

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held October 19, 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, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Darlene Hickman, Patti Petesch, Becca Peter, Bill Hickman, Jim Ryan, Neal Stoddard, Paul Bodenshot, Larry Scheurer, Bob Springer.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the September annual meeting have been emailed. These must be sent to National Office as part of our delegation paperwork. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach for Gwen Robertson.
 - 1. Carole is helping facilitate the turnover to Gwen. Gwen will use a Quicken program. Carole has fine-tuned all the sub-accounts based on scrutiny of the check registry and checking with the various Chairs. The General Fund has been corrected to reflect total assets minus the sum of the other 5 sub-accounts.
 - 2. Report was accepted. Overall Total as of 09/30/2015: \$140,055.42. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$75,641.13	Masters -	\$ 4,259.25
Open -	\$20,317.08	Youth -	\$32,799.98
Officials T&C-	\$ 4,424.98	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email [*Editor's note: this did not get announced at the meeting*].
 - 1. As of Oct 19, 2015: Youth– 1749; Open– 434; Masters– 664; Clubs– 79.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 147, Open is up 10, Masters is up 48, Clubs is up 2.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have 194 sanctions this year plus 6 already for next year. Sanction fees generally fall in the \$35-75 range depending on number of entries.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Chris has all the voting members checked off for tonight. They know who they are. She will discuss At-Large members in old business.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums. Ed, Eric and Ivars worked the Half Marathon Trail Championship for a 2nd year. Richard Bolt, from National Trail Council, had only one comment after—about post processing of USATF vs. non-USATF results/awards. There was some delay and some people left—same as last year. On the technical side, there were no protests and no problems. If Eric was here I would give him a pat on the back. He was a roving problem solver.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Judy Christiansen was very ill. She is still in rehab. They told her she will recover completely by the end of the year if she does her part.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members – Chris Kunzelman. Eric, Eddie and Michael agreed to re-up and were selected as athlete representatives. There is still one position open. Jim Ryan, Bob Langenbach, Patti Petesch and Steve DiBernardo were selected as at-large board members. There is still one at-large position open. There was some discussion of possible candidates for these openings. Patti recommended we broaden our footprint and get some new faces involved. She mentioned some possibilities and will contact them.
- B. 2016 Masters Combined Events Nat'l Championship – Becca Peter. Shoreline is out due to re-turfing. Shorewood looks positive. Kings will probably restripe in June and be available. It is easier to get volunteers at Kings. She is also looking at UW and Tacoma. She is not serious about an Open Championship this year but will maybe also make this year the Regional Championship to open it for both young and old athletes..
- C. USATF Annual Meeting– Patti Petesch.

