

**Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting  
held October 5, 2014**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. at Laurelhurst Community Center, 4554 NE 41st Street in Seattle. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Ed Viering, Mick Holt, Doug Chandler, Carole Langenbach, Bob Springer, Patti Petesch, Neal Stoddard, Kenny Emerick, Bob Langenbach, Char Engelhardt, Darlene Hickman, Becca Peter, Holly Genest, Jim Ryan, Tracy Silva, Jona Silva, John Patterson, Kevin Jackson, Chris Kunzelman, Daryl Genest, Lance Neubauer, Michael Chinchar.

**I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

- A. Welcome: President Ivars Ikstrums welcomed the attendees.
- B. Verification of Voting Members: Ed Viering explained that with a large turnout, the voting apportionment set out in the by-laws ensures representation from athletes, coaches, officials, etc. However, with today's turnout, all those present are eligible to vote, and all have been verified as holding a current membership.
- C. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. He reported that minutes for the August Meeting have been emailed and posted on the website with no amendments required. The minutes were accepted.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Doug Chandler submitted his report. The report was accepted.  
Overall Total as of 9/30/2014: \$105,224.70. Group breakdowns:

General Fund -	\$48,855.31	Masters -	\$12,506.28
Open -	\$13,437.22	Youth -	\$21,433.77
Open Chair -	\$ 1,771.35	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
Officials T&C-	\$ 5,900.58	Club Nationals -	\$ 36.41
- E. Membership Report: Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report.
  - 1. As of Oct 5, 2014: Youth- 1602; Open- 424; Masters- 616; Clubs- 77 (3 pending due to background checks).
  - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 185, Open is up 99, Masters is up 6, Clubs is up 9.
- A. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach.
  - 1. We have 208 sanctions so far this year. Mostly road races. Trail is increasing a lot. We had 210 total for all of last year.
  - 2. In a previous meeting we had talked about inviting the people who get a lot of sanctions to some kind of recognition event. That is still the plan..
- F. Vice President's Report: Mick Holt.
  - 1. Mick commented on two recent meets. Sundodger had to switch weekends which resulted in a lower turnout, but it went very, very well. The Husky Invite yesterday had 11 teams at Jefferson Park. It was well attended by our officials. J.D. and the UW were very pleased with the job done by PNTF.
- G. President's Report---- The State of Our Association: Ivars Ikstrums

We are PNTF, but what does that mean? Geographically we run from Oregon to Canada and from the Pacific Ocean to Pacific Crest. I compute that as a land area about the size of West Virginia. If you subtract out the National Parks and Forests, that puts us somewhere between West Virginia and Maryland. The reason we are looked upon favorably is not for our territory, but for our people.

I arrived in 2008. I snooped around board meetings the next year. There are still things I just don't know. But I have learned that the Past President of USATF is from PNTF---Bill Roe. Before that, he was VP and prior to that---Acting CEO. Current USATF Secretary is a PNTF Past President ---Darlene Hickman. On USATF Rules Committee, Bill Hickman is a full-fledged member. He is also on Law and Legislation Committee. Youth Committee...Kenny Emerick is a Referee Protest Representative. He handles appeals for National Youth events. Kenny is also a representative from Youth to USATF Rules Committee. And it goes further...

Past President of National Masters is George Mathews. Officials... Bob Springer is head of the Subcommittee for Equipment and Facilities. Patti Petesch is on Associations Subcommittee and is Association Grant Coordinator. Club Council Secretary and LDR Chair is Bill Roe. Regional, which is really important in Youth... Char Engelhardt runs Region 13.

We have members in four Halls of Fame: USATF HOF, Masters HOF, National Track and Field HOF and Officials HOF. There is a long list of national level awards our people have received. One award that doesn't get a lot of mention, but is important to me... Carole Langenbach won the Horace Crow Jr. Award... twice.

This year, for the Andy Bakjian Award for Outstanding Service to Track and Field, Bob Springer is a finalist. Bob Bowman is a Lori Maynard Award finalist for Race Walk.

These people form the core of our association. They are there to teach and mentor if you need help.

We prove we have addressed all areas through accreditation. This year, I received a letter from Herb Nichols, the Accreditation Subcommittee Chair, saying we have met all required standards.

I would say the state of our association is excellent.

## II COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Youth Committee: Holly Genest

1. We had a great meeting this morning but unfortunately ran out of time.
2. We have had 2 XC meets so far with participation up 12%. We expect 300-400 athletes at JOs We really want to move to chip timing.
3. We vote for Officers at the next meeting..
4. Association and Regional meets are Nov 15 and 22. We are looking for help from the officials.
5. We will be discussing how to beef up the funds in the Fred Dean Grant.

### B. Open Committee: Becca Peter.

1. We hosted the Regional T&F Open, but from now on there will only be one West Regional and one East Regional, so we won't host it again.
2. We have received the entry money for Club Nationals. We are still waiting for some reimbursement from National, after which we will write a check to Club Northwest. We will break even on the meet.
3. XC Championships are combined with Masters. Association is at Lower Woodland Park on Nov 2. Regional is at Lincoln Park on Nov 23. Next year, our only championship is Association Open (with Masters).
4. We will work with Seattle Parks to beef up the June meet.

### C. MUT Committee: no report. Ivars noted that National Trail Championship is coming up at Lake Padden in Bellingham. Ivars will be there.

### D. Masters Committee: Carole Langenbach.

1. George Mathews has moved to Arizona for the winter. He recruited Lance Neubauer. Lance was elected this morning as Masters Chair. He holds the National Record for 16 lb. shot in the Decathlon. He has both a track & field and football background. He is a business owner and a Coach at Shorewood HS.
2. We will probably host the National Masters Throws Pentathlon/Superweight/Ultraweight Pentathlon Championship in August.

