

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held October 16, 2017**

President Ken Emerick 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: Ken Emerick, Chris Kunzelman, Ed Viering, Ivars Ikstrums, Patti Petesch, Carole Langenbach, Bob Springer, Bob Langenbach, Jim Ryan, George Mathews, Holly Genest, Lance Neubauer, Bill Roe, Carol Coram, Darlene Hickman, Bill Hickman, Char Engelhardt, Paul Bodenshot, John Patterson, Tammy Dunn, Gavan Graham.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the September meeting were emailed and posted on our website. The minutes were accepted. Ed announced this is his last year as Secretary as the By-Laws dictate an 8-year term limit.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach submitted report for Gwen Robertson. Report was accepted.
 - 1. Overall Total as of 09/27/2017: \$107,891.26. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$68,807.19	Masters -	\$ 9,541.82
Open -	\$17,041.78	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
Officials T&C -	\$ 4,190.86		
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email.
 - 1. As of 10/16/2017: Youth– 1,720; Open– 442; Masters– 648; Clubs– 77.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 2, Open is up 2, Masters is down 40, Clubs is down 6.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. There are 227 sanctions to date, plus 2 already for next year. USATF added a clause to the sanctions form. Meet Director must agree "I will not let animals participate." If you let dogs in, you have the liability. Service dogs were not addressed.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. No report.
- F. President's Report: Ken Emerick.
 - 1. Kenny had an enlightening meeting with Carole and Ed to get him up to speed on administrative requirements.
 - 2. Still working on nominees for Coaches Chair. Expect a recommendation at next meeting.
 - 3. The panel selected 5 At-Large Members: Carole Langenbach, Carol Coram, Kevin Jackson, Neal Gaulden, Patti Petesch. Athlete Reps are still being worked on.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. No report.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. Coaches Chair/Athlete Reps/At-Large Board Members: Ed Viering. This item was covered in Executive Reports.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. We have 17 attending. We only get 14 delegates, so 3 will be named as alternates. All the host hotel rooms are booked.
 - 2. Limited attendance will be allowed at Youth Workshop. Registration is being closely tracked for Associations Workshop.
 - 3. Our delegation meeting is Thursday morning.
 - 4. It was moved and approved that reimbursement is a \$250 stipend plus registration fee.
 - 5. Assignments so far: Head of Delegation=Patti Petesch; Deputy=Ken Emerick; Officials=Darlene Hickman & Bob Springer; Accreditation=John Patterson; XC/MLDR/MUT=Bill Roe; WLDR=Chris Kunzelman or Paula Everdell; Masters=Jim Ryan; Coaches=Kevin Jackson; RW= Darlene Hickman. Athletes=Norris Frederick & George Mathews.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Meet Medical: Dr. Gavan Graham. Dr. Graham is a Chiropractor with advance training in Sports Medicine. He has been helping at JO meets in Spokane as an assistant to Asdrubal Lopez (Medical Chair at Inland Northwest). Since we have no medical chair, he is open to taking on any advisory or other role, including providing service at our meets or helping us reach out to other providers. The board will discuss this further, or possibly set up a committee.
- B. 2018 National Masters Marathon: Tammy Dunn.
 - 1. Snohomish County Sports Commission and Snohomish Running Company intend to bid on 2018 USATF Masters Marathon Championship. They were approached by National Events Manager Karl Eagleman, and had further contact with Masters LDR Committee. Event would be part of Snohomish River Run in October. Tammy apologized that she couldn't meet with us before starting the bid process as things happened so quickly. She seeks the Association's blessing on holding a National Championship.
 - 2. Tammy handed out a detailed presentation packet.
 - 3. Tammy described her office's familiarity with USATF-like requirements as they have held USA Junior Elite Triathlon since 2011. Other championships held include Gymnastics, Ironman, and Tennis. Snohomish Running Company has managed eight road races over the last five years.
 - 4. Her office handles business aspects such as sponsors, hotel and transportation. They can offer a \$10,000 prize purse. Traditionally this event has about 100 Masters athletes. She is aiming for 150.
 - 5. She requests our association provide a member to the LOC, secure officials and assist in connecting with local businesses interested in supporting the event.
 - 6. Tammy is traveling to a race in Tulsa to meet the Masters LDR Committee. She will travel to Columbus for the bid if necessary.
 - 7. The President thanked her for her presentation and said we will discuss and provide an answer at our November meeting.
- C. 2019 National Masters Throws/Ultraweight Pentathlon : George Mathews. George asked for Board approval of this meet to be held in August 2019 at West Seattle Stadium. We have held this meet several times. It is a 2-day meet which pays for itself. It was moved and approved to allow him permission to bid. Some discussion ensued on improvements coming to West Seattle Stadium track and long jump. Patti Petesch has the details.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 - 1. Next meeting is Nov 1, which includes elections.
 - 2. We had a 20% increase in runners at Federal Way TC developmental meet this month.
 - 3. Association JO Championship is Nov 11 at Woodland Park. JO Regionals is Nov 18 at Woodland Park.
 - 4. Kevin Jackson, Holly and Patti have been working with Matt Lydum on a big Level 1 Coaches Clinic in February at Kennedy HS. There will be a smaller one in August at St. Martins University.
- B. Open: Bill Roe.
 - 1. Thank you to the various college meets for letting Open and Masters compete.
 - 2. Association XC Championships is Nov 5 at Lower Woodland Park. Regional is Nov 18 in Oregon.
 - 3. Association T&F Championships next year will once again be split between the 2nd and 3rd CNW All-Comers Meets.
 - 4. We are working on a Road/LDR Grand Prix which will culminate in our XC Championship.
- C. MUT: No report.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer.
 - 1. Oct 21 Throws Meet is cancelled.
 - 2. Jul 21 will be the NW Region/Seattle Masters meet. This is weekend before Nationals in Spokane. SMAC-9 will be August 11.
- E. Race Walk: No report.
- F. Athletes: No report.
- G. Officials: Geof Newing emailed his report.
 - 1. Three more cross country meets this season. Two high school and the GNAC Championship meet in Bellingham

