

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held January 20, 2014**

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 President noted that last meeting was an extraordinary meeting which resulted in committee reports getting skipped, therefore he has moved them ahead on the schedule tonight. The President led a round of introductions. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Mick Holt, Ed Viering, William Hickman, Becca Peter, Bob Springer, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Char Engelhardt, Patti Petesch, Neal Stoddard, Darlene Hickman, Ryan Brown, Al Coyle, Tad Davis, Bryan Brown, Jim Ryan, Stan Chraminski, George Mathews, Eddie Strickler, Will Harrison.

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. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach presented Doug Chandler's report. The report was accepted. Overall Total as of 12/31/2013: \$114,800.98. Group breakdowns:

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| General Fund - | \$31,105.96 | Masters - | \$ 15,228.21 |
| Open - | \$11,5123.89 | Youth - | \$ 21,433.77 |
| Open Chair - | \$ 1,971.35 | Fred Dean Youth Travel - | \$ 2,613.00 |
| Officials T&C- | \$ 2,892.83 | | |
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email. The report was accepted.
 - 1. As of Jan 20, 2014: Youth- 402; Open- 183; Masters- 310; Clubs- 27.
- D. Vice President's Report: Mick Holt. Nothing to report.
- E. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums. Ivars stated that all his report items will be covered in the agenda items tonight.
- F. Sanctions Annual Report: Carole Langenbach.
 - 1. Carole submitted her report which was approved. We sanctioned 221 events, which is a record. In the past, Carole got money and then paid USATF. In September, the procedure reversed, so money in went down. We had \$53,652.15 IN and \$55,947.53 OUT. The numbers never match because of carryover from fees paid in one year for events in the next year. We gave \$13,162 to PNTF---a record!
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Nothing to report.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Patti Petesch for Holly Genest. Youth had first meeting last week. All weekends except one are filled. We are happy about that.
- B. Open: Becca Peter.
 - 1. Regional Open is June 14 at West Seattle Stadium. Hammer Friday evening. Should get about \$1000 from National office. It is last weekend for USATF qualifying.
 - 2. Association XC is Nov 2 at Lower Woodland Park. We have a permit.
 - 3. Open Regional is probably 23 Nov. The overwhelming feedback is that athletes want the Regional at Lincoln Park.
- C. MUT: Ed Viering for Eric Sach. Eric is seeking prize money for Chuckanut (Association Championship). He is asking the Open and Masters Committees for the same amount as last year—adjusted for number of entrants if needed.
- D. Masters: George Mathews.
 - 1. Seattle Parks meet on Jun 7. We are in early stages of negotiation to take over this meet—particularly since the NW Senior Games is going out of business. George hopes to turn it into a first class early season meet.
 - 2. He has permits for Seattle Masters on Jul 19 and SMAC-9 on Aug 23.

