

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held April 17, 2017**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Patti Petesch, Paul Bodenshot, John Patterson, William Hickman, Carole Langenbach, Bob Springer, Bob Langenbach, Jim Ryan, Holly Genest, Eric Sach, Carol Coram.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the January meeting have been emailed and posted on our website. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach submitted report for Gwen Robertson. Report was accepted.
 - 1. Overall Total as of 04/16/2017: \$109,976.08. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$74,855.13	Masters -	\$10,699.34
Open -	\$18,128.78	Youth -	\$ 0
Officials T&C-	\$ 3,679.83	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email.
 - 1. As of 4/17/2017: Youth– 806; Open– 289; Masters– 523; Clubs– 59.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 32, Open is down 7, Masters is up 0, Clubs is down 7.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. There are 122 sanctions so far for 2017.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. The Open Chair position is vacant. Ivars stated that Bill Roe will pick up the duties in the interim, but we need someone for Association T&F championship. Bill has suggested using All-Comers meets for Association Championship. The athletes need the event earlier than normally scheduled.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. NFHS newsletter had an interesting article about a national problem with HS officials in all sports. The critical point is the third season when there is a high dropout rate. There is a national discussion on recruiting and retention.
 - 2. We elect a new slate of Officers in September. Ivars' term is up. Let us know if interested.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Neal Stoddard is very ill. Currently in a nursing home. You can contact Carole for details.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. PNTF Banquet debrief: Chris Kunzelman.
 - 1. Big increase in attendees. Youth awards were well received. Photo backdrop and photographer were a big hit. Pictures are on our website. It was great having Jeremy Taiwo there. Having both kid and adult categories of door prizes was appreciated. The board consensus was the banquet was very well done. The athletes need it to be on the following weekend to avoid indoor meets.
 - 2. There were 126 dinners plus some miscellaneous expenses. Total charged by the hotel was \$5,673. A total of \$2,422 came from PNTF General Fund.
- B. Vin Lananna Meeting debrief: Ivars Ikstrums. The evening went well—it just flowed. It was a nice room setup. I appreciated everyone's comments.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Schedule PNTF Annual Meeting – Ivars Ikstrums. Annual meeting will be Sep 18 pending Patti reserving this room. Snacks at 6pm. Meeting at 7pm. Open/Masters can meet at 5pm. Same plan as last year.
- B. Bylaws proposal – Ed Viering. Ed described five topics which need fixing: annual meeting voting delegates; quorum; composition of board; substitute voters; selection method for athlete and at-large representatives. Formal proposal will be made at the June meeting, with a vote in August.

