

Minutes of the PNTF / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting held September 23, 2012

President William Hickman called the meeting to order at 2:26 p.m. at Camp Long, 5200 35th Ave SW in Seattle. The following were present: William Hickman, Ivars Ikstrums, Ed Viering, Doug Chandler, Carole Langenbach, Bob Springer, Patti Petesch, Asha Dean, Bill Roe, Tom Cotner, George Mathews, Neal Stoddard, Kenny Emerick, Bob Langenbach, Char Engelhardt, Darlene Hickman, Doris Heritage, Stan Chraminski, Kwajalein Griffin, Becca Peter, Holly Genest, Trisha Steidl, Uli Steidl, Gianpaolo Licata, Chad Pharis, Win Van Pelt, Steve DiBernardo, Laura Goldstone, Rex Philpot, Kevin Jackson, Larry Wymer, Carla Hoppie, Christin Dulaney, James Fields, Linda Ikstrums, Jim Ryan, Bob Sund.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Welcome: President William Hickman welcomed the attendees and deferred introductions until later in the meeting.
- B. Verification of Voting Members: Ed Viering reported that he and Carole Langenbach had verified that all today's attendees were eligible to vote.
- C. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda, latest schedule and minutes for the June Meeting. The minutes were accepted.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Doug Chandler submitted his report. The report was accepted.
Overall Total as of 8/31/2012: \$85,483.02. Group breakdowns:
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| General Fund - | \$31,514.65 | Masters - | \$12,337.19 |
| Open - | \$10,921.20 | Youth - | \$12,936.82 |
| Open Chair - | \$ 1,971.35 | Fred Dean Youth Travel - | \$ 3,365.00 |
| Officials T&C- | \$ 2,118.58 | | |
- E. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email.
1. As of Sep 21, 2012: Youth- 1203; Open- 358; Masters- 617; Clubs- 63.
 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 71, Open is up 35, Masters is up 19, Clubs is up 3.
- F. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach.
1. Carole gave a brief description of her duties. Her main job is keeping Association documents such as IRS filings. Secondly, she is the telephone and email contact for the Association.
 2. Carole also described her role as the Sanctions Chair. Meet managers pay to be sanctioned mainly to get liability insurance. This money is used for our main operating expenses, as membership money goes to the committees. We sanctioned 186 events last year and 172 so far this year.
 3. Carole announced Becca Peter as our new DELIVRA Communications person.
- G. Vice President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums
1. Ivars said he would describe some recent PNTF accomplishments and challenged the members to identify a common thread.
 2. Mid-July at Kings HS was the National Masters Combined Events championship. It was an excellent example of PNTF collaboration between groups: Daunte Gouge-Meet Mgr; Becca Peter-managed all the vaulting poles; UW-provided PV pit and runway; Seattle Masters Club-provided implements; PNTFOA-provided officials. We are no longer reading the book on how to run this event---we are fine tuning it.
 3. Our JO Association meet had 600 athletes. We had excellent clerking, starting and finish line and the field event officials were able to successfully go with the flow. Ivars emphasized that we have a habit of running on schedule.
 4. At the Dempsey, our computer network does it all---clerking, finish and posting results. After a 60 meter finish, we can give the starters a green light within about 43 seconds. We have the people who can pull this off professionally.
 5. In cross country, we pulled off a pair of major league meets---PAC 10 and Club Nationals. Ivars particularly liked the planning that we put into these. We added a measure of clerking that others will now emulate.

6. For Masters, we ran the National Throws Championship. Portland ran it three years ago, and it was our turn again this year. Again, we are not learning how to put on this meet—we are fine tuning how to run it. Seattle Masters provided implements—the same ones that Portland used three years ago. We had 60 athletes. Carol Finsrud set W55 National Records in all three events—Throws Pentathlon, Superweight, and Ultraweight Pentathlon. She kept Ivars busy all weekend just shuttling her implements for record certifications. Mark Landa held five M35 records and broke one. Dave Bickel held two and broke one. Greg Retzer recently learned how to spin with a 98lb weight and was ecstatic about raising his PR from 12' to 15'. Ivars stated “that is what this is all about”.
7. Ivars closed by saying, “When we put on a quality meet, people show up and records get set. PNTF---well done! Don't look back, but keep charging.”

