

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held June 15, 2015**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Ave. N. in Seattle. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Chris Kunzelman, Ed Viering, Doug Chandler, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Darlene Hickman, George Mathews, Patti Petesch, Eddie Strickler, Becca Peter, Bill Hickman, Holly Genest, Steve DiBernardo, Jim Ryan, Neal Stoddard.

The President led introductions. Due to time zone considerations, the next order of business was a phone call with Andy Martin of Exclamation Services. This is addressed in Old Business-A.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the April meeting have been emailed. The minutes were accepted. The Secretary intends to establish a MailChimp account for distributing minutes and meeting notices to our membership.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Doug Chandler.
 - 1. Doug wants to move Open Chair fund into Open account. Becca is OK with that. Fred Dean account has had no activity in years. Ivars asked Holly to talk with Asha Dean about what to do with it. Doug likes the auto-deposit of Member/Club/Sanctions money, but he doesn't get an email on distributions. It just comes generically to PNTF. Becca noted that Club Nationals did not lose money.
 - 2. Report was accepted. Overall Total as of 05/31/2015: \$150,707.71. Group breakdowns:

General Fund -	\$80,898.48	Masters -	\$15,023.79
Open -	\$17,630.82	Youth -	\$32,799.98
Open Chair -	\$ 1,771.35	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
Officials T&C-	\$ 4,881.66	Club Nationals -	\$ (1,216.73)
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email.
 - 1. As of June 14, 2015: Youth— 1,320; Open— 345; Masters— 574; Clubs— 71. Seven clubs are pending due to background check. Holly stated that clubs have trouble knowing when they are pending.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is down 30, Open is down 9, Masters is up 22, Clubs is down 2.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have about 136. We had a lot of trouble with certificate of insurance for JO Combined Events.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Nothing to report.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. This is a rules year for by-laws at USATF. Ivars has instructions for change proposals.
 - 2. There is a partnership with UCS to buy equipment at a discount.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach.
 - 1. Len Tritsch of Seattle Frontrunners passed away May 14.
 - 2. Stan Chraminski moved to Hawaii. He donated four of his paintings and Carole has already sold three at her church. Stan left us a bunch of painted tiles and wants us each to have one.
 - 3. We did our 990EZ. This is why Doug's check register is so important. They want totals for several categories of expenses.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. Website/Marketing Service— Becca Peter/Andy Martin
 - 1. Andy Martin from Exclamation Services called in to discuss proposal to move to the USATF-format website. He explained some of the benefits of the new site. He can migrate our website over time at no additional cost. USATF charges \$50/month. We will have a new URL, but pntf.org will redirect to the new address. He will inquire with national office on how billing will

