

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held June 20, 2016**

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, Gwen Robertson, Darlene Hickman, Patti Petesch, Bill Hickman, Jim Ryan, Neal Stoddard, Carole Langenbach, Geof Newing, Eric Sach, Bob Langenbach, Lawrie Robertson, Lance Neubauer, Bob Springer, George Mathews, Char Engelhardt, Larry Scheurer, Becca Peter, Eddie Strickler, Mark Bloudek, Tom Cotner.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the April meeting have been emailed and posted on new website. Two amendments were made to correct the "as of" dates in Treasurer and Membership reports. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson. Gwen provided her report. Report was accepted.
 - 1. Overall Total as of 6/19/2016: \$151,369.49. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$77,462.57	Masters -	\$11,752.93
Open -	\$21,178.43	Youth -	\$35,035.98
Officials T&C-	\$ 3,326.58	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
 - 2. Please cash your checks right away. There are 2 adjustments from 2014/2015 OT&C.
- A. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email. Report was accepted.
 - 1. As of 6/20/2016: Youth– 1518; Open– 380; Masters– 606; Clubs– 80.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 198, Open is up 35, Masters is up 32, Clubs is up 9.
- B. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. 155 sanctions so far this year. New people are checking "waive insurance". If you do that by mistake, you must start over and resubmit. If you truly waive it, you are on hold until USATF receives a certificate of insurance.
- C. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Chris handed out ballots to eligible voters.
- D. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. You have likely seen the news on the doping situation with the Russians. The IOC looks like it will uphold the ban.
 - 2. In high school postseason, what was different than the past was the addition of para athletes. Ivars is working on future plans with Brian Smith at WIAA.
 - 3. The officials bought a bunch of handheld Leica lasers which were used at PAC-12 meet.
 - 4. The Parks meet was successful. The Greyhounds, a new Canadian club, participated. One athlete achieved a BC provincial record.
 - 5. The saga continues for National Youth Committee. National wanted Athletic.net. Youth went with something else. In the end 11 Youth Committee members were suspended and lost their memberships.
 - 6. For years we have had a cooperative relationship with the State Decathlon. It is a 45 year meet, but they use the wrong implements and hurdle heights, so we pulled out. Judd Hunter is now meet director. Ivars, Becca, John Patterson, Bob Sund and Rod Wilcox met with him to work out issues. We will reject sanction next year if implements are not legit. He has to run it as Open if he wants the sanction. Ivars offered to train them and advertise to our officials if we work things out. Patti suggested it works as a USATF event but not so much as a JO event.
- E. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. We renewed our domain name, PNTF.org. Not all data is migrated from the old website yet. IRS return was filed for 2015.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. SafeSport : Bob Springer. Bob has received questions and concerns for many officials about logging in and getting the certificate. Several people also had problems. No one can find a list of who has taken the

class. There are no answers yet. Ivars asks that you send us a note if you were successful using the system.