### E. Race Walk Committee: no report. Carole and Char noted that they held their first road event on the same day as Sundodger. It went well. Eighteen athletes.

### F. Athletes: Michael Chinchar. The influx of high-end talent has been really nice. We have been discussing ways to increase participation.

### G. Officials Committee: Bob Springer.

1. Yesterday at UW meet we wanted to do the whole thing ourselves, but we can't do splits. It would require another chip system for about \$20,000. UW also wants finish times right away. We can't do it. Finish Lynx can. We are working on it.
2. Field Lynx operates well once we get people that know how to use it. Biggest problem with indoor is wi-fi requirement. There are too many cell phones in the Dempsey for wi-fi to work.

3. They used web-based comms for the 3/5/7K splits yesterday. The even splits were hard wired. Instant info is our major problem right now
  4. We now have a test version of a wireless starter pistol.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. As of July 31 we have 142 certified officials: 42 Apprentice, 23 Association, 36 National, 41 Master. This is about 20 higher than last year. This gives us 2 votes on National Officials Committee.
  2. We are working on a re-do of the clinic “extras” slides and a version of the field event presentation which incorporates hands-on training.
  3. Seattle clinic will be Jan 24. Tacoma is Feb 9/23 at UPS. We are working on Renton/Kent and Bremerton.
  4. Every Saturday in February has a UW meet
  5. UW outdoor track has been resurfaced.
- I. Communications: Becca Peter.
1. Andy Martin, formerly of the National Office, is working for several associations as their marketing/communications person—sort of a sports information director. This includes website, Facebook, Twitter, press releases and articles. Cost is \$5,000/year. Becca wants to offload Webmaster. She would still be Communications Chair but it would free up her time for things like Facebook and Twitter. We are a good volunteer organization, but our marketing shows that we are volunteers. This would bring us to the next level, Becca can send info to anyone interested. We can always just try it for a year.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. Patti attended with Becca. It was much improved over last year. Summer is a great time for the administrative people to get caught up on branding, marketing, insurance, etc. However, we were notified that in 2015 and 2016 the workshop will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting. A survey went out this year, with only 35 respondents, most of whom were against the move.
  2. National Office is moving towards unity and visibility in marketing/branding. They are working on things like logo, standards, font colors, etc. Marketing packages will come at some point.
  3. Legacy email is good. You have already been notified if your position has a legacy email account.
  4. Overall gist of the workshop is better communication from National to Associations to members.
  5. Grants program is in place for grants up to \$2000. Patti is head of that program.
  6. National is trying to be more open with communications. They instituted one-on-one meetings with leaders. Patti spoke to Jill Geer.
  7. People with sanctions should have medical support on-site.
  8. Round-robin meetings were good way to see how others did things. For example, Southern California has a reception for their partners--- t-shirt vendors, sanction users, etc. It was very successful.
  9. Through a program adopted by USOC, all Youth coaches, officials, national office staff and board of directors need training about sexual predators.
  10. USATF has a partnership with Hershey for Run/Jump/Throw clinics.
  11. We received the Bronze Award for Accreditation. We have never reached gold.
  12. Jon Drummond talked about ways to increase active athletes to represent associations. They are working on letting out of-state trainees still represent their home association.

### III BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Mick Holt. These terms are ending soon. We have five at – large and four active athlete positions. Please confirm with Mick if interesting in continuing in these positions, and also, if anyone new wants to join the board.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting Delegates – Carole Langenbach.

1. National gave us a list of elite athletes. National was supposed to have contacted them. We are not sure this has happened.
  2. Michael Chinchar has reached out to several Brooks athletes. Katie Mackey and Garrett Heath are interested.
- C. Annual Dinner Update: Char Engelhardt.
1. We have tentatively reserved Embassy Suites for Feb 7, 14 and 21. GNAC meet took away the 21st, so now all weekends now have Dempsey meets on same day. The idea of a Sunday banquet was broached. Decision is still pending.
  2. Please remember to bring door prizes.
- D. General Comments:
1. Concerning the Legacy emails accounts, Doug Chandler is adamantly against having to use a Gmail account. Others suggested it could be set up to forward to your real email account. Doug remained unswayed.
  2. Concerning the Officials decision to work the GNAC meet: Mick Holt said he felt it was important we run the GNAC Championships; Bob Springer expressed that we should support all the local schools.
  3. Doug Chandler asked if Dempsey meets will still offer rooms for out-of-town officials. Bob Springer answered in the affirmative.
- E. Election of Officers: Carole Langenbach.
- A. As Nominations Chairman, Carole was asked to find nominees for the 4 Officer positions. Ivars Ikstrums, Mick Holt, Doug Chandler and Ed Viering all volunteered to run again for their position and were nominated.
  - B. In addition, Chris Kunzelman was nominated for VP. Carole gave a short bio of Chris. Chris is Youth Secretary, Track and Field Coordinator for Kent School District and a member of Federal Way Track Club.
  - C. For each officer position, Carole announced the nominees and asked for any additional ones. There were no additional nominees.
  - D. Carole asked for a motion to approve the unopposed candidates by acclamation. A motion was made, seconded and approved.
  - E. An secret ballot was then conducted for Vice President. Chris Kunzelman was elected.
  - F. The elected officers are:
    - i. President – Ivars Ikstrums
    - ii. Vice President – Chris Kunzelman
    - iii. Treasurer – Doug Chandler
    - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering
- G. Next Meeting. The next meeting was confirmed for October 20.

#### IV ADJOURNMENT

- A. The meeting was adjourned at exactly 4:59 PM.

*[Editors note: several days after this meeting it was determined that GNAC Indoor Championship meet will be in Nampa, ID---not at the Dempsey]*

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Viering  
Secretary  
Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest