

Minutes of the USA Track & Field Pacific Association
Officials Committee Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 25, 2013
Bruce Edwards Club Room, UC Davis Football Stadium, Davis, CA

Informal Meeting

The informal part of the meeting was opened by Chairman John Murray 10:00 AM.

He mentioned the recent passing of Steve Green and asked for a moment of silence.

Discussion of important meets in our Association in the months ahead

- Sacramento State (NCAA Cross Country) 12 marshals needed (Oct. 4 NCAA Preview & Nov. 15 NCAA West Regional)
- De Anza College
- Nevada HS Meet May 23-24
- Special Olympics June 29 (High School officials needed)

Informal Rules Discussion - Sonny Maynard

Dumbest protest:

At host school of State HS meet, a telephone pole was inside the discus sector line @ 235 feet mark. US record = 236' 6"

Competitor launches throw that hits pole & breaks into 3 pieces.

Official rules no throw; coach protests & wants throw measured and distance extrapolated.

Protest denied.

An athlete drops out of 200m. Says her blocks slipped but starter & recall starter did not see anything wrong. Race continues to conclusion. Someone in stands "thought they saw blocks slip". Referee decides to uphold the protest and rerun the race after the relay. With the original result, Team A won the meet. However, after the race was rerun, a different team won the meet.

George: Should not have been run. Only Starter or Recall Starter can make that call.

You are Head Judge @ USATF throwing event; 12 competitors. Competitor arrives late after 2 rounds of preliminaries (he is on entry sheet). You allow late athlete to have 2 practice throws and then enter competition. Coach of another athlete protests that the late competitor is ineligible for finals.

- Should he have been allowed in competition? Yes
- Should he have been given any warm-ups? No
- Should he have been given any make-up throws? No
- Late competitor had 2 fair throws (34 m & 47 m); 3rd throw was Foul. Last qualifier had 43 m
- Should late competitor have been added to finals? No. His first throw was his only valid throw (34 m) but it was shorter than the last qualifier (43 m).
- First round of finals has been started. Do you allow late athlete to throw?
 - If you resolve immediately, do so. If not, let him throw under protest & resolve later. Also let "missing" competitor (athlete that the late competitor displaced) into final.

HJ: High School district Champs. 2 athletes made 4'8". Jumper A passes 4'10". B misses all 3 attempts at 4'10". Bar moves to 5'; A passes all of her attempts. Equal records for A and B. Where does jumpoff start? 4'10"

Discus: Wet ground around area but ring is dry. When do you start timing: When athlete is called up or after athlete has time to wipe off their feet?

- Murray: be consistent; others: time starts when called up.
- Pod: international events use cone to signal when clock starts. Head Judge determines when time starts. This means you may allow athlete time to wipe off their feet and then signal when the clock starts.

Hurdles final: Runner in lane 4 knocks down hurdle causing lane 3 to break stride. @7th hurdle lane 5 knocks down hurdle into lane 6 & 6 falls down. Protest to disqualify lanes 3 & 5.

- Pod: obstruction rule applies. Did athlete who hit hurdle do anything wrong? No
- If athlete was hindered something should be done if possible. In final, no. In rounds, advance if possible. (Happened in Olympics 100m hurdles final.)
- High school: if intentionally knocked down you will be disqualified

1st recorder for throw or horizontal jump. Athlete asks to look at her previous mark which wasn't displayed. No problem.

- Actually: recorder told athlete what the mark was; did not allow athlete to see sheet.
- Sonny asked recorder & they said athletes were not allowed to see 1st recorder sheet but could see 2nd recorder sheet. Asked if this applied to vertical jumps and was told "I don't do verticals"

Javelin: foul line about 1 m inside where it should be... incorrect sector lines (bad in white; repainted correctly in red).

- 1st round athlete fouls
- 2nd round same athlete fouls; official says a foul if cross white line ("But you said it was the red")

65m hurdles: Starter & recall starter call false start but can't tell who jumped.

- Starter in audience said at State Meet they disqualified 2 runners; couldn't decide which had jumped or pulled other

High Jump: aborts attempt but hits base of standard & displaces bar

- Keep clock running? Yes
- If the base was displaced & you must adjust, stop clock until adjusted & resume clock

"Oh, Lord, they are still among us"

- A throws official assigned to a college meet rules a foul if shoelace or pant leg touches outside circle. NO (Once a long time ago it was a High School rule.)
- In Long Jump, mark closest to take-off board (including shorts)

Shot put: If athlete drops shot in the circle, is that a foul? No, if it stays in circle

4 jump NCAA competition. Jumper excused to run 4 x 100m relay.