3. Open and Masters have negotiated a deal where Open gets membership money for the 30-34 athletes and Masters gets 35-39 membership money.
- E. Race Walk: Stan Chraminski. We are working with Club NW for a 1,500 meter road course along the Magnuson Park waterfront. We will compete earlier in the day than the road races.
- F. Athlete Update/News:
1. Eddie Strickler reported we had a good UW opening weekend. New US Indoor record by Galen Rupp in the 5k (13:02). Nick Symmonds is now a Brooks Beast.
 2. Bob Springer reported Norris Fredrick long jumped 7.88m—third best in the world this year.
 3. Carole reported Michael Chinchar won his 3000m heat. He is out of town this week on business.
 4. Ed Viering reported Gig Harbor Boys won Nike XC Nationals. Alexa Efraimson won the girls race.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard.
1. We have purchased a 6th Gill clock to handle the dual pit high jump. We talked about HYTEK licensing. We need people to learn the field laser. Banquet is on 25th.
 2. Ivars stated that we are trying to put on “be good/look good” professional meets. Think about “Where do we want to be in 5 years?” Need more people to learn what Jim Ryan did for laser.
 3. Darlene stated that the clerks table needs a loudspeaker.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
1. Bill stated that most of us were at Annual Meeting and then dove right into Christmas, so we sometimes forget people who kept working during this time. While the rest of us were celebrating the holidays, Bob Springer prepared the 2014 Officials CD, started with Dempsey Officials coordination and set up the clinic training classes. Bob Springer then shared credit with Ed and Ivars who started working on the CD last summer and pretty much had it done by August.
 2. Officials Clinics: Kent-Meridian on Feb 4/11; Seattle (Parks & Rec Building) on Feb 8; Tacoma (UPS) on Feb 10/24; Bellingham was replaced by Olympia on Feb 22. Tacoma syllabus may be reversed with Field/XC/RW on the 10th and Track on the 24th .
 3. Ed Viering talked about the first-time Olympia Clinic which is at St Martin’s University in Lacey. The current plan is that it will rotate years with Bellingham. Ed is hoping to expand our footprint in the south sound. He is still looking for people interested in presenting.
 4. Darlene reminded that for split clinics , you must attend both halves.
 5. Bob reminded that the \$25 fee is for lifetime admission, and it costs \$20 (to USATF) to be certified.
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter.
1. Becca will send a mass email about awards.
 2. Becca will send a mass email for clinics, targeted at adults.
 3. Ed Viering stated that Chad Colwell, who put on our Level 1 Clinic last year, is putting on another one in Portland on Feb 28- 1Mar. Ed asked if it could be promoted for the benefit of our SW Washington members.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. USATF is sending out notifications for Coaches to renew Level 1 certification. Must pass a written test , which can be done online every 5 years. No change to Level 2 procedures.
 2. If a club registers as a Youth Club, they need ALL coaches to have a background check. Coaches and administrators are having trouble. It affects insurance with schools where they practice. Background checks are working OK. The requirement is for those who spend “alone-time” with athletes. There are problems with multi-year membership due to numbering system.
 3. We have not been reimbursed for Associations workshop.
 4. There has been a big change in our bordering regions. Mike Hinz is out as regional chair, but is still active. Shane Sorey is in at Inland NW.
 5. Becca (Elite) and Kwajalein (Youth) are on Coaches Advisory Committees.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. Next BOD Meeting is in-person on Feb 24 in Albuquerque.

III OLD BUSINESS

- A. Financial Audit: Ivars Ikstrums. Stan, Holly and Andy Newing have volunteered for audit Committee. Ivars has laid out a statement of work, and the ball is now in their court.

- B. PNTF Banquet: Char Engelhardt.
 1. Feb 8 at Embassy Suites in Tukwila. Emails have gone out with very little response. We have to get the dinner count in the week before. We need our Open athletes to respond.
 2. Speaker will be Peter Thompson.
 3. Price is \$33. Carole stated that Board Members get their meals paid, but still have to RSVP to Char. Becca says that Club NW often pays for their athletes.
 4. Becca sent out ballots for Athlete of the Year for Men's/Women's Track and Men's Field. We had no one fit the criteria for Women's Field. Send Becca an email if you want a ballot.
- C. Athlete Board Members: Ivars Ikstrums. We now have 3 of 4. Still one opening.
- D. Club Nationals: Becca Peter.
 1. Becca has struggled with communications with Club Council.
 2. Met with Veronica Rodriguez (Events Mgr). National Office has been working on standardizing bids. They are looking at charging a "rights fee" for all National Championships---which is weird because they are giving us money. They offered to waive it in return for ½ of sponsorship money, which won't do. Maybe this is because our expenses are higher than New York. We can't use Brooks or Picky Bars, for example, due to Nike conflict. Becca is not comfortable committing another \$1000.
 3. Becca hasn't sent out LOC notices yet---is waiting for this to play out.
- E. PNTF Annual Meeting
 1. Ivars is in receipt of all reports except one. Has sent all to Darlene at her request.
 2. The agreement was that Ivars would route all the reports, however, he has noted that some reports expressed opinions, which is fine, but which he is wary of putting on a public website.
 3. Bill Hickman stated that one should not include anything they are uncomfortable with. Stick to the facts.
 4. After some discussion it was agreed that Ivars will do some redaction, and send an email blast instead of public posting.

