

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held November 17, 2014**

President Ivars Ikstrums called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Seattle Parks and Recreation Building at 100 Dexter Ave. N. in Seattle. The President informed us that Glenn Fortune, President of USATF Oregon, passed away recently. He read a tribute article from the Oregon website. He mentioned that Glenn was always the Referee here when we hosted JO Regionals and that we are all diminished when someone like this passes away.

The President led introductions. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Chris Kunzelman, Ed Viering, Bob Springer, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Neal Stoddard, Jim Ryan, Darlene Hickman, Lance Neubauer, Patti Petesch, Eric Sach, Tad Davis, Paul Bodenshot, Kenny Emerick, Becca Peter, Al Coyle, Bill Hickman, Bill Roe, Ryan Brown, Michael Chinchar, Char Engelhardt, Tracy Silva, Eddie Strickler.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the October meeting, with two amendments, have been emailed. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach presented Doug Chandler's report. Becca mentioned that we are still expecting a Club Nationals check from National Office. Report was accepted. Overall Total as of 11/30/2014: \$103,295.81. Group breakdowns:

General Fund -	\$47,905.96	Masters -	\$12,006.28
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 -	\$(1,399.90)
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted the Annual Report.
 - 1. Outflows are \$33,950.80 to USATF and \$34,170.61 to PNTF.
 - 2. As of Oct 20, 2014: Youth- 1625; Open- 430; Masters- 629; Clubs- 78. Three more clubs are pending due to background checks.
 - 3. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 194, Open is up 105, Masters is up 18, Clubs is up 9.
- D. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Chris now has a list of all the eligible voters and their alternates.
- E. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums. Ivars will report on a possible copyright infringement during the Officials Certification and Training report.
- F. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have sanctioned 217 events so far this year. We already have 7 for next year. Sanctions year goes Jan 1 to Jan 1.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Nothing to report.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. USATF Annual Meeting- Carole Langenbach/Char Engelhardt.
 - 1. Carole passed around a phone list for the delegates. There is one change to the delegate list. Paul Bodenshot is now going and will be the Masters LDR rep in place of Bob Springer.
 - 2. Char stated the PNTF Caucus will be Wed 7 AM.
 - 3. Becca said we will probably have another closing session floor fight. The BOD and David Greifinger have submitted competing proposals regarding governance.
- B. PNTF Banquet Update -Char Engelhardt. Banquet will be at Embassy Suites in Tukwila on Saturday Feb 21. Cocktails at 6. Dinner at 7. Please bring any items for the drawings if you have any. We need to decide on a speaker. The speaker gets an honorarium. Ivars mentioned that Paula has stories from World Masters which become irrelevant if too much time passes. Tad will check with Maria Dalzot.
- C. Christmas Party- Carole Langenbach. Party will be at the Langenbachs' in Seatac on Saturday Dec 13 at 3PM. A reminder will be sent out in early December. Ivars stated we use the party to give a quick debrief of the Annual Meeting.
- D. 2014 USA Half Marathon Trail Championships Debrief-Tad Davis/Al Coyle.

1. Tad has a 20 page final report which lists all their issues. They had 45 responses to their survey. By all accounts it was a huge success. They will move up awards ceremony next year and improve course markings. The “real” trail runners complained that course wasn’t “trail enough”. They will add more single track.
2. We layered on top of a community race for a non-profit, but the community race got overshadowed. Last year, \$10,500 went to the non-profit but only \$7000 to \$8000 this year. We need to promote the community side more so it will still be viable when it is no longer a USATF championship. We got such a good response from USATF that MUT Council Chair Nancy Hobbs wants us to run it for 1 or 2 more years.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bid for 2015 USA Half Marathon Trail Championships–Tad Davis/Al Coyle.
 1. 2015 proposal will not be much different except we anticipate 100 USATF and 200 community runners which will allow us to give last year’s amount of money to the non-profit.
 2. Tad stated that Ivars and Eric strongly recommended chip timing. This will eat into the non-profit money unless we get 100 USATF runners. Tad thinks we can maybe get an agreement for the association to cover chip timing if we don’t break even. Ivars mentioned he was at the finish line and saw three results which had to be corrected, plus, when we ran XC Club Nationals, we had a problem fester for a year---so we don’t want to be exposed to problems. Chris recommended they look into PNTFOA timing which may be cheaper.
 3. Tad stated that Nancy Hobbs said we overshadowed every other MUT Championship by far and asked that we bid the next two years. Ivars asked for a vote to this effect. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize a bid on this race for the next two years.
 4. Carole noted that it may have fallen through the cracks, but it appeared the meet was not USATF-sanctioned. Tad said it was sanctioned through the non-profit. Bill Roe stated if you have insurance, you can ask the National Office for a waiver, but a USATF sanction is geared specifically to running events and is probably better insurance.
- B. New printer – Carole Langenbach. The PNTF office printer died. A new printer only cost about \$100. It was motioned/seconded/approved to reimburse Carole for the printer.
- C. Website/Marketing Service – Becca Peter. Becca reviewed the proposal, made at our Annual Meeting, to purchase services from Andy Martin at Exclamation Services. Cost is \$5,000/year. The various committees can send in updates. It is mainly a marketing service, and the website is just an offshoot from that. There were several minutes of discussion. It was motioned/seconded/approved: (a) to authorize a purchase for \$5,000 for 1 year; (b) for Becca to head negotiations and c) that the Communications Chair is responsible for oversight.
- D. Budget Planning--- Carole Langenbach for Doug Chandler. At January meeting we will propose next year’s budget, so if you have anything that you think needs to be changed, let us know. Darlene proposed a new line item for Website/Marketing services.
- E. Contributor of the Year---Ivars Ikstrums. The vote is at January meeting. Results are held for announcement at the Banquet. Nominators should include a statement to justify their nominations. Nominations are accepted from now until the vote. Send nominations to any officer.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Chris Kunzelman for Holly Genest.
 1. We renewed our officers for 2015. No changes. Holly Genest-Chair; Chris Kunzelman-Secretary; Char Engelhardt-Treasurer; Patti Petesch-Vice for T&F; James Henderson-Vice for XC.
 2. A sub-committee was formed for instituting a Youth Travel Grant for 2015, in addition to Fred Dean Fund. This is a need clubs have raised concerns about.
 3. JO Association XC had 442 competitors. A great meet! A cold, clear day---until the mud! Holly received tons of compliments. Great job by the officials.

