

## Officials Executive Committee meets

Pacific Association Officials Executive Committee board meeting, 12/9/03, Martinez, CA

Meeting called to order after discussion of a personnel matter by Chairperson **Richard Connors**. **Richard Connors**, **Leon Glover**, **George Kleeman**, **John Lupp**, **Dickie Iwamiya**, **Phil Watkins**, **Joanne Ottens** and **Dan Davidson** were in attendance. **Gail Wetzork**, **Sonny Maynard** and **Pat Randall** were not present.

**Joanne Ottens** was introduced and welcomed to the board as its new Secretary.

## CIF Starters Organization

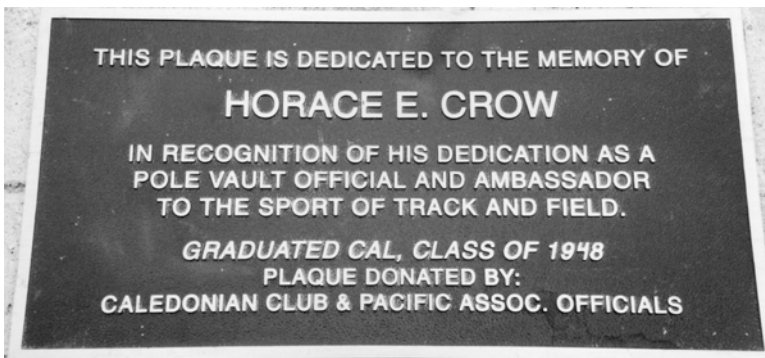
**Joe Harper** and **Al Hernandez** made a presentation to the Board regarding the establishment of a new organization for track's starters. This organization is being formed in response to the High School (CIF) declaration that all Starters for high school meets be CIF certified. **Joe Harper** requested our help in advertising the initial organization meeting to be held on January 31, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. on the campus of UC Davis. Dick Connors asked Joe to write an article for publication in a future newsletter. (Ed...the clinic was held and was well attended.

## Plaques at UC Berkeley

**John Lupp** provided me with an update on his work to acquire and mount plaques recognizing outstanding USATF Pacific Association officials. The budget for this project has increased to allow for the purchase of a larger plaque necessary for the Emeritus Awards. After considerable discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to review our organizational listings and make a recommendation at a future board meeting on names for the Emeritus Award. Some possible criteria were discussed including placing names on the Emeritus plaque only if the name does not appear on other plaques. Leon Glover and John Lupp were assigned to coordinate this review. UC Berkeley is cooperating with our efforts.

## Horace Crow Plaque

Shortly after Horace passed away, **Eddie Seese** went to considerable length to collect money and to have a plaque made in Horace's memory.



*The plaque is mounted in Edwards Stadium near the pole vault.*

## Certification Committee

In the absence of **Pat Randall**, **George Kleeman** provided a report. Any new Association level certifications (beginning January 1, 2004) will be for a 5-year period to avoid having these individuals have to be recertified with New Olympiad. In January of 2005, the cost for certifying officials will increase from \$10 to \$15. With other surcharges, and keeping our annual certification cost at \$20, the Pacific Association will be running certifications at about a \$2 per

certification deficit. Connors noted this and stated that it was more important than ever to obtain donations from supporters to continue our fiscal solvency.

## Education Committee

**George Kleeman** discussed the 2004 Pacific Association Officials' schedule. He needs help to cover San Luis Obispo. **Phil Watkins** and **Dan Davidson** volunteered to help with this. They hosted a small but enthusiastic clinic.

## Equipment Committee

**Phil Watkins** is continuing to look for a used, covered, tandem trailer. There was discussion about possible sources of supply.



*Secretary Joanne Ottens submits...*

## Awards Committee

**Leon Glover** reported that a higher percentage of people were present at the annual meeting to receive their awards because we e-mailed/called the award recipients in advance of the meeting. He recommends that the practice continue in the future. **Pat Randall** is requested to continue to let Leon Glover know when officials move up levels because he has nice certificates he can prepare for them. Leon also needs our help in notifying him when people go to Emeritus status and he wants input from us when we notice people deserving of awards. Dick and Leon were present at **Vin Lananna's** going away dinner to present him his Pacific Association award.

## Turns and Distances

Dick Connors should have the next issue in the mail by December 20, 2003. Lori Maynard has the 2004 track and field calendar ready for this publication. Jim Hume is working on getting on-line the issue following the December issue.

## USATF Convention Report

**Dick Connors** asked attendees to share their opinion of this year's convention.

- **Phil Watkins** stated said the convention was a pleasant and worthwhile experience. He noted that **Dick Connors** received an award at the convention. (*An award? Dick Connors received the official's highest award – the Andy Bakjian Award*). Phil learned that there is a great discrepancy in how and for what officials are paid. He announced that the 2007 convention will be held in Hawaii. He also stated that the hammer will be added to 12 and over Youth meets as a scoring event in 3 years. Until then, it will be a demonstration event. Dick Connors stated **George Kleeman's** clinics were very good.
- The convention was better organized. **Linda Melzer** invited interesting guest speakers.
- **Dick Iwamiya** spent most of his time in the National Selection Committee Meetings. Kleeman's responsibilities for certification training were expanded.
- **Rex Harvey** (from Ohio) has taken over for Kleeman as Training Chair. Kleeman said that training at the U.S. Olympic Trials would include two days for officials and one day for coaches. The specific dates and topics will be available later.

## 2004 Association Schedule

- The Modesto Relays will be a one day meet this year with Nor Cal JC and the Open Relays as the featured events. (May 8)
- The Southern California Association has requested our assistance in putting on the Western Regional NCAA Division I Championships (at Cal State Northridge) and the Division II National Championships (at Cal Poly Pomona) on the weekend of May 22-23. (Hume said, "And here I sit at Cal Poly Pomona, editing this newsletter and waiting for the finals. The Division II NCAA meet is well organized and the visiting officials are being well treated.")
- There is (was) a need for 25 officials for the Cal/Nevada State Meet (SLO, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>). Remember that next year the meet will be in Fresno.

## USA Olympic Team Trials in Sacramento

George Kleeman reported that things are moving along smoothly. There is agreement on the meet schedule. Final equipment lists should be ready by next month. Over 10,000 season tickets have been sold. There is no seating left on the Western side of the stadium. Over six hundred volunteers are involved in the program including the officials.

## Meeting adjourned

A motion was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.