

PAUSATF OFFICIALS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES – OCTOBER 30, 2005

Meeting was held at the home of George Kleeman, 5104 Alhambra Valley Road, Martinez, CA.

Those attending: Members of the Executive Board: Bruce Colman, George Kleeman, Jim Hume, John Murray, Leon Glover, Dickie Iwamiya, Dick Connors, Jon Siegel, Phil Watkins. Guests: Sonny Maynard, John Luppés.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Colman at 2:07 PM.

Approval of Minutes of Executive Board Meeting of May 10, 2005. John Murray moved to approve and seconded by Phil Watkins. In favor: unanimous.

There were no personnel issues so there was no closed session

Chairs Reports:

Chair asked if there had been a meeting of the Executive Committee during the Olympic Trials in Sacramento last summer. No one seemed to have an answer. Issue to be looked into.

Youth Committee:

Chair reported that he addressed the Youth Committee a week ago. Chair described what we do as Officials and some of the participants expressed interest in some of our clinics.

Donations:

The following are the donations received this year:

1. Modesto Relays, \$1000.00
2. College Park High School, \$500.00
3. Alameda Run for the Parks, \$50.00
4. Rory Osborne, \$50.00
5. Peninsula Athletic League, \$100.00

The Chair indicated that Cal may be sending a check yet this year

Dick Connors reported that Stanford is expected to contribute \$1,500.00 but they want to be billed first. He indicated that he will send a letter tomorrow. Dick Connors reminded the committee that it was important that when soliciting donations from institutions that only one of our members should be the contact to avoid duplications, embarrassments, confusion and hurt feelings.

Jon Vochatzer from UC Davis contributed the room and the food for the annual meeting held in August. Any money collected from members for lunch went to PAUSATF as "officials other income." Further agreed that the board needs to clarify this issue before the next meeting.

Recruitment:

Reported the Joe Keever method of recruitment is to call friends and get them to sign up. It was suggested that we could have a recruitment table at larger meets. Question arose as to who would man the table. Unanimously agreed that we need emphasis on recruitment and we need someone to head up the effort. Chairman Colman indicated he would talk with Joe Keever about this.

Mentoring:

Dennis Boyle prepared a three part plan with descriptions of duties and responsibilities of the Head Mentor, Regional Mentors and Actual Mentors. The plans were discussed at length. George Kleeman strongly emphasized that we need a coordinator for this endeavor. He stressed that there would be issues in assigning actual mentors. He reported that the responses to his survey indicated that of the present membership, there were a number of volunteers to be mentors and two members indicating that they wanted to be mentored. It was generally agreed that we did not need a set of regional mentors and that we did need hands on training that may be done by other than the assigned mentor. It was envisioned that each new association member would be assigned a mentor who would try to work some meets with the new member. The mentor would try to coordinate the assignments of his pupil with the meet coordinator when the mentor could not be there so the pupil would have a good learning experience while working meets. The mentor would always be available to answer questions and give advice by phone, e-mail or in person. It was agreed that we should try to encourage Dennis Boyle to head up the mentoring program. The Chair to contact Dennis.

Committee Reports:

Training:

George Kleeman reported on his progress in setting up the clinics for this winter. He indicated that he is trying to accommodate the areas in which he got feedback from the membership. He reports that he got back only 12 replies indicating any interest in umpiring. Though umpiring is not popular, he indicated that we need to train more members to act as umpires in order to properly service the meets. There will be Head of Event clinic in 3 locations for people who want to upgrade. The NCAA will require Head of Event personnel to attend a clinic the day before the meet in Sacramento next summer. Dick Connors indicated that we need some representation in Reno again to organize things. Dick Connors to make contact with the coaching staff at UNR.

Jim Hume reported that Field Lynx training is not difficult and we should have more officials trained with it. Reported that all our Palm Pilots are outdated and may not work with newer computers. He indicated that if we could shorten the length of the 1st level clinic, could give the certification test at the end of the clinic and thereby capture more attendees and make them members. Discussed adding _ hour to end of clinic. George Kleeman indicated that every test for National upgrade and certification is limited to no more than 50 questions. Suggest we should do the same.

Discussed Referee certification – National or Master. There is no test available for National Master Referee.

Awards:

Leon Glover reported . National Certificates dictated by National Awards Committee. However, their rules are not enforced. Rule is that no more than 10% of membership could receive a National award during the Olympiad. Because of screw up, National said that this year we could give more awards. Over an e-mail poll of the executive board members it was voted that we would not give more awards.

We gave 8 association awards this year but only 2 recipients attended the annual meeting to personal accept them. The remaining awards were distributed to the recipients. George Kleeman suggested that we put nominating form for awards on the PAUSATF web site. Bruce Colman reminded the committee the issue of LDR award had been broached before. He suggested to table the topic and it will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Leon Glover to contact LDR people. Possible award in the category of x-country, LDR & race walking (possibly named after Art Smith).

Question arose: Do we give awards to officials who are paid? Subject to be on next meeting agenda.

Old Business:

Emeritus Status:

Bruce Colman suggested a sub-committee be formed on the issue to be made up of the Chair, John Luppés, Jim Hume and George Kleeman. Unanimously agreed by the committee.

Operating Policies:

John Murray indicated that they have started the process and Mike Sands is busily working on some revisions. John Murray indicated that the revisions would be more in the form of re-ordering the format of the policies rather than great substantive changes. George Kleeman suggested that any changes be put into effect immediately and ratified at the next general meeting. Agreed.

New Business:

NCAA Officials:

Dick Connors indicated that the umpires at the NCAA finals in the relays were not as good as could have been. One of the problems is that USATF will not allow NCAA to solicit officials on the same form that USATF uses to recruit officials for their meets – even though there is no conflict of dates. He indicated that the application for next year's NCAA finals in Sacramento should be mailed by late November. Dick Connors indicated that the latest issue of *Turns & Distances* is almost finished, just needs some of Jim Hume's photos. This issue will have meet schedule as Lori Maynard knows it right now and will have the NCAA application and the list of clinics to be offered.

Next Meeting:

Bruce Colman suggested the next meeting be held early to mid January. Everybody agreed that a Sunday afternoon was preferable. Bruce Colman would look into actual dates and contact the membership by e-mail for a consensus.

Jon Siegel moved to adjourn. Phil Watkins seconded the motion. All agreed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM.