doing an awesome job for us. Andy asks us to pass along anything about athlete performances or when someone passes, etc. and he will post it appropriately.
 2. The PNTF website rollover is in about 10 days. It will look very similar to the national site. Initially, there will only be 2 years of past results. It will take a while to load more. USATF only had legacy info back to 2014.

- K. SafeSport Volunteer Coordinator: Becca Peter.
1. National created a new position for Association SafeSport Volunteer Coordinator. It strictly deals with education and outreach, You still report abuse directly to SafeSport, not to Becca.
 2. In past years, we have seen 2 cases in the news where a coach was found to be an abuser. In both cases, coaches were not SafeSport compliant. Compliance may not prevent abuse, but it may prevent lawsuits.
 3. Now is a great time to take off of your roster on USATFConnect anyone who is no longer an affiliated coach. Patti says we need to start working on it now. We need to pretend there will be a T&F season.
- L. Associations Admin: Patti Petesch.
1. Association Executive Committee has a workshop in August.
 2. We will know about JO XC by the end of the month. There was a discussion about if USATF should participate in the AAU meets. It has to be an individual team/athlete/coach decision. AAU plans to operate XC and T&F all the way through the pandemic.
 3. USATF insurance does not cover the virus.
 4. We met our association standards.
 5. We had to carry over any grants through 2021, but if you are being carried over, you can't compete for a 2021 grant.
 6. USOC can not purchase and give away Olympic tickets.
 7. It is important to Vin Lananna that we keep thriving and do not go into survival mode.
 8. Scott Galbraith is working on the problems with USATF website.
 9. Carol Coram is our rep on the Women's Commission, and Paralympics and Diversity & Leadership committees.

III BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Kenny Emerick. All Athlete and At-Large appointments expire before next meeting. If interested, contact Ed for At-Large rep and Andy for athlete rep.
- B. PNTF Awards Banquet: Kenny Emerick. With no competitions and no income, we think there will not be a banquet. Having a purely social dinner didn't seem to make sense. We will decide at the next meeting. Tell Kenny, Andy or Carole your opinions.
- C. USATF Annual Meeting: Patti Petesch.
1. The meeting is virtual this year. Please at least attend the meetings that are specific to your committee.
 2. We discussed representatives for the various meetings. Contact Patti at patti.petesch@gmail.com if you can attend.
- D. General Comments:
1. Kevin Rentner. Recommend having hybrid in-person/online meetings next year. Kenny was in favor.
 2. David Ortman. We need updated Masters Regional records. Can we put them on the website? Spokane bid on 2023 National Masters Indoor T&F. Any chance of a Regional Preview in 2022?
 3. Ivars Ikstrums commented that the new Spokane facility is going to need our officials help with all the events they are planning.
- E. Election of Officers: Carole Langenbach.
1. Carole, Andy and Lance were the nominating committee. Carole nominated the 2 existing officers: Andy Newing for Vice President and Ed Viering for Secretary. At a prior meeting we had voted to extend Ed's term limit by one term. There were no nominations from the floor. The two nominees were elected by acclamation.
 2. The officers are:
 - i. President – Kenny Emerick (1 year left)
 - ii. Vice President – Andy Newing (2 years left)
 - iii. Treasurer – Melita Aquino (1 year left)
 - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering (2 years left)

F. Next Meeting. The next meeting is online on November 16.

IV ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Viering
Secretary
Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest