

Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting
held September 18, 2017

updated Oct. 24

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center, 3800 Lake Washington Blvd South, in Seattle. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Ed Viering, Chris Kunzelman, Gwen Robertson, Carole Langenbach, Bob Springer, Patti Petesch, Bill Roe, Bob Langenbach, Becca Peter, Holly Genest, Jim Ryan, Paul Bodenshot, Lance Neubauer, Eric Sach, George Mathews, Mark Bloudek, Geof Newing, Steve Kunzelman, Kenny Emerick, Char Engelhardt, Carol Coram, Jim Neff, Johnnie Williams, Lawrie Robertson, Neil Kells, Kevin Jackson, Helen Woodke, Bob Sund, Andy Newing, John Patterson, Kelli Arrivey, Anne McClure.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Welcome and Introductions: President Ivars Ikstrums welcomed the attendees and led introductions.
- B. Verification of Voting Members: Secretary Ed Viering explained there are 33 members present and all are eligible to vote.
- C. Secretary's Report/Minutes: 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. Let the Secretary know if you want to get on the list for the meetings & minutes.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson submitted her report. The report was accepted.
Overall Total as of 9/14/2017: \$104,848.57. Group breakdowns:

General Fund -	\$70,264.24	Masters -	\$9,679.52
Open -	\$17,041.78	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$2,613.00
Officials T&C-	\$ 5,250.03		
- E. Membership Report: no report. *<Editor's note: USATF membership database was down all weekend.>*
- F. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have 214 sanctions so far this year. We are 14 ahead of last year at this time.
- G. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Nothing to report.
- H. President's Report– The State of Our Association: Ivars Ikstrums

We represent Western Washington. It is a small land area, but why are we on everyone's radar? On the Admin side—we follow the rules. We have to be accredited. Not only are we always accredited but we receive notice of accreditation earlier than most anyone. Carole Langenbach and Gwen Robertson do a lot of work before our paperwork gets sent in. Our membership continues to grow steadily.

But it is the competition that counts. Our sanctions numbers keep going up. Concerning our Youth program...as an official I am astounded by the numbers of athletes at our championships. This is sometimes the bane of officials, but it beats the alternative. At the Weights and Measures table, coaches and parents are constantly asking for all sorts of advice. This is called engagement. It shows they are not just dropping their kids off. Brock Eager and Joe Ellis did great at the NCAA and USATF Hammer championships. If Youth is our future, we are doing very well.

Masters had a challenge this year—no stadium. They had to transfer their meet to PLU and pulled it off in fine style. We have athletes showing up from California and Oregon and British Columbia. They wouldn't come here if we didn't put on a good meet. Officials may grouse at the number of entries, but it beats the alternative.

Our Open Chair had to move out of the area. Bill Roe stepped up again as interim Chair. Keeping this position filled has been a weakness, but it is not to be confused with the athletes who show up to run, which is a strength. MUT is taking off. We don't put on road races so as not to encroach in that area, but the meet managers keep cooperating with us to obtain sanctions.

It is old news now that there is a new Officials training clinic. There were a number of new faces officiating at the state meet. The fruits of our labors are showing. Last week, the Officials committee voted two substantial expenditures. One was for a substantial upgrade of older equipment; the other was to enhance our field event capability.

Communications is normally at the bottom of the agenda, but we have stepped up in that area with a new website. We hired Andy Martin to conduct athlete interview at JOs which are posted on our Facebook page. The State of the Association is strong.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Committee: Holly Genest.

1. Kudos to Andy Martin for his interviews at JO Nats which are on Facebook. We told him to focus on the older kids to give them some exposure. He did a great job.
2. We had our planning meeting for next year. We will have 7 track & field developmental meets plus our 2 JO meets.
3. This year was our first time using a 2 ½ day format for Association meet. We received great feedback.
4. We had 970 athletes in 2200 events at Association champs.
5. There were 1452 athletes in 2800 events at Regional champs in Spokane.
6. There were 8152 athletes at National champs in Kansas. We sent 194. We had 50 All-Americans and 6 first place finishers. Logan Roberts from Thriller took 2nd in the Race Walk.
7. For XC, we will have 3 developmental meets plus the association and Regional champs. There are not a lot of local XC clubs.

B. Open Committee: Bill Roe's report is at attachment 1.

C. MUT Committee: Eric Sach.

1. The races are getting bigger. Trail is exploding. There is lots of talk about drug testing. We had 9 or 10 races called off due to the fires.
2. Next year, we want to move our championship races to other sites around the area.

D. Masters Committee: Lance Neubauer.

1. Masters doesn't run without George Mathews and Carole Langenbach.
2. This Saturday, Sep 23, is a Throws Pentathlon and Ultra Pentathlon.
3. Next year, we will have more tents.
4. We are trying to communicate more effectively. A lot of athletes just don't know what is happening.
5. We went to 86% online registration. This takes a lot of the work off our backs.
6. Masters and Open XC is Nov 5 at Lower Woodland Park.

E. Race Walk Committee: no report.

F. Athletes: no report.

G. Officials Committee: Geof Newing.

1. Equipment is working perfectly after 3 XC meets. Chips worked 100% at Sundodger. We had results within 2 or 3 minutes.
2. We have a D1 Regional and GNAC meets in Bellingham and Western Oregon.
3. We use all the same equipment as our UW setup at HS meets. The parents love it. We had to stay later due to all the photo ops with the results board. We will work HS league meets on Wed through Saturday.
4. We bought 4 Lynx Total Laser measuring devices—2 for throws and 2 for long jump. We need people to be trained on them.
5. We bought 10 new more powerful computers. The tower will now be half the size of the old one.