- occur. We would need to send an email to USATF with cc to Andy in order to make the change. Ivars thanked Andy, ended the call and deferred our discussion until later on during old business.
2. Discussion took place about the new website. We currently pay \$114/year. We will wind up paying an additional \$500/year if we switch. New format is cleaner and more in line with what other associations are using. Ed had sent links to New York and Indiana sites as examples. We can give access to focals to edit their sections. Holly requested we defer the switch until after the JOs. It was moved, seconded and approved to switch to the new format.
- B. PNTF Annual Meeting – Patti Petesch.
1. Patti has reserved Laurelhurst again, but stated we are not achieving to the goal of having Youth/Open/Masters people stay for the annual meeting. We spent \$1,180 last year for food and facility. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to go back to a Monday night format on a date to be determined.
 2. A tentative date of Sep 21 at 6pm was set for here in the Seattle Parks building.
- C. Future Stars Meet – Patti Petesch. Meet is Wednesday night at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup. Registration is closed, with 100 kids signed up. Patti is hosting an end of season meeting for Hershey/RJT people to plan for next year and push for an earlier start.
- D. Marketing Materials – Ed Viering. We have our new tent which made its first appearance at JO Combined Events. Our photo backdrop is on order and should be ready for JO Association meet.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hy-Tek Licenses – Ivars Ikstrums. Ivars heard that we may have a separate license for Youth. Patti says PNTFOA license is OK, if we hire their timing. PNTF license has expired. It must be renewed and upgraded to Hy-Tek 5. George said there are lots of recommendations out there to go to MeetPro (DirectAthletics) for \$35/year. Patti says Youth is tied in with the national system and needs to use Hy-Tek.
- B. PNTF Banquet Chair Selection – Ivars Ikstrums. Ivars reported that Char says she will do it again. Chris is also willing. We will select at next meeting.
- C. USATF Annual Meeting: Appoint Delegates Coordinator – Ivars Ikstrums. Carole stated that as Office Manager, she has traditionally done a lot to help others. She has been doing the delegate coordination, but wants the Head of Delegation to do it from now on. Carole described the typical duties involved and will prepare a job description.
1. Advance admin: Some documents are due in October– including list of delegates and meeting attendees. Must determine who the athlete delegates will be. It takes a lot of communication to find three people. Need to collect a list of all attendee phone numbers.
 2. At the actual caucus: set-up a room for delegate meeting, provide refreshments, explain the voting.
 3. Ivars stated we will appoint Head of Delegation in August.
- D. Masters Combined Events/Women’s Decathlon – Becca Peter.
1. Jeff Watry asked about us hosting the 2016 National Masters Combined Events. Virginia has backed out. Kings HS is cozy, but needs a second Pole Vault and a better Javelin. UW may work, but will cost us. PNTFOA timing is expensive. Club Nationals helped to fund the timing but that will not happen this meet.
 2. There hasn’t been a serious Women’s Decathlon since 2006. Becca wants to explore having a long-term championship in August so as not to conflict with the Heptathlons. Next year we will look to host Women’s Decathlon. Becca will research.
 3. We will consider these at the August meeting.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
1. We had 8 developmental meets, and only one had manual timing.
 2. Char had resigned earlier this year as Regional Coordinator. The new Chair, from Oregon, has now abruptly resigned. Char offered to take the job again to get us past JO Regionals.

3. Combined Events had 9 boys and 14 girls.
 4. The numbers are way up for the Association Meet.
- B. Open: Becca Peter. We had some Open athletes at Seattle Parks meet. It is good to combine Masters and Open for an adult meet. Club NW is not sending anyone to Club Nationals due to funding. Becca told them to come to the Association Meet instead.
- C. MUT: No report.
- D. Masters: George Mathews for Lance Neubauer.
1. "Great job Becca! And thank you officials!" for the Parks Meet. We had automatic timing for the first time and online entries. We hoped that would attract more athletes, but we had exact same number of entries as last year. We had 61 of 87 entries made online.
 2. We are getting ready for Seattle Classic on 18 Jul and National Throws on 29/30 Aug. We are having a catered event at the Golf Club. We are going to need a lot of officials.
- E. Race Walk: Steve DiBernardo.
1. Excellent turnout for 2nd Saturday at Green Lake event. There are 10 active RW competitors in Seattle. Steve has been trying to get a small core to enter more races. Five went to Hayward this year. Anne Tuborg elevated from fitness walking up to 2nd in her age group. Steve broke a 3K record. The youngest in the core group is 44. We had a 12 and 13 year old come out of the clinic last year.
 2. Steve has been trying to promote RW around town and his group is now a fixture on the Ride The Ducks tour.
- F. Athlete Update/News. Eddie Strickler reported that at World Relay Championships in May the 4x100m men beat Jamaica. Ryan Bailey (ex-Club NW) anchored. Lots of talk among athletes about a convicted doper coaching the team (Dennis Mitchell). Becca fully expects some local athletes at Worlds.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. We have a new tent. Brooks Meet is this Saturday. Ask Geof if you want to work it. Show up by noon.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
1. Bill says we will meet next month.
 2. Chris went to the Athletic Directors Association Meeting. They talked about need for athletes to see certified officials prior to the state meet. There was phenomenal feedback on this and lots of supportive interaction between schools from 2B to 4A. Chris knows there will be more requests for training. Brian Smith (WIAA) says there is lots of movement toward having three State Meets, but there are not enough officials.
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. This item was covered in old business.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch. Nothing to report.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. Nothing to report.

Next meeting is here on August 17, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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