

**Minutes of the  
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest  
Board Meeting held November 21, 2016**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Ave. N. in Seattle. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Chris Kunzelman, Ed Viering, Patti Petesch, George Mathews, Holly Genest, Paul Bodenshot, John Patterson, Darlene Hickman, William Hickman, Carole Langenbach, Steve Kunzelman, Bob Springer, Neal Stoddard, Bob Langenbach, Becca Peter, Kevin Jackson, Carol Coram, Eddie Strickler, Tracy Silva.

**I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the October meeting have been emailed and posted on our website. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach submitted a report for Gwen Robertson. Report was accepted.
  - 1. Overall Total as of 11/17/2016: \$127,979.76. Group breakdowns:

|                |             |                          |             |
|----------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| General -      | \$72,222.08 | Masters -                | \$ 5,638.69 |
| Open -         | \$19,143.43 | Youth -                  | \$25,035.98 |
| Officials T&C- | \$ 3,326.58 | Fred Dean Youth Travel - | \$ 2,613.00 |
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her annual report. Report was accepted.
  - 1. Outflows are \$36,361.50 to USATF and \$36,976.00 to PNTF.
  - 2. As of 11/17/2016: Youth- 1734; Open- 393; Masters- 743; Clubs- 85.
  - 3. Relative to a year ago: Youth is down 14, Open is down 41, Masters is up 79, Clubs is up 6.
  - 4. SafeSport and Background check requirements creep up prior to first association meet. Five of the 85 clubs are not activated. Some clubs are not acting in good faith and will just register two coaches at first to be legal. There are a minimal number of clubs north of Seattle.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. There are 33 sanctions so far for 2017 and 225 so far for this year. Trail has an amazing number of sanctioned events.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. We have one vacant athlete rep. Kevin Jackson has been chosen to fill one of the At-Large positions. He runs Auburn Elite Youth Club and is a Level 2 coach. He also coaches HS at The Northwest School.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
  - 1. The three XC meets last month went well, but yesterday, no Oregon athletes showed up for Open/Masters Regional. This was because, on the same day, Team Red Lizard was holding their 5th of 5 meets in their Stumptown Series.
  - 2. There are some major elections at the Annual Meeting. Let Ivars know if you have any questions for candidates. Voter guide is online under "Nominations Booklet".
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. We renewed our FatCow website.

**II OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Chris Kunzelman. Covered in VP report.
- B. 2018 USATF Annual Meeting: Patti Petesch.
  - 1. PNTF has 4 athlete delegates, plus Jeremy Taiwo who is funded by AAC.
  - 2. Our reception is Thursday night.
  - 3. Patti sent in a check for the Officials dinner. Please give her money now if you are going.
- C. PNTF Banquet: Chris Kunzelman. Banquet is Feb 18. Info will be sent after the Annual Meeting.

**III NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Christmas Party: Carole Langenbach. Party is Sunday 11 Dec at George Mathews' place in Ballard, USA. This is also the debrief of the Annual Meeting.

- B. Nominations for Contributor of the Year: Ivars Ikstrums. Nominations will close at the January board meeting. Nominators need to provide a write-up for their nominee.

#### IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
  - 1. Thank you to those who worked the JO Association meet—it was our windiest day ever! We had 392 finishers. Regionals in Portland had 615 finishers, It was a gorgeous venue, but we can't go back again. It was a bigger event (e.g. too many vehicles) than the host anticipated.
  - 2. We had 81 boys and 106 girls, plus 20 teams, qualify for Nationals. This was the first year of 15-18yo combined team.
- B. Open: Steve Kunzelman. Ivars already covered Regional meet. Thank you to Carole for organizing it. For the 19th year, Bloomsday will be the USATF Washington State Road Race championship.
- C. MUT: Tad Davis submitted a Trail Half Marathon debrief via email. We actually had the most USATF registrants to date this year (55 in 2014, 52 in 2015, 63 in 2016). So that was a pretty significant improvement over last year, i.e. 20% more. What was disappointing was overall turnout on the day, USATF and non-USATF alike, due to the "historic" storm that never materialized (2014 - 210, 2015 - 190, 2016 - 153).
- D. Masters: George Mathews for Lance Neubauer.
  - 1. It looks like West Seattle Stadium is not available next year. We are leaning towards Shoreline Stadium. We are also looking to see if West Seattle will at least keep the outer throws area open for our Ultra series.
  - 2. Patti stated that the city had their construction design meeting and approved \$900,000. The track is the first priority. The LJ runway/boards will be fixed. There will be new HJ and PV pads and standards, plus new hurdles and blocks. There may be another \$100,000 available through the Neighborhood Matching Fund.
- E. Race Walk: no report.
- F. Athlete Update/News: Eddie Strickler.
  - 1. Opens went well. Athletes were also disappointed that Oregon athletes didn't travel to Regional. Oiselle ran a team at Masters/Open for the first time and really appreciated it.
  - 2. Doping retests from 2008 Olympics were announced. Derek Miles moves up to bronze in the Pole Vault. Chaunte Lowe may move to bronze in High Jump.
  - 3. Carole stated that at the Regional, one athlete was listed on the website as age 49, but declared for a relay team as age 50. His birthday was 3 days prior to the meet. Apparently the system used "age on day of registration". Becca explained this was a Hy-Tek issue. There is a setting for "age update" which must be defined for each meet.
- G. Officials: Geof Newing.
  - 1. Geof submitted his report via email. It is at Attachment 1.
  - 2. Bob Springer says Officials will have their own website soon.
  - 3. Ivars said we have a big reader board now plus smaller boards for each field event.
  - 4. Patti said the National bid visit team was impressed by our officials and equipment. They will support us using our own timing crew and equipment. This is the first time for this.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
  - 1. In the old days, info was sent to the President and Secretary who disseminated it to the Association. Info travels easier now, but dissemination is still essential.
  - 2. You can re-certify in either the 3 hour or 6 hour course. Some re-certs require a rules review test.
- I. Communications: no report.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
  - 1. There will be 2 sessions on building a road race series.
  - 2. Associations Committee will have elections for all positions except Treasurer.
- K. National Officers/Chairs Update:

1. Paul Bodenshot: Nov 15th was conclusion of accreditation year. We are scrambling to get ready for Orlando, as accreditation affects who can be delegates. Website problems affect a lot of associations. PNTF passed with flying colors.
2. Darlene Hickman: IAAF Women's Committee report last year said to work toward Women's Decathlon within 4 years, so USATF will probably do the same this year. The Board Meeting agenda does not come out until the day before the meeting.
3. Bob Springer: four National Officials Committee positions are up for election.

Next meeting is here on January 16, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Attachment 1 Officials Report

**Pacific Northwest Track and Field Officials  
Report 11/21/16**

Cross Country meets completed

1. Metro High School Championship
2. Seaking High School Championship
3. GNAC Championship
4. WAC Championship

Cross country season has now passed and we are getting ready for the indoor season.

Cross country equipment has been cleaned, repaired and stored for the season.

Track and field equipment being checked and repaired if necessary. This involves updating all computer systems, calibrating timing clocks and any necessary repairs.

Official's annual meeting January 21, 2017.