

**Minutes of the  
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest  
Board Meeting held August 18, 2014**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Ave. N. in Seattle. The President dispensed with introductions. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Mick Holt, Ed Viering, Becca Peter, Bob Springer, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Neal Stoddard, Jim Ryan, Stan Chraminski, Eddie Strickler, Bill Hickman, Darlene Hickman, George Mathews, Char Engelhardt, Steve DiBernardo, Holly Genest.

**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. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: no report.
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email.
  - 1. As of Aug 16, 2014: Youth– 1526; Open– 419; Masters– 592; Clubs– 75. Three of the clubs are pending due to background checks.
  - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 170, Open is up 113, Masters is up 3, Clubs is up 9.
- D. Vice President's Report: Mick Holt. Mick apologized for his absence the last two months. He has been working in California. The project is over but he may go down again after September. He did work a couple meets at Stanford, but it is nice to come back to a familiar officiating system.
- E. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
  - 1. Ivars reviewed our last two months, pointing out that they included: Brooks Meet, JO Assn and Regional, Hershey Meet, Club Nats, Seattle Classic (Masters and Open) and Association Workshop.
  - 2. In Patti's absence, Ivars will present her Associations Committee report during the business items.
- F. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have sanctioned 183 events so far this year. We normally have about 200 per year. The increase is due to trail events and new road races.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Nothing to report.

**II OLD BUSINESS**

- A. PNTF Annual Meeting: Ivars Ikstrums for Patti Petesch
  - 1. Patti has a hold on the Laurelhurst Community Center for Sep 28. She is looking for ideas how we can get the morning attendees to stay for the Annual Meeting.
  - 2. Char reported that it is possible that Kenny can't make it due to a new job. Holly said she cannot make it on 28th.
  - 3. After discussion, including a phone call to Patti, and verification that the Seahawks play that Monday night, it was decided to tentatively approve Sunday 5 October. This is pending Patti obtaining a room.
- B. Associations Workshop Debrief: Ivars Ikstrums for Patti Petesch
  - 1. Patti will address most of the content at our annual meeting but in general, it was a big improvement over last year. Well organized with good content and communication. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the USATF Annual Meeting for the next two years.
  - 2. Becca added that the Associations Executive Committee voted to only hold two T&F Regionals next year---East and West. Club Nationals will be in New York.
  - 3. Becca also noted that California puts on a "thank you" get-together for their event directors. They hold it at a brewpub. National Office loves it. It is not a workshop but they provide an FAQ flyer. Some discussion ensued concerning us doing something similar, but no decisions were made. Carole will put together a list of 20 or so of our "biggest directors".
- C. Grants Update: Ivars Ikstrums for Patti Petesch. Patti submitted the marketing package request by the deadline. The deadline was then extended, so she will also submit the laptop/printer request.

D. USA Half Marathon Trail Championships– no report.

### III NEW BUSINESS

- A. PNTF Banquet: Char Engelhardt. The UW meet on the 7th will run long enough to make that day unfeasible. The 21st is the only Saturday in February without a UW meet. It was moved/approved to schedule the banquet for 21 Feb.
- B. Annual Meeting Delegates: Carole Langenbach. The list so far is: Ivars, Char, Becca, Bob Springer, Darlene and Bill, Jim Ryan, Ed, Mick and Chris Kunzelman. Let Carole know if you are interested. Ed asked the Athlete Reps for help in recruiting athletes to attend.
- C. Annual Meeting Hospitality: Ivars Ikstrums. There was a strong consensus to host another hospitality event. Ivars will ask Kenny to host. It was moved and approved to authorize up to \$1,000 to put it on.
- D. Appoint Nominating Committee for Election of Officers: Ivars Ikstrums. Carole Langenbach was approved to Chair the Nominating Committee. Four positions are up for election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.
- E. Identify Candidates for Unelected Board Positions: Ivars Ikstrums. The five At-Large positions and the four Athlete Rep positions expire after our Annual Meeting. Contact any officer if you are interested in being considered for or continuing in one of these positions.

### IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
  - 1. Association JO meet went well. It was the biggest association meet we ever held. We are looking for a new venue next year.
  - 2. Regional JOs in Spokane was held at Central Valley HS---a beautiful venue! There were some problems with calling fouls in the throws which were quickly corrected. Ivars wrote a wonderful debrief email. We are trying for Portland next year. Ivars said the CVHS crew was really gung ho. The “football coach headsets” had rave reviews. Holly and Becca mentioned they may be a good idea for grant program.
  - 3. At National JOs in Houston, our athletes had some issues with the heat. When Holly saw the bid, she had assumed it was at a college due to how nice it was, but was surprised to learn it was actually a HS facility. Our association won 27 track medals, 33 field medals and 6 combined event medals. Of special note, we took a 1st and 2nd in Hammer.
  - 4. Cross Country has 5 developmental meets scheduled. There are still 2 open weekends.
- B. Open: Becca Peter.
  - 1. Club Nationals was extremely well run, but unfortunately only 150 athletes registered. We had better attendance than Nebraska, but had hoped for more. It just seems the clubs aren't interested. Biggest cost was the facility, although the condensed schedule helped. Using UBER instead of shuttle bus worked out really well. Hotels were a nightmare. Comfort Inn could not handle groups. Bottom line is about a \$4,400 profit. From that, as previously negotiated, \$1,000 goes to National for the Rights Fee, then 75% of remainder to ClubNW and 25% to National. Club Nationals will be in New York next year then after that it is up for debate. Becca proposed the teams be Associations instead of Clubs. Becca closed by saying thank you all for your support. It went very well and the lack of attendance was not our fault.
  - 2. We have received entry money for Regional T&F, but not the \$1,000 from National yet.
  - 3. Cross Country Open & Masters: Association is at Woodland Park on Nov 2; Regional is at Lincoln Park on Nov 23. JO Regionals are also on that weekend on the 22nd.
- C. MUT: no report.
- D. Masters: George Mathews.
  - 1. Seattle Classic was on Jul 19. There were some challenges due to USA Nationals on same weekend. Canada's Greyhound Club brought 20 athletes. We had decent Oregon representation. The event contributed to one first-timer, Jona Silva, going to Nationals. National gave him \$150 under the new “first-timers” program. Our Masters Committee added another \$500 to that.

2. We were approved to host the 2015 National Throws Pentathlon (along with Ultraweight and Superweight Pentathlon). It will be a 2-day meet.
  3. Jeff Watry has asked us about hosting Masters Combined Events next year or 2016.
  4. SMAC 9 is this Saturday August 23 at West Seattle. Only two flights.
- E. Race Walk: Stan Chraminski. Last race of the year will be a 5K Race Walk on Sep 20 on new course at Magnuson Park---prior to the Magnuson Park series run. He is trying to get Tom Cotner to certify the course.
- F. Athlete Update/News: Eddie Strickler. Everyone that went to Club Nats had a good time. Brooks Beasts have been running well.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. No report.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. Bob and Ed have made some changes to the main slides and will now concentrate on the extras slides. Chris Kunzelman will make an alternate field event presentation which will be cut-down to allow a hands-on session for field events.
  2. Seattle Clinic is 24 Jan---same day as the Officials Banquet. Tacoma clinic is on normal dates: Feb 9 and 23. Bremerton date is TBD. Kent/Renton clinic will be held together and will be 8 hours instead of 2.5.
  3. Carole asked that clinic presenters make it clear that we don't pay officials for USATF events.
  4. Bill Hickman reported that he, Darlene, Paula and Bob S. were at IAAF World Juniors. Eugene did a wonderful job. Everything on-time. It was a real pleasure to be a part of it. Bill and Bob noted that, since Adidas sponsored the meet, all the Nike logos at Hayward had to be covered up. World Indoors is in Portland next year in February.
  5. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. Becca is looking for a webmaster successor as well as someone to run our Twitter and Facebook accounts. The website uses simple HTML. There is no plan for USATF to force us to their website.
- I. USATF Associations Committee: Ivars Ikstrums for Patti Petesch. Reported during the business items.
- J. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. Nothing to report.

Next meeting is our Annual Meeting, which is tentatively Oct 5. Next regular meeting is here on October 20, 2014.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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