

**Minutes of the  
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest  
Board Meeting held November 16, 2015**

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, Darlene Hickman, Patti Petesch, Becca Peter, Bill Hickman, Jim Ryan, Neal Stoddard, Paul Bodenshot, Larry Scheurer, Bob Springer, Ken Emerick, Holly Genest, Lance Neubauer, Tracy Silva, Eddie Strickler.

**I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the October annual meeting have been emailed. The minutes were accepted. A recent report filed to the National Office concerned membership and sanction fees. We had no changes, but Ed used this opportunity to explain how our income gets distributed to the various PNTF accounts.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Ed Viering for Gwen Robertson.
  - 1. Report was accepted. Overall Total as of 10/31/2015: \$125,328.69. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$61,083.91	Masters -	\$ 4,759.25
Open -	\$19,993.86	Youth -	\$32,799.98
Officials T&C-	\$ 4,078.69	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted the Annual Report. Report was accepted.
  - 1. Outflows are \$34,517.10 to USATF and \$34,828.00 to PNTF.
  - 2. As of Nov 16, 2015: Youth- 1748; Open- 434; Masters- 664; Clubs- 79.
  - 3. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 123, Adults down 15, Clubs is up 3.
- D. Sanctions Report: Ed Viering for Carole Langenbach. We have 202 sanctions this year plus 7 already for next year.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Chris asked the Board members let us know about naming an alternate.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
  - 1. When the Lance Armstrong story broke a few years ago, many of us felt "I am glad that is not us." But now, we have had IAAF President Diack step down and get arrested on allegations of corruption and extortion. The Russian and Kenyan Federations have been found to be involved in widespread cheating. Richard McLaren, a WADA commissioner, says recent events have been a game-changer. Unlike FIFA, where money merely went into people's pockets, our scandals have also resulted in changes to results. Former Decathlete Daley Thompson says this is the worst crisis to ever hit the sport. New IAAF President Seb Coe was a former IAAF Vice-President and there are some who think he must have known what was going on. In case you haven't seen all this recent news, Ivars wants to bring it all to the forefront.
  - 2. Bill Hickman recommends [www.bbc.com/sport/athletics](http://www.bbc.com/sport/athletics) to follow these stories and points out that Russia has now been banned.
  - 3. Ivars thoroughly enjoyed Friday in the rain at the JOs.
- G. Office Manager's Report: no report. It was noted that our Christmas party is Dec 19.

**II OLD BUSINESS**

- A. USATF Annual Meeting- Patti Petesch.
  - 1. We have 14 delegates and 2 alternates. Patti has asked several others to join us including Mike Berry (Rainier Beach HS/ Univ of Oregon runner) and Eric Metcalf (UW/Seatown Express coach). Our athletes are Derek Eager (UCLA-Javelin) , Norris Frederick (UW-Long Jump) and Casimir Loxsom (Brooks/ Team USA at Worlds-800m). Other delegates are: Patti Petesch (Chair), Ken Emerick (Deputy Chair), Becca Peter, Bob Springer, Chris Kunzelman, Ivars Ikstrums, Jim Ryan, Larry Scheurer, Paul Bodenshot, Paula Everdell, William Hickman, Bill Roe (alternate), Darlene Hickman( alternate).

2. We have 12 attendees for the Officials Hall of Fame Banquet where Darlene Hickman will be inducted.
  3. Caucus is Thursday at 7AM in Patti's room.
  4. We will not know if we have a hospitality room until we get there. With the tight time schedule there is not really time for shopping and set-up so it may be smaller than in the past.
  5. Ivars stated if you show up, take part AND submit a report, then we will reimburse your registration fee.
  6. Registration cost goes up on Nov 20th.
- B. PNTF Banquet – Chris Kunzelman. Chris met with Char to get an understanding of how the financials work. We are at the same venue as last year.

### III NEW BUSINESS

- A. XC Schedule – Becca Peter. Open/Masters Cross Country Regionals normally follow the JO schedule, but Inland Northwest doesn't have many athletes and PacificNW and Oregon athletes don't much like going there. It will be in Oregon this year, but an idea is being talked about for Oregon and PacificNW to take turns doing InlandNW's meet or to decouple from JOs and just alternate.
- B. Nominations for Contributor of the Year – Ivars Ikstrums. Nominations can be made any time before the vote at the January meeting. You must include a rationale when you make a nomination. Neal Stoddard nominated Eric Sach. Darlene Hickman nominated Doug Chandler. Chris Kunzelman nominate Darryl Genest.

### IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
1. Holly gave a big thank you to those who helped at JOs this weekend. We had 423 finishers—about half boys and half girls. Biggest group was 13-14G with 69 competitors. Middle schools have just added Girls Cross Country which is the reason for the big uptick. We used an iPad as a backup camera.
  2. Youth held elections: Holly Genest-President; Patti Petesch-T&F Chair; Char Engelhardt-Treasurer; Jasmine Andrews-Secretary; XC Chair-open.
  3. There has been more interest in Indoor Track. Hub City in Centralia is putting on 6 meets. Track events are run outside, but they have enough events now for the meet to be a "counter".
  4. JO T&F Association meet is Jun 25/26 and Regional is July 7-10. We are looking at Mt Tahoma HS.
- B. Open: Becca Peter. Open XC champs went fine. Timing worked, but didn't communicate to the laptop. We quickly devised offline procedures. We had bathrooms and power ready on time. Next year's meet is Sunday Nov 6.
- C. MUT: no report.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer.
1. The Throws Championship caused quite a stir due to one positive drug test. This is the first time there has ever been a drug test at this meet. George and Lance only found out about it by looking at results on the Masters website. USATF didn't tell the meet directors, There is no protocol on what we should do to find out or disseminate information or redistribute medals.
  2. Becca said the UW will call back about availability for Combined Event Championship. UW track is supposed to be ready by the Pac-12 Meet. Kings is good (possibly shared with Shorewood). Becca wants to add a Women's Decathlon. Meet would be 1st weekend in August if at Kings and 1st or 2nd weekend if at UW.
- E. Race Walk: Steve DiBernardo sent his report via email.
1. There are 18 PNW Race walking connections on our current mailing list. Myself, Mike Rehder, Bob Novak, Dora Choi, Ann Tuberg, Rebecca Kettwig and Diana Thurman continue to be our most active group. Lately, we have seen Karl Johansen in a return to race walking. Karl is a former champion 50km athlete.

2. This weekend, we had five attend our Second Saturday Green Lake Walk, with no new attendees for our Clinic.
  3. In 2015, Seattle area race walkers went to Oregon for a total of four track meets and three national championship events. We supported four major competitions on their schedule, while they did not send a single athlete to any of our meets. My goal for next year is to motivate them to travel north, in a spirit of fair representation and support for our two small race walking communities.
  4. Seattle area race walkers set a total of six new meet and event records in Oregon competitions this year - and we can be very proud of our results.
- F. Athlete Update/News: Eddie Strickler. ClubNW made a good showing at XC. Lots of talk among the athletes about the scandals. NYC Marathon did not accept any Russian elite athletes.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. Nothing to report.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
1. Bob Springer said Tacoma Clinic will be at University of Puget Sound.
  2. Chris talked to Dawn Geiser at Coaches Association. Steve and Chris will present a demo of our hands-on clinic on Sat Jan 16th. This is a Dempsey meet day. We have the block right before the Tuck Gionet HOF Induction.
  3. Chris informed us that a former Kent coach is taking over timing and officials coordination in the Wenatchee School District. He will be a good contact for presenting our clinic on the East side. We are working on a date for maybe Central Washington University or Wenatchee.
  4. Bill was on a 2.5 hour phone call for L&L. There are 55 pages of L&L proposals and 80 items of rules. David Greifinger is no longer representing the athletes committee but is now Counsel for Youth and Secretary of the L&L committee. Robin Beamon is now a member of the L&L committee.
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter.
1. Transition to the new website continues. The press releases have been very good. Kenny sent in XC results at 6:30 and they were posted at 7:00. We are switching from Delivra to Direct Target.
  2. Becca was invited to and attended a pre-L&L meeting in Indianapolis. She says it was “interesting”.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. There is no agenda yet for the Associations Workshop.
  2. Agenda for the Associations Committee includes Delivra and 10-year athletes.
  3. It appears the \$250K for improvements at West Seattle Stadium will happen with a \$250K match from the City of Seattle. Stadium may not be ready in time for Masters in the summer. Probably easiest to just go to Sealth.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. There is a conference call next week.

Next meeting is here on January 18, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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