H. President's Report: William Hickman

It is my pleasure and a great honor to stand before you and report on the state of our PNA association. I will begin with my conclusion ---and that is that the state of our association is excellent. What is the criteria I use to reach that conclusion? How do you measure an association? Geographically? Financially? By its members? Geographically we run from the mountains to the Pacific; from the Columbia River to Canada. Financially? Every other month our Treasurer Doug Chandler sets out the financial data. Members? Again a number generated by our Membership Chair Tracy Silva. We have our letter from USATF stating that we have met the criteria for Full Accreditation—and this year we received the Bronze Medal as an Outstanding Association. I have a photo here of Bill Roe receiving that award for us. Alongside him is our President Stephanie Hightower and our new CEO Max Siegel.

But PNTF is people. We have 2,120 members. Youth has 1,158 and is up 74 from last year. Open-348 — up 48. Masters---613---up 24. Clubs ---63—up 25. I have a list of elite athletes in our association. There are 23 of them. Certified officials—we have 159—up from 147. We also have articles of incorporation, by-laws, an annual meeting, published financial reports, an excellent website and we held championships in 8 different divisions. But the real yard/meter stick to measure our association is its people. Starting with our past-president Patti Petesch. She has never stopped working for you. Our Vice President Ivars Ikstrums—who brings the analytical habits of an engineer to the table. Our Secretary Ed Viering--- who gets the minutes out and keeps asking the tough question—why? He brings a new mindset. Our Membership Chair Tracy Silva—she handles the tough questions. Our Treasurer Doug Chandler—he keeps track of the dollars and cents.

Carole Langenbach is our office manager, our corporate memory and our corporate conscience. We must not overlook Bill Roe who served as Secretary, V-P and President of USATF, and Darlene Hickman, who served 12 years as Secretary and Vice President of USATF and now is Secretary to the Board of Directors of USATF. Bob Springer, who matches officials to track meets and is continually reviewing and revising our officials training video. He has just been invited by NFHS to serve on a committee to rewrite the high school Officials Manual. And Ken Emerick—the man who does everything.

We must not overlook that we lost two very significant members this year—Coach Ken Weinbel and masters athlete Leon Joslin. Leon passed just before he was to try to set the 100 year old age group shot put record. Remember them.

This year our people put on many big meets here at home. The JO Cross Country Regional and the Club Cross Country Nationals. We have left others with the impression that this is the way it should be done. Bob Springer and Bill Roe did primary planning for Club Nationals. There was the Masters Track and Field Regional, Open Track and Field Regional, Masters National Combined Event Championship, Masters Throws Pentathlon National Championship, Superweight Pentathlon Championship and our people were heavily involved in the State High School Championship. Our people helped Oregon put on the Regional JOs. Our people went to Eugene for the PAC-12; to Eugene again for Olympic Trials; assisted the USA Team at the World Junior Championship in Barcelona; helped folks in Maryland put on the National JOs; helped folks in Texas with the Age Group Championship.

Our people have been the recipient of many national awards. These nominations and awards are in recognition of the hours, days, weeks, months and years that our people have put into our sport. Last year at St. Louis, our Lawrie Robertson was inducted into the National Officials Hall of Fame. Carole Langenbach received the Horace Crowe award for having done the most to promote Track and Field, LDR, Race Walking and other association development programs. Our Becca Peter did not get an award at the Annual Meeting, but she received

PNTFs Outstanding Contributor of the Year Award when she got home. She received the award because she took on the National Office, USOC, Nike and the other shoe companies---and she won! Which means the athletes won!