1. We have two athletes attending so far: Norris Frederick (Long Jump) and CeCe Jackson from Portland State/Seatown Express/Holy Names (HJ and Hurdles). We need one more athlete (minimum). Athletes should contact Kimberly Sims about arrangements.
 2. We get 14 delegates. Patti is still working out the meeting assignments. Delegates are Patti (Chair), Kenny Emerick (Deputy Chair), Bill Hickman, Bob Springer, Ivars Ikstrums, Becca Peter, Jim Ryan, Chris Kunzelman, Norris Frederick, CeCe Jackson, Paula Everdell, Kwajalein Griffin, Paul Bodenshot, Larry Scheurer, Darlene Hickman (alternate), Bill Roe (alternate).
 3. There are no rooms available for hospitality and not much time on the schedule for one. After some discussion it was decided to try for after the Jesse Owens Dinner. It was moved and approved to authorize \$1000 towards hospitality.
 4. Caucus is Thursday at 7AM in Patti's room. Patti will mail Ivars the letters he needs to sign. Talk to Patti if you have ideas about Horace Crow Associations Award.
- D. Donation Request– Ivars Ikstrums. At last meeting , Bob Sund made a heartfelt request for PNTF to make a donation to the Coach Tuck Gionet memorial fund. Looking at history and precedents, Ivars is not in favor because he doesn't think it fits in our charter, plus it looks like we are playing favorites. Bill Hickman added that we don't have a history of making cash contributions. It could lead to unseemly discussions about who is deserving. The board voted to have the Office Manager to send condolences.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ideas for Banquet Guest Speaker – Board members. Darlene recommends someone WIAA-related. Becca noted that Mike Colbrese would be great. Other names which came up were Norris Frederick (athlete) and Danny Mackey (Brooks coach). John Patterson emailed in a suggestion for Fred Luke (UW football; '72 Olympics in Javelin). All members should keep the ideas coming.
- B. Christmas Party Planning– Carole Langenbach. After some discussion, the party will be Dec 19 at the Langenbachs' home on Angle Lake in SeaTac.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Patti Petesch for Holly Genest.
 1. Regional XC will be in Tri-Cities.
 2. There was a new rule last year to have a combined HS-age team division (15-18) but they wrote the rule wrong, so it will not happen this year. Rule is being fixed for next year.
 3. There have been two XC meets so far this year. In lieu of a meet, several clubs are doing a multi-team "practice" at Woodland Park. Whatcom is holding a meet after Bill Roe's WWU Meet.
 4. Norris Frederick is giving a presentation at Roosevelt HS on Nov 19 from 6:30-8:30.
- B. Open: Becca Peter.
 1. Open XC is Sunday Nov 1 using Bill Roe's chip timing. Some memberships will be renewed that morning.
 2. Oregon is taking the Regional from Spokane this year, but it is part of their existing series. Becca is curious about us maybe doing it every two years.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach sent his report via email. Another successful Trail Half Marathon race. Many of the participants were pleased with the new course changes over last year. A few hiccups in the beginning and at the end. Start was 8 minutes late and awards were over 30 min late. Both could have been avoided and many of the award recipients had already left.
- D. Masters: no report.
- E. Race Walk: no report.
- F. Athlete Update/News. Becca reported that the AAC met with the National Office and worked out how to divvy up new money. Very positive meeting. Everyone was happy. The philosophy was that investing in tier 1 athletes is what pays off. For example, you now get \$10,000 for making a World or Olympic team.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. Scoreboard is not in yet. Washington Invite XC at Jefferson Park went very well. Andy says "all the equipment is working". Banquet is Jan 23; 5:00pm social and 6:30pm dinner.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.

1. There was a 2.5 hour phone meeting on rules changes. It is not a rules year but there are 83 changes proposed: 73 IAAF changes and 10 tabled from last year. Snoeshoe is still tabled.
 2. L&L has 3 proposals. Very different from a normal year. There are many complaints that all submissions are not in the packet. A lot is still up in the air.
 3. Seattle Clinic is Jan 23 in the International District Chinatown Community Center. There is a classroom and a gym available. They are closed that day. Parking will be a problem. For Tacoma clinic, Larry and Bob looked at the PLU Fieldhouse. It would be wonderful, but is not available the days we want. Will look at staying with same room at UPS plus the Auxiliary gym. Nothing is on-line for dates yet. Have not done the online registration yet. After problems at the Metro League Meet, we are looking at offering them a free clinic.
 4. Coaches Association will let us present at their Convention on Jan 15. We want to advertise the new format.
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. Andy Martin got the info he needed for the new website. It is not fully switched over yet, but on pntf.org, the link for the Nov 1 meet will take you to the new website. [pacificnorthwest.usatf.org]
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. We need to tell National Office if we are changing our fee structure for next year. They give us short notice for this. Pacific Association requested they ask by mid-August next time. Patti suggests we do the same.
 2. Karen Krsak, Associations Chair, made a presentation at the board meeting about how she wants the Associations Committee to operate. She wants Organizational Services under Associations.
 3. There is a waiting list for rooms at the Annual Meeting, partly because attendance is growing.
 4. Patti is asking that they authorize us to present SafeSport locally. Patti suggests that if you ever sat with a child that has been through these situations, you wouldn't complain about the class.
 5. There is no national system for background checks, so you may have to do it several times if you are involved in several sports. Officials have to do it before next year in order to work the Big 4 meets.
 6. Patti has a grant for a beta-test program with Dennis Cook for "what to do during earthquake/tsunami/etc." during an event.
 7. There is a vote in November for a Washington State Youth Facilities Grant to provide \$250K for improvements at West Seattle Stadium, with a \$250K match from Parks Department. There are a bunch of improvements in the works for Sealth as well.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. An ad hoc committee is looking at streamlining the combined efforts of Associations and Organizational Services Committees.

Next meeting is here on November 16, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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