IV NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Budget : Carole Langenbach for Doug Chandler.
 1. Carole presented Doug's report. She stated the budget shows what we spend on and what we may expect in 2014. Some highlights:
 - i. Officials T&C: this is the big difference this year, because re-cert is every four years, so this year is a guess.
 - ii. PNTF meeting: we paid for a nice facility.
 - iii. USATF annual meeting: we reimburse people, plus pay for hospitality.
 - iv. Officials: we pay \$15 to USATF every 4 years. We keep \$5.
 - v. We give the committees money for membership. They tend to spend in a consistent pattern.
 2. The budget was approved.
- B. USA Half Marathon Trail Championships– Ivars Ikstrums
 1. Ivars announced there is a move to host this meet in Bellingham. He asked Al Coyle for a proposal. Al Coyle and Tad Davis then presented to the board.
 2. Tad started by apologizing about how naïve he was about the process. No one else was bidding. He was interested in hosting the meet but only learned the day before that he needed an Association sign-off. It was suggested to him to submit a bid pending approval, which is pretty common.
 3. Meet will be at Lake Padden. Al Coyle has put on this meet for the last 3 years. About 250 participants. Profits go to a non-profit called Rebound of Whatcom County. He figures on a \$4000 purse funded by sponsorships with rest of budget about the same as before. Room and board will be provided for elites. There will be a panel meeting the night before.
 4. Al has been to other National Trail Championships (10K in North Carolina). This event will be significantly more impressive---on par with Mountain Running National Trail Championships.
 5. Al coordinated the 2004 Olympic Trials in Bellingham. He was in charge of the Expo.
 6. Elites Panel will create some awareness. They don't do an expo now, but would like to add one.

7. Race is Saturday Oct 18 at 9AM. Double loop course. Will be 4th annual race. All will run in one race with 4 categories: Open/Masters; Men/Women. Includes a small kids race.
 8. Al has been in touch with Nancy Hobbs, the USATF MUT Chair.
 9. Packet was provided to the board which includes the hotel and a band. They have enough workers without taxing our board members.
 10. They expect 20 more elites due to it being Nationals. The 10K champ from Oregon won last year and generated some buzz. Typically, anyone wanting awards and prizes must be a USATF member, but others don't need to be.
 11. Bob Langenbach asked about 5 year age groups for Masters. They will award 40-and-over and under-40 awards.
 12. Ivars stated the event needs a sanction. It must follow the rule book. It needs a referee and a jury. Ivars stated he has reviewed the bid, and has discussed it with our MUT Chair, Eric Sach, who gave it a positive endorsement.
 13. Al and Tad answered some questions from Ivars, stating that timing will be electronic-manual and Chrissy Moehl (Chuckanut Director) has endorsed their race.
 14. A motion was made to approve the event with the proviso that PNTF would not be paying. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Nominations for Contributor of the Year (Ken Foreman Award): Ivars Ikstrums.
1. Ivars stated that Ed Viering was nominated last meeting and asked for any additional nominations. Darlene nominated Bryan Hoddle and presented her rationale.
 2. Bryan Hoddle has served over 35 years as a HS coach and Paralympics coach. He coaches soldiers who have lost limbs, etc. He has presented coaches education clinics for Level 1,2 and 3. He puts on a HS Coaches event called AllSports (formerly Pemco) in February. He has been a PNTF member for at least 20 years. He works out of Olympia HS. He is starting a "Run with a Soldier" program.
 3. A motion was made and approved to close nominations. Nominations were closed.
- D. Vote for Contributor of the Year: Ivars Ikstrums. The President called for a vote. Votes were given to Char who will count them with Ivars. The Award will be presented at the Annual Banquet.

Next meeting is here on April 21, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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