

Minutes of the USA Track & Field Pacific Association
Officials Committee Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 22, 2010
Bruce Edwards Club Room, UC Davis Football Stadium, Davis, CA

Informal Meeting

The informal part of the meeting was opened by Chairman John Murray at 11:05 am. The Chair introduced the new UC Davis head track and field coach, Byron Talley. Long-time UCD head coaches Jon and Deanna Vochatzer have retired. Coach Talley welcomed the PA Officials to the UC Davis campus and would appreciate officials' participation in UCD track and field events.

The Chair notified the attendees that Jon Siegel has copies of the proposed changes to the Operations Procedures of the PA USATF Officials Committee. The attendees were also reminded of the availability of the recruiting brochure, supported by a grant of \$500 from the national organization.

Informal Rules Discussion

To spark discussion, the Chair raised some actual situations that were challenging from a rules standpoint:

- Discus hits an official
- During hammer throw, the insert is not in the ring
- Discuss ring full of water, when should it be emptied
- Hat worn in long jump that landed in back of jumper
- Pole vault measurement devices

Discussion of Upcoming Meets

2011 World Masters meet, Sacramento. www.world-masters-athletics.org

George Kleeman reviewed the upcoming meet that will have three venues:

- CSU Sacramento
- Sacramento City College
- American River College

The 2009 National Masters meet was very successful, though there are areas for improvement. Early entrants for 2009 totaled 300, then 1,200 by the time of the meet.

Kleeman asked for volunteers for the 2011 World Masters in Sacramento. A lot of officials and coordinators are needed. The meet runs from that runs from July 6 – 17, with 10 of the 12 days for competition. There are 26 age categories, ~1600 events during the meet, including ~400 throwing events. There will be 2 sessions, so there is a need for 250 officials or 500 people.

Championship meets at CSU Stanislaus. Per request of Dick Connors, Bill Hawks spoke about two championship meets to enlist officials to consider working these meets.

PAUSATF President's comments. Irene Herman reviewed some events over the last year.

- A primary point was the need to recruit more officials. There are 309 certified officials in PAUSATF, but where are they? Please use the new brochures to recruit officials.
- There are applications for the PAUSATF to sanction events. Peter Tapia will be working on this, and a Sanction Committee has been formed.
- Spoke about safety at meets for officials and athletes.
- PAUSTF had 6,213 members by the end of August 2009. There are 6,767 members in August 2010.
- Grant request for \$1,200 – \$1,500 for disabled athletes competition.
- Wellness center opening at Sac State.

Break for lunch

Announcement of 2010 PAUSATF Officials Awards – Dr. Leon Glover

Major awards:

Dick Barbour – Bobby Hughey
George Newlon – Tiffany Banks
Horace Crow – Pat Randall
Lori Maynard – Jon and Deanna Vochatzer

National:

Robert Benoy
Dick Cochran
Ann Gerhardt
Steve Green
J.R. Herberle
Leroy Milam

Association:

Jay Abbott
Mike Aro
Dimitrios Georges
Aliya Dibrell
Liesbeth Matthieu
W. "Dave" Millar
Susan Van Buskirk
Dan Wright

Formal Annual Meeting:

The Chair called the formal meeting to order a 1:05 pm.

The Chair asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes of the 2009 meeting; so moved by many and seconded by many. In favor: all, opposed: none. Motion carried.

Chairman's Remarks

- Thanked the Executive Committee and others for service during the past year. Thanked the officials for holding three major meets in 2009; the USATF Club championships in San Francisco, the USATF National Master's meet in Sacramento, and the National Junior Olympics in Sacramento.

- Specifically thanked Shirley Connors for her leadership in training and Jim Hume for certification. Recognized the “Turns and Distances” publication.
- Encouraged PA officials to work meets in other geographic locations, and other USATF associations.
- Indicated that there is need for recruitment for a “Marketing Coordinator” to bring our message to potential new officials.
- Due to the size of the PA Officials group, our association will send four delegates to the USATF Officials Committee in Virginia Beach during December.
- Asked for information for the calendar posted on the Pacific Association website: www.pausatf.org
- The website is good for recruitment; we should make it easier to use and especially better for recruitment of officials
- Need more clinic leaders, and more variety in clinic offerings

Chair recognized the passing of Scott Davis and longtime official Bill Connelly. Bill Pratt and Bob Peterson are new emeritus officials.

Jon Siegel presented the proposed amendment to the Operating Procedures (moved by Dennis Boyle, seconded by Phil Leake). J.R. Heberle asked about inclusion of a requirement for destruction of electronic ballots, which resulted in a revision to the amendment. The revised version was passed by voice vote.

Certification Report – Jim Hume

- Need to become a member of USATF in order to be a certified official. Please let the Certification Chair know if you joined USATF late.
- Let Jim know if people are interested in certification, with email and mail contacts
- It is very good for interested parties to know about the clinics
- For existing officials, please inform Jim about changes to email addresses
- If you want to be a national official prior to the end of this Olympiad, you need the resume to move up; take classes, give classes
- Field Lynx is moving from the Palm Pilot to netbook computer to encourage greater use.
- Opportunity to update the officials cards for years by paying multiple years.

Training Committee Report – Shirley Connors

- Her new email address is SOC.tnf@att.net
- Handed out new survey new forms so we can tell what works and what doesn't
- Seven training sites are now selected. As always, we need teachers for classes
- Added LDR training in at least two sites. Also added lap counting.
- Need to review rules, especially NCAA. Four rule books: HS, NCAA, USATF, IAAF
- Might start a “wiki” for the venues

The Chair recognized the emeritus officials in attendance, and thanked them for their service.

Old Business

Officials Committee, USATF

- 2010 Annual Meeting of USATF, begins on Thursday, December 2 in Virginia Beach, VA
- Executive Board meeting agenda for meeting

- Bob Podkaminer will be inducted into the Officials Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2010.
- Jim Hume is a nominee for the James Grey Humanitarian Award.
- A new award will be established this year, the Lori Maynard Racewalk Award., honoring

New Business

Annual Meeting Committee

Phil Watkins will continue to organize the Annual Meeting of the Officials Committee, helped by Phil Leake and Susie Van Buskirk

Nominating Committee

Volunteers named to the 2011 Nominating Committee are:

Dennis Boyle
Bruce Makison
Mark Youmans

The Chairman asked for motion to adjourn, subject to the raffle to be held immediately after adjournment. Bruce Makison moved, seconded by many.

After the meeting was adjourned, Phil Watkins conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Abbott, Secretary
Officials Committee, Pacific Association USATF