This year the USATF Annual Meeting will be held at Daytona Beach, Florida November 28 to December 2. This is my personal invitation to you to come to the Annual Meeting. Come and see how and why the rules are made. Come and play a role. You might make a difference.

This year, several of our people have been nominated for national honors. Darlene Hickman---she is a finalist for the Andy Bakjian Award. This is given to an individual who has a career of outstanding service to track and field officiating. Patti Petesch is nominated for the Horace Crowe Award for outstanding contribution to association development. Bob Springer is finalist for the Horace Crowe Award given to an outstanding field event official. Lawrie Robertson and Darlene Hickman are finalists for the Lori Maynard award, which is presented to a dedicated Race Walk official, organizer and administrator. Darlene, Patti, Becca, Carole, Bob and Lawrie embody what makes PNTF a unique association.

What lies ahead? We have all seen the diagram for the new track at the UW. We are promised that it will be world class. We are promised that it will be fast. We are promised that it will be flat---and when you build on a swamp that is not an easy thing. If it is like the Dempsey we can look forward to a rebirth of outdoor track here in Seattle. Along that line, I am pleased to note that Oregon State has reestablished their track and field program. The Whyte Track and Field Center opened last week. With that in mind is it too much to envision in a few years our people putting on a 4-way meet involving WSU, OSU, U of O and UW?

Let me close my report with a quote from Craig Masbach, our former CEO, after Kenny Emerick saved the day for him one time: "If I had 50 associations like PNAC, we would win 50 gold medals at the Olympics."

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth Committee: Holly Genest

1. We had a great Youth season. Thank you to the officials who worked the JOs. We had over 600 athletes at Association meet and over 500 qualified to Regionals.
2. National JO meet had some "scheduling issues". Because of CoachO, meet management has club/coaches cell phone numbers and used them to vastly improve communication during the meet.
3. There was a 600 person conference call where questions could be asked of National Youth committee. It worked out great.
4. Association Cross Country will be November 10th. It is the day after NCAA West Regionals.
5. Tacoma Sports Commission pitched holding the JO Association or Regional meet in Tacoma next year. We will probably make a decision in January. Potential issues are no rail at Mt. Tahoma and Hammer and Steeplechase would need to be held at PLU.

B. Open Committee: Becca Peter.

1. Association Cross Country Championship is Nov 4. Regionals will be in Spokane.
2. Our Regional T&F championship will likely be June 15--- maybe June 8---next year.
3. We are considering bidding on Club Track and Field Nationals for July 2014 at UW. We have time as we don't need to submit a bid until summer.
4. We may have a new MUT chair soon, as Adam Lint will be stepping down.

C. Masters Committee: George Mathews.

1. George briefly reviewed last year's events and said that Ivars comments covered it well.
2. When we bid it, George didn't realize it was the 20th anniversary of the throws pentathlon, which started here.
3. Thanks you to the association and Masters Committee for the dedication of the benches and plaques.
4. Seattle Classic/Regional Championship was very successful---particularly due to the officials.
5. Throws Championship had 70 athletes and only a couple were from the northwest. Most agree we have the finest throws facility here. Thank you Patti for your help over the years in putting West Seattle facility together.

