

**Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting
held September 17, 2018**

President Kenny Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at Golden Gardens Bathhouse, 8498 Seaview Place NW, in Seattle. The following were present:

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| P | Kenny Emerick | YTH | Holly Genest | OTC | A-L | Carole Langenbach |
| VP | | OPN | Bill Roe | ATH | A-L | Carol Coram |
| SEC | Ed Viering | MAS | Lance Neubauer | ATH | A-L | Patti Petesch |
| TR | | COA | Kevin Jackson | ATH | A-L | |
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| | Bob Langenbach | | Paul Bodenshot | | | John Patterson |
| | Becca Peter | | Bob Sund | | | Katie Burnett |
| | Joel Pearson | | Tom Thompson | | | Richard Zerbe |
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I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Welcome and Introductions: President Kenny Emerick welcomed the attendees and led introductions.
- B. Verification of Voting Members: Secretary Ed Viering explained there are 23 members present and all are eligible to vote.
- C. Secretary: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. He reported that minutes for the August Meeting have been emailed and posted on the website with no amendments required. The minutes were accepted.
- D. Treasurer: Carole Langenbach for Gwen Robertson. The report was accepted.
Overall Total as of 9/14/2018: \$152,508.50. Group breakdowns:

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| General Fund - | \$85,859.57 | Masters - | \$8,850.59 |
| Open - | \$18,640.11 | Fred Dean Youth Travel - | \$2,613.00 |
| Officials T&C- | \$ 2,290.51 | Membership - | \$34,254.72 |
- E. Membership: no report.
- F. Sanctions: Carole Langenbach. We have denied sanctions this year due to dogs, which we don't allow. We have 196 sanctions so far this year, and 4 for next year.
- G. Vice President: no report.
- H. President-- The State of Our Association: Kenny Emerick

Considering we hosted a National Championship (Masters Throws), the Committees have done an excellent job on their championships. Youth had 10 national champions. Our Masters athletes did very well in Spokane. Our Association is doing very well. We are representing ourselves well on all levels nationally. The Officials---not only at State, but also at UW and Special Olympics---have done a great job. Our Association is doing a wonderful job.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 - 1. Membership is up to about 1,800 this year.
 - 2. We sponsored Trey Knight to the New Balance meet. We sponsored 1 athlete to the first ever USATF Youth Mountain Camp. We sponsored 2 athletes to USATF XC Camp. We sponsored 1 coach to Level 2 Training.
 - 3. We held 8 developmental T&F meets---all with record attendance.
 - 4. We had 993 athletes at Association champs.
 - 5. There were 1,478 athletes at Regionals in Bend.

6. There were 8,812 athletes at Nationals. We sent 184. We had 74 All-Americans and 10 national titles. Trey Knight set Boys 15-16 Shot Put national record. Chloe Cunliffe set girls 17-18 Pole Vault national record.
 7. We had our 2019 meeting two weekends ago. Associations are at Mt. Tahoma on Jun 21-23; Regionals are there on July 4-7. Nationals are in Sacramento.
- B. Open: Bill Roe.
1. We have increased our prize money.
 2. In 2019, we will start a Road Running Circuit. We want to increase membership and prizes.
 3. Open T&F Championship will be done in one night now. Prize money will be based on IAAF tables.
 4. We had a small, but quality, group at our meeting earlier this evening.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach.
1. Joe Gray finished 4th in World Mountain Running Championship in Andorra. He was first American finisher.
 2. Thank you, Kenny, for inviting the 2 athletes at the last meeting.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer.
1. It has been a team effort---with George Mathews, Carole Langenbach and I.
 2. We held the Parks Meet and the Seattle Classic.
 3. We used our 2 new sets of Ultra Weights for the first time at the National Throws Championship.
 4. Our Association provided a lot of assistance at Cheney---especially with the hurdles and implements.
 5. We continue to build relationships. We couldn't do it without the officials, weights and measures, timing and Parks personnel. The Chapman Foundation paid for improvements to our Hammer cage.
 6. Bob Sund reported that Tim Shannon won one National title; Lance placed in all 6 of his events; and George was only beaten in the Hammer by 6 cm on the last throw.
- E. Race Walk: Katie Burnett.
1. Kenny introduced Katie as our new Race Walk Chair.
 2. The USATF RW Chair resigned. Vice Chair Diane Graham-Henry takes over.
 3. 20K championship is being moved to April next year.
 4. Katie goes to China on Friday for her last race of the season.
 5. The 30K and 40K races are all that remain on the National calendar.
- F. Athletes: various.
1. Patti Petesch reported that Marcus Chambers is back in the Pacific NW. He is working towards the Olympics, but is not being funded by USATF this year. He will be one of our delegates. He has been through the Athletes Speakers Bureau---please consider him if you need a speaker.
 2. Ed Vierung reported than many athletes have accounts at something called AthleteBiz.us, which is a way to contribute to individual athletes.
- G. Coaches: Kevin Jackson.
1. We held a Level 1 at Kennedy Catholic HS. It was pretty successful. We held another in August at St. Martins. There are no more clinics this year.
 2. We want to do another Level 1 at Kennedy Catholic next year...earlier this time...maybe February.
 3. The biggest question I get is "what are the prerequisites?"
 - i. You need to be a member with a current SafeSport and background check. You must show a body of work.
 - ii. Level 3 or Olympic coaches must have coached an elite athlete in the Olympics, or an Olympic qualifier, or have 10 years of experience coaching a national athlete.
 4. You can contact me at coaches@ pacificnw.usatf.org.
- H. Officials: Kenny Emerick for Geof Newing.
1. Our last meeting was Sep 6th.
 2. Sundodger was cut way back---only 2 races and 105 athletes.

