

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held April 21, 2014**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Ave. N. in Seattle. The President led a round of introductions. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Doug Chandler, Ed Viering, Becca Peter, Bob Springer, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Char Engelhardt, Patti Petesch, Neal Stoddard, Ryan Brown, Jim Ryan, Stan Chraminski, Eddie Strickler, Michael Chinchar, Eric Sach, Gary Collett, Holly Genest.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the January meeting have been emailed. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Doug Chandler presented his report. The report was accepted.
Overall Total as of 03/31/2014: \$110,595.32. Group breakdowns:

General Fund -	\$45,807.76	Masters -	\$ 13,187.63
Open -	\$14,993.22	Youth -	\$ 21,433.77
Open Chair -	\$ 1,771.35	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
Officials T&C-	\$ 3,497.83	National Club Meet -	\$ 0.00
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email. The report was accepted.
 - 1. As of Apr 20, 2014: Youth- 722; Open- 266; Masters- 479; Clubs- 61. Six of these clubs are pending due to background checks.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 205, Open is up 58, Masters is down 110, Clubs is up 7.
- D. Vice President's Report: No report.
- E. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums. Ivars stated that Mick Holt is out of state and will be back in time for the State HS Meet.
- F. Sanctions Annual Report: Carole Langenbach. We have 103 sanctions already, which is incredible. Online system is working really well. We are getting events that were never sanctioned before.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. We have sent in IRS Form 990 EZ. Our numbers match very closely with the Treasurer's numbers. We are on track with understanding what figures to fill this form out with.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. USA Half Marathon Trail Championships: Eric Sach for Tad Davis.
 - 1. Oct 18 at Lake Padden. A lot of famous athletes have already signed up. We are ahead of schedule. The course has been wheeled. Eric Sach has recommended using chip timing. Tad thinks he will make it to the June meeting. Ivars stated his concern was documenting the course. He is happy to hear that has been done.
- B. Club Nationals: Becca Peter.
 - 1. July 11/12 in Tacoma. Planning is going very well. Budget is good. Facilities have been nailed down.
 - 2. Great response from local officials has saved money. We have 4 out-of-towners but budgeted for 20. The three hotels are situated close together: Red Lion, Comfort Inn and Hampton Inn. Hotels are under budget.
 - 3. Mt. Tahoma is \$1000 under budget. Part of this is not needing lights by not having to run distance races late to avoid the heat.
 - 4. National Office wants more control over national events so the plan is: after expenses, the first \$1000 goes to National as a rights fee; then we pay back Club NW; after that we split 50/50 with National.
 - 5. State of Washington is cracking down on sales tax for adult sporting events. That may factor into entry price.

6. We have permission to pay the PNTFOA timing crew after the event.
 7. Dorms at PLU are an option.. We will have a meet shuttle to the hotels. Becca is working on help with transporting poles.
 8. We are selling \$100 event sponsorships.
 9. Everything is looking good. Budget looks great.
- C. PNTF Banquet Debrief – Char Engelhardt
1. Banquet was very nice although there were some small disappointments, such as the small room. We need 90 people for the big room. Char wants greater attendance next year. Embassy Suites goes out of their way for us.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Changes At UW - Bob Springer.
1. UW is adding another Cross Country event on Oct 4 at Jefferson Park. It will be the top 10 teams in the country.
 2. The Washington Invite will be a true invite with not as many entries.
 3. NCAA is proposing major changes in how meets are handled which would mean major problems for open athletes.
- B. Appoint PNTF Banquet Chair – Ivars Ikstrums.
1. Char Engelhardt accepted an appointment to serve as Chair for next year's banquet.
- C. Issues at USA indoors – Michael Chinchar.
1. Elite and sub-elite athletes are upset with issues at USA Indoors in Albuquerque in February. All athletes and coaches are not being held to the same standard. The rules are not being applied equally.
 2. There were two big DQs--- in the men's and women's 3K run.
 3. In women's, Gabe Grunewald clipped Jordan Hasay. The referee ruled it was not a DQ. Hasay's coach, Alberto Salazar, protested. The protest and subsequent appeal to the Jury were denied. By rule this is the end of it, unless new evidence is found. Hours later, the protest was accepted, Grunewald was DQed which means Hasay goes to Worlds. After some delays, the new evidence was said to be the same camera angles, but viewed on a better resolution display. This affected an International event, so USOC now had standing. On the Monday after, CEO Max Siegel held a closed door meeting, after which Jordan Hasay withdrew her protest, thereby sending Grunewald to Worlds.
 4. Becca reported on the Men's 3K. which involved two Nike athletes. Coach Salazar said Andrew Bumbalough fouled Galen Rupp. Replay clearly shows it was Ryan Hill (who finished third) who committed the infraction, and Bumbalough was nowhere near the foul. Bumbalough learned of his DQ after leaving the meet. He is not sure if it was due to a yellow flag or to a protest. The National Office won't comment.
 5. Michael says this is a transparency issue and asks if there is anything the athletes can do.
 6. Eddie Strickler says the women's DQ was closed door. No one knows what happened. There was a huge social media backlash afterwards. It appeared they reacted to the backlash and not the rules. It looked like they first caved to Nike, then caved to backlash.
 7. Becca said the Officials were thrown under the bus and the National office is deciding the matter. The TFAA (Track and Field Athletes Association), under Adam Nelson, has gained a lot of steam. The Athletes Advisory Committee (AAC) under Jon Drummond is involved. TFAA has requested that representatives be allowed to observe the appeals process at National Championships. USATF has not addressed the request. Athletes are considering boycotting Outdoor Nationals.
 8. Ivars says this situation reminds him of the horrible relationship between athletes and AAU in the last days of the AAU.
 9. Becca put forth a motion to notify USATF that our association supports the TFAA request to observe the appeals process at National Championships. The motion was seconded and approved.
- D. Grants Update – Patti Petesch

