

**Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting
held September 26, 2021**

President Kenny Emerick called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. online via Zoom. The following were present:

P	Kenny Emerick	YTH	Holly Genest	OTC	Bob Springer	A-L	Carole Langenbach
VP	Andy Newing	OPN	Tony Monroe	ATH	Katie Burnett	A-L	
SEC	Ed Viering	MAS		ATH	Trisha Steidl	A-L	Patti Petesch
TR	Melita Aquino	COA	Kevin Jackson	ATH	George Mathews	A-L	Jim Ryan
IPP	Ivars Ikstrums	OFF	Geof Newing	ATH		A-L	
	Bob Langenbach		Sue Hoppe		John Patterson		Regis Costello
	Kelli Arrivey		Paul Bodenshot		Dora Choi		Agne Lukoseviciute
	Martha Mendenhall		Jim McCabe		Rob Thomas		Anthony Joseph
					Daniel O'Brien		

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 3 non-members present. All others are eligible to vote.
- C. Secretary: Ed Viering. The agenda was distributed online. The minutes for the 2020 Annual Meeting have been emailed and posted on the website with no amendments required. The minutes were accepted.
- D. Treasurer: Melita Aquino. Melita presented her report. National office is mostly keeping up with what they owe us. The report was accepted.
Overall Total as of 9/26/2021: \$148,447.90. Group breakdowns:

Open	\$ 14,990.22
Masters	\$ 16,353.99
Officials T&C	\$ 5,045.87
Fred Dean Youth Travel	\$ 2,113.00
General	\$ 89,281.07
- E. Membership: no report.
- F. Sanctions: Carole Langenbach. We have 112 sanctions this year, compared to 65 at this time last year.
- G. Vice President: Andy Newing. Spokane is opening an Indoor venue this season. Many of their events are same day as ours. Please support us first—our revenue comes from our events. UW is looking at holding a HS Indoor.
- H. President– The State of Our Association: Kenny Emerick. Thank you to everyone who put on/helped/worked a meet in these conditions. Masters was our biggest meet ever. Youth Meet was held over 5 days in tremendous heat. It has been an interesting year and will probably continue that way.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 - 1. JOs were held over two weekends due to COVID. We had 460 athletes. Much lower than the usual 800-900. We were happy with the turnout. We could not use the name “Junior Olympics”.
 - 2. There was no Regional Meet.
 - 3. Anyone could attend National Meet because some associations were unable to put on Regionals. There were 5,400 athletes, versus 9,000 normally. Every person had to be COVID tested at the gate every day. We had 32 All American and 5 first places.
 - 4. Many athletes did AAU instead of our meets.

5. We didn't have typical youth developmental meets. There were two outside the box meets: Bob Frey and West Seattle Roadrunners held a Wednesday night series. Xtreme Speed held a relay only meet.
 6. First youth XC meet had 421 athletes for age 14 and under.
 7. JO Association XC is Sun Nov 14. Regional is Sat Nov 20. Both at Chambers Creek Regional Park.
 8. JO Nationals XC is Dec 11 in Kentucky.
 9. We have 2 scholarships for Level 2 coaching.
 10. Youth elections are next month.
- B. Open: Tony Monroe. We are reaching out to clubs to provide open reps for meetings etc.
- C. MUT: Trisha Steidl.
1. Most international championships were cancelled this year.
 2. Mountain Running Championships were at Mt Hood.
 3. World Mountain Championships is postponed until Feb.
 4. PNTF Trail Championships were in Aug. Getting the word out more in advance will help. Working with Andy Martin to improve that.
- D. Masters: George Mathews.
1. Open/Masters meet had record number of entries (over 180). People came from all over the country due to limited opportunities elsewhere.
 2. We held National Throws Championship. We don't use USATF branding because contracts are too complicated for such a small meet. USADA and National Masters did drug testing. Banquet at the Museum of Flight was a big hit. Thank you to all officials and volunteers and to UW Sports Medicine.
- E. Race Walk: Katie Burnett.
1. We are hurting for race walk judges.
 2. We had quite a few athletes for a COVID year.
 3. Men and Women will race 20K and 35K at 2022 Worlds.
- F. Athletes:
1. They are redoing athlete tier system, with world rankings being more important now.
 2. George Mathews won National Championship in Weight Throw in Iowa.
 3. George won Hammer, Weight and Superweight at Mega East Regional.
- G. Coaches: Kevin Jackson. There are about three level 1 clinics a month now online. Level 2 is Dec 27-31. Times vary to accommodate the three time zones.
- H. Officials: Geof Newing.
1. We held 56 events. We have quite a few HS championships coming up.
 2. We will soon be able to give splits on the track for distance races.
- I. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. We have 84 certified officials. Part of the problem is the website...and SafeSport is preventing people from getting Refresher-3.
 2. There is a clinic on Oct 9 at Franklin Pierce HS. Several Special Olympics officials will attend. Tacoma wants to train 36 people.
 3. Spokane has a meet the day after a UW Indoor Meet.
- J. Communications: Andy Martin has been directed to post to our website as requested by our committees.
- K. SafeSport Volunteer Coordinator: no report.
- L. Associations Admin: Patti Petesch.
1. We received a grant for improving the Pole Vault at Mt Tahoma which went unused. It has to be spent this year. We will use the \$2,000 on equipment. Tell Kenny if you have ideas.
 2. They are encouraging associations to apply for travel money to Nationals.
 3. It was moved and approved to write a proposal to ask for subsidies for Youth athletes to National meet.

III BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Kenny Emerick. Send Andy a note if you want to re-up as Athlete or At-Large rep.
- B. PNTF Awards Banquet: Kenny Emerick. We will hold a banquet. It is too early for hotel to give us reservations due to COVID uncertainty.
- C. USATF Annual Meeting: Patti Petesch. One person from each association can attend annual meeting in-person. Rest will be virtual. Patti needs to know who wants to attend. Registration is \$125 for both online and in-person. Accreditation will only require one attendee per association.
- D. General Comments:
 - 1. George Mathews. Willie Banks would make a good guest speaker
- E. Election of Officers: Carole Langenbach.
 - 1. Nominating Committee nominated Melita Aquino for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Melita was elected by acclamation.
 - 2. Nominating Committee nominated Kenny Emerick and Ivars Ikstrums for President. At a prior meeting we had voted to extend Kenny's term limit by one term. There were no nominations from the floor. Kenny Emerick was elected by a secret online vote.
 - 3. The officers are:
 - i. President – Kenny Emerick (2 years left)
 - ii. Vice President – Andy Newing (1 year left)
 - iii. Treasurer – Melita Aquino (2 years left)
 - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering (1 year left)

IV ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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