3. We are working WAC championship at Jefferson Park on Oct 27 and NAIA Cascade Conference at Lake Sammamish on Nov 3.
 4. Indoors will be basically the same meets as always, but UW will be cranking up the entry standards.
- I. Officials Training & Certification: Ed Viering for Bob Springer.
1. We are working to present a budget at next meeting to justify receiving some percentage of each membership fee.
 2. Working on next year's clinics. No dates/sites yet.
 3. OT&C had two deposits back into their account that had been mischarged to them.
- J. Communications: Lance Neubauer. Andy Martin is doing an awesome job. We have much better communication and a quick response time. USATF Pacific Northwest Instagram is set up. Almost all the Malaga World Masters results are posted.
- K. Associations Admin: Patti Petesch.
1. Associations Workshop will concentrate on basics...after seeing a high turnover in the associations.
 2. Speed Unlimited recruited 36 volunteers for SafeSport, etc. Let's not wait until March/April to push for volunteers to get accredited.
 3. Desiree is no longer at the National Office. Luke Fimreite is now Constituent Services.
 4. Paul Bodenshot says Accreditation Committee changed 2 standards. This year has been harder year than last. More associations than last time are still not cleared for the Annual Meeting. They need a hearing to prove they deserve accreditation.

III BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Chris Kunzelman via email. Following the board selections at this meeting, the appointed teams of individuals as outlined by the by-laws will meet in October to make the selections for the 2018-2019 year. If you know of someone who would be a good addition to our board, please reach out to them. It is important that all areas of our Association have an active voice. Currently we have several people holding positions without true representation, as their representatives never show up.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting: Patti Petesch.
1. Meeting is the week after Thanksgiving.
 2. You must register first to get a link to the hotels.
 3. The host hotel is close to full. Call Patti if you need help.
 4. Jesse Owens Banquet is Saturday. About \$125 a ticket.
 5. Kenny reports that Bob Springer will be inducted into National Officials Hall of Fame---our third Hall of Famer. We will reserve a table. About \$65 a ticket.
- C. Annual Dinner: Chris Kunzelman via email. Scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd at the Embassy Suites Tukwila (same location as previous years). Once again, this year this will be a celebration of the accomplishments of all of our Association. It is our hope that this year the Open Committee will work hard to reach out to their award recipients to attend, as it is not a competition weekend. Anyone not attending is really missing out on an amazing evening.
- D. General Comments:
1. Patti Petesch. Martha Mendenhall was appointed to USATF Communications Committee. She can help us with promoting events by navigating through marketing, etc.
 2. Trish Steidl. Some races didn't get prize money because some people weren't safe Sport certified. But at National Trail 50K, she knows that all the volunteers weren't SafeSport certified. It would be nice to have clarification so we can get prize money.
- E. Election of Officers: Patti Petesch.
1. Patti nominated Kenny Emerick for President, Ed Viering for Secretary and Melita Aquino for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. These three nominees were elected by acclamation. There are no nominees for Vice President at this time. It was approved for Patti to continue looking for nominees, and tonight's attendees would vote prior to next meeting, probably by email.

2. The elected officers are:
 - i. President – Kenny Emerick
 - ii. Vice President – vacant
 - iii. Treasurer – Melita Aquino
 - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering
- F. Farewells. Carole and Kenny thanked our two outgoing Officers---Gwen Robertson and Chris Kunzelman.
- G. Next Meeting. The next meeting was confirmed for October 15.

IV ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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