- B. 2016 USATF Masters Combined Events Championship: Becca Peter.
 - 1. Meet is August 6/7 at Kings HS.
 - 2. Finances are through PoleVaultPower—not asking the Association for any money.
 - 3. Bob Springer said it should not be hard to get officials. I am providing a referee.
 - 4. Les Strom will put in a shot put circle. The discus ring is cracking and Becca will have some experts check it out. We will bring in a second runway and pit and standards and a second high jump. Rod Wilcox will be the facilities coordinator. I don't have a firm commitment for Timing. PNTFOA timing is not available. Registration is set up.
 - 5. Becca was approached by Bill Murray, the Masters combined events person. We have hosted this meet three times before.
 - 6. A motion to allow us to put on this championship passed 14 to 1 with one abstention.
- C. 2018 USATF JO XC Nationals: Patti Petesch. We don't have a bid package to fill out. There is still a discussion about meet director and timing crew and chips. Geof Newing and Bob Springer checked out the park and were impressed with the location.
- D. 2018 USATF Club XC: Becca Peter.
 - 1. Open Committee wants to bid on 2018 National Club Cross. Becca presented a bid exploration package.
 - 2. We will use American Lake Veterans Golf Course. Mark Bloudek and Tom Cotner met with the golf course people.
 - 3. If Youth wins their bid we would move to Sunday. The open athletes like to party afterwards so that is a downside of the Sunday meeting.
 - 4. We are not on a strict rotation. Spokane will bid and maybe Pennsylvania. We also have no bid packet so we are not asking for a vote yet. Bid is due July 15. They will decide by October. We will know before the annual meeting.
 - 5. The big focus has been on course and volunteers. There are benefits of a Club Cross and JO Cross in the same city. It is more of a family thing plus we can give more media exposure to Youth. We love the idea that the adult runners can still participate and watch/coach kids. We could combine the Expo. We could possibly combine resources at, for instance, packet pick up. National gets to sell merchandise at club cross, so they could sell to Youth too.
 - 6. In 2011 we broke the participation record. The 2014 event exploded in popularity and had to split the open race into two races, which hurt participation. We anticipate strong numbers, especially for women. This year's Masters is split, with age 40 and 50 running 10k, and age 60 and up running 8K.
 - 7. Mark Bloudek reported: Location hosts the Westside Classic. The Mayor of Lakewood is interested and is on the board at the golf course. We can run anywhere but on the greens. They put in nine new holes this year. We can use golf course and clubhouse. Tom Cotner identified two potential starting lines. We will keep the Westside Classic finish line. They agreed to mow where we need it.
 - 8. For volunteers, they get 50 army guys to set up each year. Scott Huber is head of the Lakes Cross Country Boosters and will be the volunteer coordinator.
 - 9. We will use Sean from Record Timing. He always scored the masters meets flawlessly. We will use bib chips. This race is a selection for the national team to Europe.
 - 10. Rights fee is \$1000. We have to put up prize money of \$32,000. One expense we won't have from 2011 is the post-meet party. Club Northwest will put it on. No shuttles— people will need to rent cars anyhow. Club Northwest is not in position to finance the meet as Northwest Runner magazine is no more. Becca has \$20,000 in open. Perhaps Masters will chip in.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. Combined Events age 9-14 had 53 athletes. Double the size of previous largest field.
 - 2. Patti wants a meet and greet with Tammy English about Para sports. Patti wants to incorporate some events into JOs. They will incorporate some Para into Level 1 clinic. They are giving out scholarships to Level 1 for training and working with Para athletes.
 - 3. Association Meet this weekend, then Regionals in 2 weeks.
- B. Open: Becca Peter. There was great appreciation shown by the athletes who were trying for marks to get them into Olympic Trials. Everyone came together at Blanchet. Levi Keller PR'ed there , and again at All-Comers at UW. It will get him into Trials. Carol Coram ran wind gauge at UW so Norris Frederick could try for a mark at the All-Comers. There was an increase in number of Open athletes at the Parks meet. Open championship will be together with Masters.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach. Western States is coming up. Eric has been in contact with Tad Davis for National Trails Championship.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer. Lance stressed the importance of waivers. Within one hour of an injury incident at the Parks Meet, he was getting calls asking for waiver paperwork.
- E. Race Walk: no report.
- F. Athlete Update/News: Eddie Strickler. Baylee Mires qualified in the 800m at the Brooks Meet. Joe Gray won Mt. Washington Road Race. Joe Ellis qualified for Great Britain in the Hammer Throw. Trails has a big Clean Sport initiative.
- G. Officials: Geof Newing. We received good comments from the Pac-12. HS League/District/State went well. 2018 Special Olympics National Track and Field is at UW. To officiate there, it is a prerequisite that you have worked at least one Special Olympics meet. We told Youth we were dissatisfied with Southwest Athletic Complex and encouraged them to move the meet elsewhere in the future.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer. Chris Kunzelman has been working with the Coaches Association. They requested clinics in Spokane and CWU which will be supported by WIAA..
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. No report.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. Half of the Associations haven't submitted documents for last year.
 - 2. There is significant conversation around the Youth issue. National Office sued the Youth Committee. Our goal is to make sure none of it touches our local athletes. Patti is preparing the coaches and athletes to be flexible at JO Nationals.
 - 3. We successfully bridged a gap with Athletic.net. Flying AJs got reinstated by Athletic.net.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. No report.

Next meeting is here on August 15, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Viering
Secretary
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