6. Nobody can quite put it together like we do here. We held 4 National Championships. Masters people love to come here.
 7. 2013 Seattle Classic is July 20 and SMAC-9 is August 24.
 8. George closed by saying "thanks to all who help make it happen."
- D. Race Walk Committee: Stan Chraminski.
1. Thank you to the officials who help make Race Walk happen.
 2. We have merged our Race Walk group into Club Northwest.
 3. We are starting a promotional campaign to get more people into Race Walk.
- E. Officials Committee: Neal Stoddard.
1. We are working on chip timing and hope it will be ready for the UW-WSU dual meet.
 2. There will be February re-certification clinics for the next Olympiad.
- F. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. There will be re-cert clinics during the last 2 weeks of October: at UPS, maybe Burlington, Seattle Parks building and maybe Meadowbrook.
 2. There are a lot of rules changes recently. Bob has cut his rules change summary down to only 6 pages.
 3. Only a slight revision to clinic slides this year. Clinics are Feb 2 at Seattle Parks building and Feb 11 & 25 in Tacoma.
 4. Bob is on an NFHS committee to rewrite the Officials Manual---not the rulebook.
- G. Website: Becca Peter.
1. USATF is promoting a common-look website for the associations. It is \$150/month the first year and \$50/month afterwards vs. the \$99/year we pay now. It lets you delegate editing of different sections to different people. We will have the potential to sell ads. It is partly driven by USATF being big on branding. We are in wait and see mode and will evaluate it in a few months, as they are still working out the kinks and our website is in good shape.
 2. The DELIVRA system is a great new tool for sending very specific email to our members based on which boxes you checked when you signed up for USATF. Becca will coordinate communications with the committee chairs.
- H. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. There was a great workshop in August which served to educate on all the required admin pieces and help associations grow stronger. Patti is happy to report that we are doing almost everything right and are held up as an example.
 2. There is a full slate of Association Committee meetings in December.
 3. Andy Martin, Grassroots Director, is leaving on Sep 30. We will miss him greatly. He has done a lot of work on standardization and helping associations that need help. Examples are the background investigations and the Whole Club Program.
 4. Bill Roe added we met all 19 standards during the Accreditation Review and received a Bronze Award. Bill currently holds PNPF up as an example. He wants all 6 Northwest associations to win it next time.
 5. Bill Hickman added that some of our officials are getting long in the tooth. If you know someone with an interest---get them involved.
- I. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman.
1. Board Meeting in Indianapolis will be October 5/6 and include a strategic planning session with CEO Max Seigel.

III BUSINESS

- A. By-Laws Update: Ed Viering.
1. We voted in some changes at last meeting---our first change since 2008. Part of our charter was to capture what we do now that makes sense.
 2. The first topic was housekeeping changes which matched a lot of format and terminology with that used in the National By-Laws. It greatly improves readability.

3. The second topic concerned composition of the board. We eliminated several positions which were defined with hard to track criteria, and replaced them with 5 straightforward At-Large positions. We also upped the athlete representation from 3 to 4.
 4. The At-Large and Athlete positions will be selected at the next meeting.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting: Carole Langenbach. Carole verified who was going to attend the Annual Meeting. The current roster is: Char Engelhardt, Patti Petesch, Bill and Darlene Hickman, Ray and Judy Christiansen, Bob Springer, Kenny Emerick, Kwajalein Griffin, Ivars Ikstrums, Becca Peter, Holly Genest, Norris Frederick, John Ricardi, Mike Sayenko.
- C. Annual Dinner Update: Char Engelhardt.
1. Our Awards Banquet is Feb 2---the same day as the Seattle Clinic. There will be some drawings held.
 2. Char stressed that “we need your help.” We need folks to reply to the e-blast with an RSVP.
 3. Bill Hickman added that he really urges you to sign up for it.
- D. Election of Officers: Carole Langenbach.
- A. Carole described our four Officer positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President. She thanked our outgoing officers and stated that each has agreed to run again and they are our current nominees.
 - B. Carole polled the membership for additional nominations. There were none. A motion was seconded and approved to close the nominations.
 - C. A motion was seconded and approved to accept the four nominees, thereby electing:
 - i. President – William Hickman
 - ii. Vice President – Ivars Ikstrums
 - iii. Treasurer – Doug Chandler
 - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering
- E. Next Meeting. The next meeting was confirmed for October 15th. Patti requested that no one park behind the building due to the ongoing roof repairs.

Adjournment: President Hickman adjourned the meeting at exactly 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Viering
PNTF Secretary