4. We have 444 registered for Regionals with 24 hours left. We have chip timing this year through PNTFOA.
- B. Open: Becca Peter.
1. We had a very successful Open and Masters Association Championship, except Parks Dept didn't open the bathrooms on time. Our ambulance never showed up. They said they were there, but they won't bill us.
 2. Patti thinks Lincoln Park bathrooms may be winterized at Regionals this weekend. Patti said she could order portable toilets if needed and Becca authorized her to do so.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach. Eric has talked with and encouraged the trail race directors to utilize USATF for sanctioning their events. Most trail races have their dates for 2015.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer. Nothing to report.
- E. Race Walk: no report.
- F. Athlete Update/News.
1. Michael Chinchar had friends at the trail Half Marathon who loved it.
 2. Eddie Strickler said collegians are gearing up for NCAA Regional XC.
 3. Becca said that Nick Symmonds published a book with lots of USATF politics in it. She thinks we will all like it.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard.
1. We spent \$45,000 for a new timing system.
 2. We will work GNAC combined events on April 27/28 at St Martin's.
 3. We are working Nov 22/23 at Woodland Park/Lincoln Park.
 4. GNAC XC is in Bellingham the next 3 years. PNTFOA will provide timing.
 5. GNAC went well in Oregon last week. Bob, Kenny, Geof, Andy and Larry Scheurer attended.
 6. Ivars stated that David Lee, a retired coach from Portland area, put on the Hub City Open last spring—a D2/D3 T&F meet that received good comments from the coaches. He has now announced 6 indoor meets in Centralia—Dec 6/7, Jan 31/Feb 1, Feb 21/22. It is field events only so far.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
1. Raymond St. Pierre is running for National Certification Chair.
 2. Bob Springer said we added a Bremerton clinic on Feb 21. It is being pushed by Lane Dowell through the Bremerton School District and is inspired by the Kent SD initiative. Chris Kunzelman will pick a date for Kent clinic after seeing the presentation on clinics at the Annual Meeting. Also, a "State of Finish" presentation is being put on by Lynx.
 3. Ivars stated that, on the Facebook Officials page, the lead photo from an Arizona clinic shows a zero-point photo taken by Ivars a few years ago. The person being given credit for it was someone who used our slideshow 8 years ago and claimed credit for it. Arizona is sending Bob Springer the slideshow so he can see the context. Bill Hickman said we developed the gold standard slideshow and give permission to use it provided credit is given to PNTF.
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. Nothing else to report.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. No conference call to report on. No call in November.
 2. Send Patti your 2015 meet dates (using Seattle Parks) now, with a list of everything you will need.
 3. The Grants Committee awarded the 2015 grants and will be sending out the letters.
 4. Ivars stated that, in reference to the Safe Sports Program, Outdoor Magazine has a lengthy article on abuse of athletes which was particularly harsh toward USA Swimming.
<http://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-adventure/water-activities/swimming/The-Sex-Abuse-Scandal-Plaguing-USA-Swimming.html> Patti noted that Norris Frederick has a blog site with an interesting article on this subject.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Bill Hickman. USOC sent a letter to USATF saying, in effect, you are doing a great job, but have too much democracy, so change your by-laws or we will cut off your money. This not being an L&L year, all proposals have to go through the Board of Directors. Our BOD put together a proposal to satisfy USOC. David Greifinger has a contrary proposal. Basically he wants leadership of USATF to be elected by popular vote. Details are posted on USATF website.

Next meeting is here on January 19, 2015, with a pseudo-meeting at the Dec 13 Christmas Party.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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