

**Minutes of the  
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest  
Board Meeting held August 15, 2016**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:04 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, Gwen Robertson, Patti Petesch, Jim Ryan, Neal Stoddard, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Lawrie Robertson, Bob Springer, George Mathews, Ray Kenworthy, Holly Genest, Bill Roe, Steve DiBernardo.

**I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the June meeting have been emailed and posted on our website. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson. Gwen provided her report. Report was accepted.
  - 1. Overall Total as of 8/12/2016: \$157,649.91. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$93,742.99	Masters -	\$11,752.93
Open -	\$21,178.43	Youth -	\$25,035.98
Officials T&C-	\$ 3,326.58	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
  - 2. Please cash your checks right away.
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email. Report was accepted.
  - 1. As of 8/14/2016: Youth– 1684; Open– 432; Masters– 666; Clubs– 80, 8 of which are pending for background checks.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach.
  - 1. 177 sanctions so far this year. One sanction was denied because it was a non-competition event.
  - 2. USATF is raising sanction fees after 13 years. Our Treasurer and Sanctions Manager recommend we do not raise our part of the fees. USATF is adding a late fee for making a Request for Certificate within the last week before the event.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Nothing to report.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
  - 1. Becca resigned as Open Chair. Bill Roe volunteered to fill in through September meeting and the Officers approved it.
  - 2. Shane Sorey stepped down as President of Inland Northwest. PLU Head Coach stepped down.
  - 3. The JO Regional had 1500+ kids. Ivars thinks current meet format is unsustainable at this level.
  - 4. The JO Association saw a 1314B Shot Put record which we were unable to certify for several reasons. We fixed things for Regionals and had a new record certified there. Lex Strom fixed the Shot Put for us.
  - 5. Seattle Classic went very well. We are getting regular appearances from Canada. We had a Provincial record and a Canadian National record. Masters Combined went well.
  - 6. Ivars has a need to put reference material on the website. Andy Martin can create file shares.
  - 7. The Russian doping report is mind-boggling.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Nothing to report. Patti pointed out that this building will be renovated which will affect parking for next 3 months. You will need to park on the street.

**II OLD BUSINESS**

- A. PNTF Annual Meeting: Ivars Ikstrums. Meeting will be here on Sep 19. Snacks at 6pm. Meeting at 7pm.
- B. 2018 USATF JO XC Nationals: Patti Petesch. No bid package yet but we have prepared a bid based on last year's package. We expect October deadline. We will support Spokane's bid for 2017.

### III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Open Chair Vacancy: Ivars Ikstrums. Bill Roe is acting Chair. We still need a volunteer to be Open Chair. Primarily, they must put on the T&F and XC Open Championships, which are already conducted jointly with Masters. Bill will lead an Open meeting at 6pm prior to PNTF Annual Meeting.
- B. Officials Practicum: Bob Springer. Bob proposed changing items 6 & 7 to address the introduction of laser measurement. Proposal was approved.
- C. 2017 USATF National Masters Throws Championship: George Mathews. Holy Cross pulled out for 2017 so they asked us. Proposal is for Aug 19/20. Patti says West Seattle Stadium will likely be in construction next year. The idea was tabled until construction schedule is better known in a few weeks. George was given a non-binding vote of confidence to take back to the National Committee.
- D. PNTF Banquet Chair Selection: Ivars Ikstrums. Chris Kunzelman volunteered and was selected. Banquet is Feb 18 at Embassy Suites. Cocktails at 5pm.
- E. USATF Annual Meeting-Appoint Chief of Delegation: Ivars Ikstrums. Patti volunteered and was selected. Youth has held 11 rooms in anticipation of presenting a bid. Some of the rooms may be available to the board members.
- F. Appoint Nominating Committee for Elections: Ivars Ikstrums. Carole Langenbach was appointed as Nominating Committee Chair.

### IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
  - 1. Thanks to all who helped at JOs. We had 800+ athletes at Associations; 1500+ at Regionals; 248 at Nationals; 87 All-Americans; 8 gold, 14 silver, 12 bronze.
  - 2. Dion Keeton set up a Region 13 Facebook page.
  - 3. XC schedule is ready.
- B. Open: Bill Roe. Association XC is Nov 6 at Lower Woodland Park. Regional XC is Nov 20 at Lincoln Park. Athletes want prize money for Open T&F.
- C. MUT: No report.
- D. Masters: George Mathews.
  - 1. SMAC9 is this Saturday—expect a lighter turnout this time.
  - 2. Neal noted that Snoqualmie Railroad Days cancelled on us, so Fall City is the new 10K championship for Masters and Open.
  - 3. Ivars reported that George won the Superweight and the Ultraweight Pentathlon at National Masters Throws Championship.
- E. Race Walk: Steve DiBernardo.
  - 1. There are 28 Masters on the Race Walk email list. Six are new.
  - 2. For first time in Olympic history, we sent no men to the 20K RW.
  - 3. Steve was pleased to be a judge at JOs this year. He appreciated all the help. We had a girl place 12th at JO Nationals. Steve hopes to make us the 7th state with HS Race Walk.
  - 4. There is talk about bringing back the Pacific Pacers RW Club.
- F. Athlete Update/News: Andrea Geubelle, a Flying AJs alumni, took 21st in Olympic Triple Jump.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. The new trailer is on its way. Officials will be able to sit inside. We are getting an infrared marking device for indoor throws. Officials will have a website for timing and results.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Chris Kunzelman.
  - 1. We have had so much interest from coaches, etc. that we are going on the road this year. Apprentice Clinics scheduled for: Nov 19 at CWU; Jan 7 in Spokane; Jan 29 in Vancouver; Feb 13/27 in Tacoma; Feb 18 in Seattle; Mar 4 in Kitsap. Advanced/re-cert clinics scheduled for: Jan 15 in Everett; Jan 21 in Seattle; Jan 23 in Lacey.
  - 2. Clinics will use on-line registration.
  - 3. We are working on revisions to our Task Descriptions.
  - 4. Patti will schedule four SafeSport classes.
- I. Website/Communications: No report.

J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.

1. AEC meeting this weekend. Topics are: better communication between Road Runners Club of America and Associations; changing accreditation process; supporting Club T&F Nationals through 2017; 10 year athlete list; update on recent suspensions.
2. It is a rules year. Youth people can give proposals to Kenny by Aug 28.
3. Steve Vaitones has done a website review.
4. Reimbursements will be awarded to enable 15 Associations to attend annual meeting/training.

K. USATF Board of Directors Update: No report.

Next meeting is here on September 19, 2016. This is our Annual Meeting. Next regular Board Meeting is here on Oct 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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