H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.

1. I found out why Bill and Darlene didn't want to do this anymore. There is frustration like crazy! We have 64 certified officials—we had 164 at this time last year; 66 need SafeSport or background check; 57 are not recertified but I don't know why. I can't reliably get into the SafeSport system.
2. There is a new person assigned to admin at the National office.
3. For those who had not received badges yet, they only get printed on Fridays. One person didn't get a shirt. It supposedly shipped. It has been one frustration after another.

4. Last year , we had 4 votes at National meeting. This year we only get 2.
5. We are working on clinic dates. They will be announced fairly soon.
- I. Communications: Lance Neubauer. Andy Martin has taken over a lot of the load. We are engaged and moving forward on website content.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
 1. Patti confirmed that anyone in a leadership position will have to take SafeSport. Patti apologized on behalf of USATF since USOC did not do a very good job of rolling it out.
 2. Everybody is jazzed about Paul Bodenshot's Accreditation Committee work.
 3. We had more than enough associations apply for grants this year.

III BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Chris Kunzelman. We have 4 Athlete and 5 At-Large positions to fill by the October meeting. We also have an opening for Coaches Committee Chair. If interested, let Ed or Chris know.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting Delegates: Patti Petesch.
 1. We still have 2 more spots to fill for delegates, plus all the athlete spots.
 2. We reimburse registration fees, but price goes up on October 1. You must turn in a report to the President to get reimbursed.
 3. We had a lot of trouble getting our list of 10-year athletes, and the list they sent us was wrong. Norris Frederick is the only athlete who has expressed interest.
 4. There are less than 30 rooms left at the host hotel.
 5. Let Patti know if you want to attend Officials Banquet. We will get a table.
- C. Annual Dinner : Chris Kunzelman. Dinner is on March 3rd.
- D. General Comments:
 1. Paul Bodenshot. There are 43 associations certified so far. Waiting on 13. We were first association to submit all required paperwork.
 2. Bill Roe. I second the complaints about trouble with the National Office. I submitted 15 items of legislation for elections. We will have a parliamentarian again at National Meeting. Volunteer Council has been rejuvenated.
 3. Bob Springer. Chris Kunzelman has been on a national committee working on developing a standardized officials training clinic...which will be 98% ours.
- E. Election of Officers: Carole Langenbach.
 1. Carole introduced the two nominees for President, Kenny Emerick and Chris Kunzelman. There were no nominations from the floor. Each candidate provided a short statement of their plan as President. A secret ballot was conducted. Mark Bloudek, Paul Bodenshot and John Patterson were assigned to count votes. The President announced that Kenny Emerick was elected President.
 2. Chris Kunzelman was the only nominee for Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. Chris was elected by acclamation.
 3. Ed Viering was the only nominee for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor. Ed was elected by acclamation.
 4. Gwen Robertson was the only nominee for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Gwen was elected by acclamation.
 5. The elected officers are:
 - i. President – Kenny Emerick
 - ii. Vice President – Chris Kunzelman
 - iii. Treasurer – Gwen Robertson
 - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering
- E. Farewells. Carole thanked Bill and Darlene Hickman, who were leaving the Officials Certification and Training Committee after 15 years. Carole and Ed thanked Ivars for his 4 years as President. He was presented with a restaurant gift card and flowers for his wife.
- F. Next Meeting. The next meeting was confirmed for October 16.

IV ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Attachment 1 Open Report

OPEN ATHLETICS COMMITTEE 2017 REPORT

ACTIONS

1. Tried a new system for the track & field championships and — while it wasn't any worse than the combination with the masters — it was not the improvement we were looking for. We awarded less than the budgeted prize money since several of the top five performances were by students.
2. We went through two new chairs in 2016-2017, with four changes in leadership in a twelve month period. This is not good for stability.

GOALS

1. Find a new chair by the Annual Meeting of 2018, or solidify a new working Open Athletics Committee which will enable the current interim chair to lead and not do all of the work.
2. Run solid cross country programs in 2017 and 2018 (planning will already be done if and when a new chair takes over in 2018.)
3. Attempt a second year of the track & field championships, since last year's was beset with promotional issues and we think we can overcome that.
4. Revise and renew the road running series, potentially turning it into a Grand PRix along the lines of what I had been working on and turned over to others to implement.

OPEN CLUBS FROM WHICH WE NEED PARTICIPATION

Athletics NW	Harrier TC	Seattle Masters AC
Auburn Elite TC	Hub City TFC	Seattle Running Club
Barron Park Striders	Kent TC	Seattle Speed TC
Bellingham Distance Project	King Cobras Track & Field	Sewell Institute of Speed
Cheetah TC	Kitsap Fliers TFC	Shelton Harriers
Club Northwest	Meridian Geographics, LLC	Skagit Swift
Club Oly Road Runners	Montesano TC	Snohomish Sports Institute
Columbia Striders TC	Northwest Pole Vault Club	Snohomish TC
E.T.C.	Oiselle Running Club	South Hill Running
Eastlake PVG	Olympic Peninsula TC	So Whidbey All-Terrain RC
Excelerate Sport	Operation Ward 57	Tacoma City Running Club
Flying AJS TC	O-Town Flyers	Team Blackout Elite TFC
Fort Steilacoom RC	Pt Angeles Marathon Assoc	The Speed Factory
Get Strong First TC	Pro Vault NW	Three Peaks Throwing Club
Guerilla Running	Rainier Beach TC	Thriller Track & Field
Hammerheads Hmnr Club	Ready Set Go Sprinters	Xtreme Speed TC