1. Current rules only allow 80 votes at our annual meeting, and 40 of those go to clubs. The remaining slots are: 16 athlete; 8 coach; 8 official; 8 at-large. There are complicated rules on how to decide who gets to vote if more than, for example, 8 coaches attend. This last year, with 26 attendees, we maxed out on officials and at-large slots. If any more people attended, and they were not athlete or coach, they would not get a vote. Proposal will be that all members get a vote.
2. Our current definition of a quorum is vague. Proposal will be for either 9 or 11.
3. Currently, Coaches don't have a representative on the board, but Officials have two. Athletes are less than 20% of board positions. The Admin side has been overlooked i.e. the administrative requirements of being an association—marketing, accreditation, organizational services, grants, etc.—basically everything that isn't completion related. Patti has been covering most of this as our rep on Association Committee. The proposal would eliminate the 4 “odd jobs”—Office Manager, Membership, Rules L&L, Officials Training and Certification. Two positions would be added: Coach and Associations Admin. This gives us 20 positions, 4 of which are athletes (20%).
4. Current rules for substitute voters are ambiguous. Proposal will be that those representing a constituency are allowed to designate a substitute voter: Youth, Open, Masters, Officials, Coaches, Athletes.
5. Current rules have the 4 Officers selecting all Athlete and At-Large reps. This was done for expediency when those slots were created. This is a lot of power given to a small group. Proposal will have the sports people picking the athletes and the admin people picking the At-Large reps. Athletes picked by panel of: Open, Masters, Coaches, Officials, VP. Athlete reps chosen by panel of: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Associations Admin, Youth.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 1. Youth people loved being included in the banquet.
 2. A Level 2 Coach scholarship was awarded to Zee Triplett of Cascade Striders. It is a \$950 value.
 3. Oregon is bidding on 2019 JO Nationals T&F.
 4. Only 1 developmental meet in May; 4 in June; 2 in July.
- B. Open: no report.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach.
 1. There is a lot of talk going on inside the Trail community about performance enhancing drugs (PEDs) and marijuana. WADA says marijuana is not a PED, and it can be used outside of competition, but not in competition.
 2. Roads and Ultras are getting big again.
- D. Masters: Carole Langenbach.
 1. Seattle Parks meet is June 3 at Shoreline. Seattle Classic is July 29 at PLU.
 2. Ivars said National Masters asked us to add NACAC meet to the Seattle Classic. We said “no”.
 3. Patti said we can do the Hammer Series at West Seattle Stadium, but must use the side gate, and will have no bathroom or stadium access.
- E. Race Walk: no report.
- F. Athletes: Eddie Strickler provided a report via email.
 1. Several area athletes ran well down at Mt. Sac. The Brooks Beasts' Jessica Tonn got 2nd in the 5k in a time of 15:38 (one of the fastest in the world this year). And Amanda Eccleston got 1st in the 1500 in a time of 4:12.
 2. Cas Loxsom was selected for the USA team for world relays championship. Possibly more local athletes were selected, but I didn't have a chance to check through the entire list.
 3. And lastly, a special sub 2 hour marathon attempt will be made by Nike athletes in early May. They are trying to optimize everything about the race so that they can get a record-legal sub 2 hour marathon. Should be interesting to follow!
- G. Officials: Geof Newing. Geof provided a report via email.
 1. One of our FAT cameras malfunctioned and it was determined it was not worth fixing. It was purchased 16 years ago. After talking to the manufacturer they said they probably don't have

- many of the parts required to fix the camera and if they did it would be very expensive to repair. Considering the age of the camera and the new technology today we decided to replace with a new Lynx camera.
2. The outdoor track and field season has started. Check our web site (pntfo.com) to see all of the meets we have timed or officiated at so far. Many of the high school meets are FAT timing only. As of today we have worked 22 meets.
 3. Last week several of our board members met with the organizing committee for the WIAA State Track and Field in Tacoma. After leaving the meeting I have mixed feelings as to how well the organizing committee is moving forward.
 4. We have 11 more meets before we start the high school league and district meets. Two of those being the UW vs. WSU and the Ken Shannon Invitational which we supply all of the officials. Then the WIAA Track & Field Championship in Tacoma.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
1. We are normally done with certification by mid-June, but USOC added SafeSport and background checks which are delaying things. We have only received 3 badges so far. There are 9,186 officials in the country, so it is taking a while, and the rules keep changing. They integrated the Officials database into the membership database.
 2. Part of the “problem” was that Bob, Ed and Chris have been spreading the gospel, and we had record clinic attendance this year.
- I. Bob and Ivars put on a W&M clinic at the Coaches Convention earlier this year. They keep getting email questions which shows the training is being used by the coaches.
- J. Communications: no report.
- K. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. The big topic has been the merging of the Officials and Members databases.
 2. Dave Schrock presented the Associations Committee with Vin Lananna’s report to the Board of Directors. Key topics were: AAC, LDR, Listening Tour, High Performance, Grievances, Officials and Being Inclusive and Engaging. Grassroots wasn’t mentioned.
 3. Key discoveries were:
 - i. Top priority is membership growth; reaching new markets; capitalizing on participation of Youth
 - ii. Membership value
 - iii. Communication between National Office and constituencies
 - iv. USATF.org must be the premier center for communication with fans
 4. Associations Summer Workshop is in August.
 5. Next conference call is April 30.
- K. National Officers/Chairs Update: Paul Bodenshot.
1. The preliminary accreditations went from 26 pass/29 fail/2 suspended last year to 34 pass/20 fail/1 suspended/2 pending this year.
 2. PNTF received Full Accreditation.

Next meeting is here on June 19, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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