1. Kenny and Patti will purchase four speakers next month which were approved in this year's grant. We will now have 10 total between us and the officials.
2. Hammer cage upgrade should be finished by end of summer.
3. Previous administrations were not holding grantees accountable. The Committee voted not to give money to those whose reports were not in order. Patti has asked National office to post all recipients in the last 5 years. This has not been done.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Youth: Holly Genest.

1. This year, Youth Clubs must perform background screens before registering. This has caused a lot of problems.
2. The level 2 Coaching Scholarship was awarded to Lynn Howerton of Pacific Beach Striders.
3. There is a big push for HS to put on better meets using actual officials.
4. This is the last year for the Hershey Games.

B. Open: Becca Peter.

1. There will be a PNTF table at the All-Comers meets. We have 2 people signed up so far to man the tables. Becca is asking for each committee/discipline to provide promo materials to hand out.
2. Regionals at West Seattle Stadium will have PNTF timing. Hammer will be Friday night. No 10K that day. It will be held at the All-Comers on Wednesday. This allows a bigger rest for folks qualifying for USAs..
3. Open athletes will be left out if NCAA proposals go through. They could add an Open section before or after the meet. This could be a big deal for our association being able to represent our Open athletes.
4. An Open meet at UW may be a way to boost membership.

C. MUT: Eric Sach.

1. We had a good showing at Chuckanut. Max King won. New course record. Carole helped mail out the prize checks.
2. Trail races are going strong. Most race directors are sanctioning through USATF..

D. Masters: Neal Stoddard.

1. Seattle Parks Meet on Jun 7.
2. Seattle Classic on Jul 19.
3. There was a Masters meeting tonight and another scheduled for 12 May..

E. Race Walk: Stan Chraminski.

1. We have marked out a 750m course at Magnusson Park on the waterfront. We are looking to get it officially measured for races on 3rd Saturday in August and September. This is our first road course in a decade.

F. Athlete Update/News:

1. From Bob L.: Uli Steidl won first place in his Boston Marathon Masters division..
2. From Mick Holt via email: Brooke Feldmeier of Tumwater HS placed 2nd in the 400m in the HS Division at Stanford Relays. She will attend Ole Miss next year.
3. From Becca: Joe Gray of Club Northwest has been doing amazing. He won the 10K and 5K at Mount SAC.

G. Officials: Neal Stoddard.

1. We spent \$3,400 for a HYTEK license. We bought speakers, four monitors, containers for cables and two gun sensors. We will time the Brooks Meet on 21 June in Renton.

H. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.

1. For the last two years, Chris Kunzelman offered a certification clinic for her officials in Kent SD. Bob Springer did a short course for Sumner officials this year. Lane Dowell approached Bob for a Bremerton clinic next year. Renton will offer one as well. Merri Rieger, one of our starters, is Superintendent in Renton and is supporting it. The extra clinics will probably be on weekday afternoons and evenings. Bottom line—we need more people to do them. Bob will be asking people to be presenters.
2. We are working on next year's CD already. Emphasis will be on the supplemental slides.

I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter.

1. USATF has created Legacy email addresses for the President, Secretary, etc. When you turn over your job, the account passes to the next person. It uses Gmail. Log out when you are done or you will still be online under a Google account.

J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.

1. Associations Committee conference call was in March. The new Administration is having other conference calls as well, but they are not necessarily communicated consistently.
2. The Associations Manual is being enhanced, mostly in the areas of grants, road racing and accreditation.
3. The USATF webmaster quit. They are contracting for a new one now.
4. Online club registrations are going good. It is difficult for Youth due to background check requirements. They did not ease in the new restriction. Patti says the trick is, when you register, to only list coaches who have been checked. Then add in new coaches to your roster once they pass their checks.
5. Carmen Triplet was promoted to Events Manager under the new CFO.
6. Hershey now has a partnership with USATF called Run/Jump/Throw. It is a 21 station clinic that feeds to USATF. Word slipped out before the big announcement. Associations and Clubs will be eligible for scholarships for participants. It will be handled through the Grassroots Program.
7. Clinics are coming concerning how coaches can deal with sexual abuse.
8. Communications is getting to be a real concern. It is the subject of the next conference call.
9. The President passed out a list of Championships to make sure we don't miss reporting any.

K. USATF Board of Directors Update: no report.

Next meeting is here on June 16, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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