

Pacific Association USA Track & Field
Officials Committee
Executive Board Meeting
February 26, 2012

IN ATTENDANCE: John Murray, Phil Leake, Shirley Connors, Jim Hume, Leon Glover, Bruce Colman, George Kleeman

Meeting called to order at 12:58 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1 correction. Motion to approve: George, Second by Bruce. Motion approved. Minutes are to be posted on the PAUSATF Officials WebPages.

COMMITTEES:

Most information is concentrated in the Training and Certifications Committees

National Logo: Proposal by athletes is not liked by Nike, the national sponsor. The controversy continues...

Awards: Dr. Glover reports that 2011 was a weird year. There was difficulty in assessment and therefore, awards were late. Those chosen for awards were sent their awards via US Mail and got 3 returned. He indicated that evaluations need to be updated and placed into the database. The Updates can be accomplished via a template from the national database. He is soliciting information on awards candidates in an upcoming email blast and in Turns and Distances.

TRAINING: Shirley indicates this is a busy training year. Clinics decisions were made in September and were placed on www.Active.com in November.

Concerns were expressed on expense of putting the clinics on vs. income received. Questions concerning handing class handouts (full handouts vs. talking point sheets. George pointed out the pluses of sending full materials early for review before the clinic classes and then going over the salient points during class. In this manner, the full materials could be discussed during class.

Q. Do we need to increase the training budget to cover Instructor expenses, or to show appreciation (Gas, copies,) in some way for the clinics? Jim commented that we need to consider some way of defraying the instructor expenses. Bruce suggested \$\$ for gas @ \$.15/mile to 60 miles and possible per diem room and board for expenses over \$125. Or standard per diem as described by the IRS. John asked regarding the expectation for local officials who teach a clinic near their home and the expectations of National and Master Officials to possibly teach clinics. This was tabled to the next board meeting.

CERTIFICATION: Jim Hume

- 1) As of 3/1, those who do not pay their National USATF dues will go inactive. An email will go out soon highlighting the lack of insurance coverage if they work meets while not active. Nevada is moving their state HS meet around the state. The AAU National JO will be in Carson City. As of 2/22, 65 Officials have no current USATF member #. Jim will be sending notices to these affected individuals.
- 2) Certification levels and requirements for advancement of officials were put together by George, Jim, and Bruce. Of note: for Advancement to National or Master Level, at least 2 meets should be worked outside the Pacific Association. Letters of recommendations will also now be required. Questions were brought up on how much paperwork will be required and where to send it. This document was reviewed for accuracy and content. Discussion was given to advancement requirements. The objective is to increase the depth and breadth of officiating experience. Train now and gain experience. Comments on Apprentice level officials are currently concerning track and field, but will be expanded to include LDR, RW and Handicapped. Discussion when further in talking about certification clinic needs vs. the # of potential registrants. Also questions of possibly holding clinics in late fall or early winter /specialty (October/November/December). Jim thanks all for teaching clinics in the last round.

- 3) Re-Cert Process: Jim is finalizing information for the 2013-2016 Olympiad (schedule, classes, etc.). George brought up thoughts regarding splitting the specialty re-certs for late fall. From a National standpoint, they should have recent materials available by 9/1. Questions were brought up concerning the possibility of officials not showing up for the rules review? One idea was to stress in communications to officials that they need to complete the rules review test **PRIOR** to their attendance in the review class. Tentatively, the National/Master Re-Cert and Specialty Re-Cert will occur in late fall, 2012.

Comments were made about having all starters to go through the process of Track re-certification. How to get letters of recommendations on starters and their evaluation process were discussed. Letters should come from the meet referees. All starters (and all officials) should have an understanding of all three-rule books as they act as referee in a lot of meets. To be re-certified, starters should have to go to a clinic and to advance, they should have to go to a fundamental clinic as well. Currently, starters do not have defined criteria for what to look for in a starter candidate. This was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

TURNS AND DISTANCES

Discussion surrounded a history of officiating in the PAUSATF, early recollections of officiating and recent awards. Currently, it has been noted there have been a number of officials passing away and an approaching number who are in ill health. These will be included and John will include information on their resumes.

PA MEET

This year, the PA Open and Masters meet will be scored by software. There is a need for more field event officials. All competitors will be called by their bib # rather than their name.

NEW BUSINESS

Publication of Officials Calendar; Discussion centered on the General PA Calendar. Currently there is a separate official's calendar. Discussion was made on possible merging the two. The current PAUSATF website is under development. Problems lie in that the pages are confusing and need to be clearly delineated.

Next meeting was decided to be 4/22 @ 1 pm at George's home.

Meeting ended at 4:06 pm (Motioned by Jim and seconded by Leon. Passed unanimously.)

(Minutes recorded by Phil Leake.)