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- Can he leave and come back to take his jumps?
 - No, a 4 jump competition is a final so you can't jump out of order
 - George says he can take any jumps remaining when he returns but can't be taken out of order

Podkaminer

E-mail about HJ measuring tool. Pod built one.

- Measure height at both standards & do not have to measure center because there is a device on there that measures sag

Last year he spoke about electronic measurement & Eagle Eye

Today we will talk about Long Jump

- "We had proof positive there was a foul. We had a mark in the plasticine. What are they looking at on the video?"
- Showed photo of board from USATF long jump. (Charles Murphy worked event)
- There was a protest.
- Charles said spike went between the board & plasticine
- Referee: there has to be a mark in plasticine & it has to be made by the competitor
- Referee looked at video and determined from the video & still shots, the position of the athlete's shoe could not have made the mark. (He was not looking for mark in plasticine on video; he had already seen it. Was looking to determine if the jumper could have made the mark.)
- Charles: because of this protest, crews were instructed to remove & replace the plasticine after each round. Athlete who protested was 2nd jumper on that board; 1st jumper had a fair jump.
- Referee should, and in future will at the National Outdoor, explain an overrule to officials involved

John Murray

- Recognized Dave Smith, SCA Officials Chair, is observing.
 - Dave thanked our association for our cooperation in assisting with meets.
- Dave Shrock, PA President, was not at the meeting. He was in Indianapolis.

Irene Herman, PAUSATF Vice President

- Pacific Association got the Bronze award for 2012
- Sept. 1 the National Office is moving to on-line sanctioning
- National Officials Committee has realigned the Awards Regions
- We are in Region 4 (Irene is chair)
 - Irene's committee: Dick Connors, Al Hernandez, Beth Price, Dave Smith
- Bob Thompson, BoA member, and Facilities data collector. Bob is constructing a data base of all facilities in our association (safety, parking, ...)
- J.R. Heberle is the new PA Secretary

Dennis Boyle re: PA Foundation

- The Foundation was created (March 2011) to take money from our events & feed it back to athletes, officials & coaches
- George Kleeman saw this potential in 1999
- Officers:
 - Dennis Boyle, President

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- George Kleeman, Interim Secretary
- Steve Crow, Chief Financial Officer
- Dena Evans, Director
- Shannon Rowbury, Director
- \$13,000 put in for Olympic development/athletes' training grants
- Officials training is available for grants
- \$2,000 for coaches training
- General grants: to be defined; awarded to support any purposeful activity for our sport
- Next goal: producing a website/webpage attached to the PA website

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Lunch Break at 11:57 – 12:35
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Awards Leon Glover

Dick Barbour Award: Bob Podkaminer
Leon Glover

George Newlon Award (Track Events): Elizabeth & Jon Price

Horace Crowe Award (Field Events): Charles Murphy

National Awards

- Jay Abbott
- Dave Ahn
- Deanna Bower
- Charles Buettner
- John Collins
- Robert Dietrich
- James Hart
- Ajay Padgaonkar
- James Starmer
- Lloyd Stephenson

Association Awards

- Maura Kent
- Dalton Simmons
- Wilson Soohoo
- Helen Storrs
- Dennis Stroiney
- Cindy Teague
- Gary Teague
- Craig Wilson
- Maria Worthge
- Walt Worthge

Leon made his annual request for nominations

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New Business

- John Murray recognized Dick Connors for Turns & Distances
 - Dick recognized contributors Ajay Padgaonkar, John Murray, Jon Price, Shirley Connors, John Shirey, Mark Foyer, Bruce Colman, Rory Osborne & Jim Hume
 - 600 copies of newsletter are e-mailed to officials & coaches; plus 110 in paper/snail mail
 - 2014 first 2 weekends in May: Big West Championships at UCD
- John Murray acknowledged UCD coaching staff in attendance
 - Head Coach Drew Wartenburg thanked us
 - Woody Wilson meet will be High School only in 2014
 - Drew distributed the 2014 UCD schedule
 - Dick & Shirley Connors reviewed the facility. Facility has been patched & restriped.
 - Josh Flushman, Associate AD
 - UCD hosts 2014 Big West Championships
 - Josh is meet director

2013 Annual Meeting

Formal Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:10

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were adopted. The minutes are posted on the Officials' website.