2. Four Total Station Measuring Laser systems are ready for training. First session will be with four officials who will take charge of one Laser and will then train several other officials for specific events.
 3. Updated computers have been delivered and will be uploaded with specific software. Once that has been completed we will do a complete simulation of a track meet and work out any bugs that might occur. This will include all cameras and field event items.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. We taught a clinic in Spokane last year. This year Inland NW will put it on themselves. We will just send someone to critique.
 2. Clinic schedule: Jan 6 Mt. Tahoma HS, Tacoma; Jan 20 Mt Rainier HS, Des Moines; Feb 3 tbd Everett or further North; Feb 10 Newport HS, Bellevue; Mar 3 Mini-Clinics (not for beginners) KMHS, Kent; Mar 10 CWU, Ellensburg. Ellensburg clinic is at the request of Inland NW and many HS coaches.
 3. We will hand out thumb drives instead of CDs this year.
 4. Number of certified Officials is way down due to Background Check and SafeSport documentation issues.
- I. Communications: Lance Neubauer. Still working on a few things with the website, including the site redirect.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. Nominations for Horace Crow Award will now come from Executive Committee.
 2. Association Workshop is on Wednesday at the Annual Meeting.
 3. Seven grievances are in the works right now.
 4. National Office had issues with bank fraud this summer. Associations who did not get paid for meets probably did not set up their STRIPE account correctly.
 5. USATF Membership database has been hacked into.
 6. Vin Lananna has visited 32 of 57 associations.
 7. RunJumpThrow has been re-energized. It is under Robin Beamon now. There are grants available to put these on.
 8. There is travel grant money available for Club XC Nationals.
 9. Several Associations did not post their Annual Meeting notice 30 days prior.
- K. Rules: Bill Hickman.
1. This is not a rules year, but there are 70 items to match changes from IAAF, plus 5 items tabled from last year.
 2. We are getting rid of the acceleration zone. Exchange zone will simply start at old acceleration zone marking.
 3. There was a lot of blowback on the IAAF “30 seconds for a field event trial” change. We won’t know if this is adopted until we see the new rulebook.

Next meeting is here on Nov 20, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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