

**Minutes of the  
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest  
Board Meeting held August 20, 2018**

President Ken Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Avenue N. in Seattle. The following were present:

P	Ken Emerick	YTH	Holly Genest	OTC	Bob Springer	A-L	Carole Langenbach
VP		OPN		ATH	Eric Sach	A-L	Carol Coram
SEC	Ed Viering	MAS		ATH		A-L	Patti Petesch
TR	Gwen Robertson	COA		ATH	George Mathews	A-L	Jim Ryan
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	Bob Langenbach		Mark Bloudek		Jim Pearson		Joel Pearson
	Melita Aquino		Lawrie Robertson		Becca Peter		Katie Burnett
	Kaytlyn Gerbin		Olin Berger				

## I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering confirmed we had a quorum. The agenda and latest schedule were distributed. The minutes for the April meeting have been emailed and posted on our website. There was one correction to move one item from Youth to Open. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson. Report was accepted.
  1. Overall Total as of 08/20/2018: \$141,491.23. Group breakdowns:
 

General -	\$74,864.58	Masters -	\$ 8,850.59
Open -	\$19,340.11	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
Officials T&C -	\$ 2,031.87	USATF Membership -	\$33,789.72
Youth -	\$ 0.00		
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva via email.
  1. As of 08/20/2018: Youth– 1,767; Open– 420; Masters– 706; Clubs– 74 (5 of these are pending).
  2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 90, Open is down 10, Masters is up 69, Clubs is down 1.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have about 190 sanctions this year. National Office awarded us \$5,000 for having zero rejected sanctions.
- E. Vice President's Report: No report.
- F. President's Report: Ken Emerick. Thank you for the last 2 months. We did Special Olympics and Masters Throws National Championships, and Youth Association Championship. Thank you to Club Northwest for the 50<sup>th</sup> year of All-Comers Meet.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Nothing to report.

## II OLD BUSINESS

- A. PNTF Annual Meeting Location: Kenny Emerick. Meeting will be Sep 17 at Golden Gardens Bathhouse in Ballard. Format is the same as last year: 6:00pm social hour, 7:00pm meeting. Bill Roe will hold an Open Committee meeting at 6:00pm.
- B. Grievance: Kenny Emerick. The other Associations reneged as far as jumping on board with us. Kenny is therefore reluctant to file as he thinks National will then come after us.
- C. Nominations: Patti Petesch. Kenny agreed to run again for President. Ed agreed to run again for Secretary. Melita Aquino is considering running for Treasurer. Chris has declined to run again for Vice President. Contact Patti if interested in running for office.

## III NEW BUSINESS

- A. International Ultra-Running Presentation: Kaytlyn Gerbin, Olin Berger. Kaytlyn and Olin recently competed in the World Mountain Championships. At Eric Sach' invitation, they gave short talk on their experience there:
  - 1. Olin signed up for White River 50 and only then learned it was a qualifier for Team USA. Kaytlyn couldn't run at White River but was able to apply for Team USA and was selected. Both have mostly only run locally until now.
  - 2. Race was near Valencia, Spain: 56 miles with 16,000 feet of elevation gain. In Europe, people come out to view the races.
  - 3. Both of them were scoring members. Women took Bronze. Men took fourth.
  - 4. USATF paid hotel room and board. An undisclosed amount for expenses is on the way. PNTF Open committee contributed a stipend.
  - 5. Race is in Portugal next year.
- B. Proposal to Extend Secretary's Term Limit: Carole Langenbach. It was moved and seconded to extend the Secretary's term-limit by 1 year. Motion passed by acclamation.
- C. USATF Annual Meeting Update: Patti Petesch. Registration still not open. Meeting is in Columbus, Ohio at Hyatt Regency. Associations and Youth Workshops are Wednesday. This is a Rules Year. We will have 12, maybe 13, votes this year.
- D. Funding for Certification and Training: Bob Springer. Bob proposed having a certain amount of each membership go towards Officials Certification and Training. Expanding the clinics recently has caused us to spend more money and we want to reduce the registration fee. He is working on the numbers, and will present something for a vote in October.
- E. SafeSport: Kenny Emerick. Kenny wants to create a Volunteer category with a lower membership fee. Becca thinks leadership will compromise when it comes to low-level volunteers.

#### IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
  - 1. Note that for all the people that got memberships to help at Youth meets...none of that membership money goes to Youth.
  - 2. We had 992 athletes at JO Associations; 1478 at Regionals—other associations showed up to help since Oregon does not have many officials/volunteers to draw from in Bend.
  - 3. Nationals had 8,812 athletes; we sent 184; we had 74 All-Americans and 10 first places. Tyrone Taylor (RBTC) had two firsts. Chloe Cunliffe set a national record in the Pole Vault. Trey Knight set a Shot Put national record at Regionals.
  - 4. We have JO Regionals next year at Mt. Tahoma. Nationals are in Sacramento, so we will have a big turnout.
  - 5. JO XC is Nov 10 at Woodland Park; Regionals in Yakima; Nationals in Reno.
- B. Open: Ken Emerick for Bill Roe. Bill wants an Open Committee meeting at 6pm---prior to our annual meeting.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach. Forest fires are killing us. Many cancelled events, etc. Thanks for entertaining Kaytlyn and Olin tonight.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer. Season is over! Thank you to all officials and volunteers. We had a tremendous turnout of officials in Spokane. The 27" hurdles looked great. Pentathlons went really well. George's implements saved the day.
- E. Race Walk: Katie Burnett.
  - 1. Logan Roberts, a senior at South Kitsap HS, took 4th at Juniors and 3rd at JO Nationals. He will compete for Team USA vs. Canada.
  - 2. Amberly Melendez of Northwest University took 4th at World Team RW Trials. She took 78th at World RW Champs in China. She took 2nd in NAIA Indoor and Outdoor.
  - 3. Katie Burnett of Bellingham defended her 50K National title, taking 2nd place this year at US 50K Champs. She took third in NACAC 20K.
- F. Athletes: No prize money coming from Des Moines until mid-October. Mike Eaton of Club Northwest will be a strong marathoner for us.

- G. Coaches. There was a level 1 training August 10-12 at St. Martins. There was a problem with publicity. The board didn't know about it.
- H. Officials: Bob Springer for Geof Newing.
  - 1. Sundodger is Sep 8th. Much smaller than in the past. Only 2 races.
  - 2. WAC's timer couldn't do XC, so PNTFO is taking it for Oct 27 WAC Championship.
  - 3. Next board meeting is Sep 6.
- I. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer. We have 20 Apprentice-level; 27 Association-level; 20 National-level; 31 Master-level; 98 total officials. Down from 160 or so a couple years ago. There are still errors on website for SafeSport.
- J. Communications: no report.
- K. Associations Admin: Patti Petesch.
  - 1. Bulk of last meeting concerned SafeSport. Mike Conley is putting a committee together to weigh all the concerns. Bottom line: their hands are tied by the USOC, etc. Their biggest fear is of being sued. Max Seigel said we are trying and are willing to make some changes.
  - 2. Lots of turnover on Associations Committee. Several people quit. Some associations will not make it through accreditation.
  - 3. Grant-in-aid is sending 8 associations up to \$10,000 so they can send full delegations to the Annual Meeting.
  - 4. Association Assist Program is working well to bring admin capabilities up to speed.
  - 5. Two associations have big grievances.
  - 6. Low turnout in Club Regional meets this year.
  - 7. Give nominations for Horace Crow Association Award to Patti.
  - 8. We are encouraging more people to hold Para events.
  - 9. There is \$25,000 for distribution through Association Excellence Awards.
  - 10. We may be discontinuing sending people to observe RRCA meetings.

Next meeting is Annual meeting on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>. Next board meeting is October 15.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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