Emeritus Officials in attendance were recognized:

- Gale Wetzork
- John Luppés
- Charles Des Jardins

2013 Election of Officers

The results of the 2013 election were announced. The following individuals were elected to 2 year terms:

- Chair: **Mike Bower** (unopposed)
 - Approved by acclamation
- Vice Chair: **Phil Leake** (unopposed)
 - Approved by acclamation
- Secretary: **John Lilygren**
- At Large:
 - **Bruce Colman**
 - **George Kleeman**
- Board of Athletics:
 - **Bob Thompson**
 - 1 more BOA representative is needed
 - 5 meetings per year; volunteers were solicited

The 2013 National meeting will be held December 4 - 8 in Indianapolis

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Certification – Jim Hume

Looking for a Field official wanting to get involved in Laser measurement

309 Certified officials

- 4 votes at National meeting
- 96 Apprentice (27 joined in 2012; 69 joined in 2013)
- 106 Association
- 36 National
- 71 Masters
- 19 Emeritus (not counted in total)
- 11 New officials for 2014

Discussed advancement procedures & clinics

Mentoring: go from being mentored to being a Mentor (when going to National? Master?)

Recertify: new membership; multiple year certification is recommended & encouraged

Training - Shirley Connors

Shirley & Jim have set up dates for 2014 Clinics:

Location	Date
American River	Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014
Chico	Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014
Santa Cruz High School	Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014
UC Davis	Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014
Cal	Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014
Serra High, San Mateo	Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014
Los Gatos	Saturdays, Jan. & Feb. 2014
Reno	TBD

OFFICIALS' CLINICS - 2014

CLINIC TITLE	ARC	Serra HS	Reno	Chico	Davis	Santa Cruz	Cal	Los Gatos
Introduction to Track & Field Officiating	X	X	X	X		X		
Fundamentals of Field Event Officiating & Rule Changes	X	X	X	X				
Fundamentals of Track Event Officiating & Rule Changes	X	X	X	X				
Advanced Horizontal Jumps & Rule Changes	X	X						
Advanced Vertical Jumps & Rule Changes	X	X						
Advanced Throws & Rule Changes	X	X						
Experienced Referees & Rule Changes	X	X						
Wanna-be Referees & Rule Changes	?	?						
Introduction to LDR	X	X						
LDR Referees		X						
Athletics for Disabled	X	X						
Laser Measurement	X	X						
Starting		X			X			
Race Walk	X	X	X					
Practicums:								
Umpires					X		X	
Starting					X			X
Implement Inspection					X		X	

- Mini-clinics for High School meets & invitationals
 - Educate volunteers
 - Has worked well in Reno
- Webpage reorganization
 John Lilygren is working with Cynci Calvin to clean up the Officials website. Included in this work is renaming the "TOOLS" page "TRAINING".

Old Business

- Mentor Program: John Murray
 - Very useful & well-received
 - National or Master officials are asked to be mentors
 - Rewarding on both sides
 - Mike Aro is head of the program
- Recognition of PAUSATF Officials Leadership: Phil Leake
 Phil recognized 4 past presidents of the PA Officials Committee
 - Gale Wetzork

- Dick Connors
- John Murray
- Bruce Colman (absent)

New Business

Appointment of 2014 Annual Meeting Committee

- Phil Leake
- Jerry Colman
- Jay Abbott

Chairman's Remarks

John Murray thanked the current Officials' Committee, Committee Chairs (Shirley, Jim, Leon), Bruce Colman, Steve Green, George Kleeman, Phil Watkins, Jay Abbott, Jon Siegel for their help and guidance during the past 4 years.

"This committee is prosperous, not measured in dollars and cents. It is represented by the talent in this room."

"We are the largest officials committee in USATF. Not a matter of quantity, it is quality."

John thanked the membership.

"There is a renewed effort to bring top meets to the Pacific Association.

- 2014 USATF Senior Championships will be in Sacramento. Be sure to apply; get involved as a volunteer if you are not selected.
- Significant changes in NCAA selection/certification in coming years
 - Anticipate that NCAA will institute a system where officials will be registered to serve at certain meets & certain level
 - Pacific Association should pursue "work-for-pay" at NCAA meets
 - NCAA currently certifies officials in 9 sports; plan is for Track & Field to be the 10th

"The future is bright. It has been an honor these past 4 years. Thanks to my wife, Sue."

"I will continue on the PAOC board as past president. I am also an At-Large representative to the National Committee."

At the end of his remarks, John handed the gavel to Mike Bower, incoming President.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Lilygren, Secretary

Officials Committee, Pacific Association USATF