

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held August 17, 2015**

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 led introductions. The following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Chris Kunzelman, Ed Viering, Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach, Darlene Hickman, Lance Neubauer, Patti Petesch, Eddie Strickler, Becca Peter, Bill Hickman, Holly Genest, Steve DiBernardo, Jim Ryan, Neal Stoddard, Char Engelhardt, Eric Sach, Spencer Walsh, Mark Bloudek.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the June meeting have been emailed. The minutes were accepted. The Secretary gave a backup of his files to the Office Manager and encouraged others to consider backups of their PNTF files.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach for Doug Chandler.
 - 1. The Club Nationals and Open Chair accounts were merged with the Open account. Carole noted that the sum of the groups versus the total is off by about \$1,700 and stressed the importance of giving good explanations of category when you ask for a check.
 - 2. Report was accepted. Overall Total as of 07/31/2015: \$146,600.68. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$72,640.67	Masters -	\$14,474.79
Open -	\$21,277.08	Youth -	\$32,799.98
Officials T&C-	\$ 4,523.05	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
- C. Membership Report: no report.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach. We have 167 sanctions this year. Occasionally, we don't get a satisfactory explanation in the safety section so Carole has to ask for more info..
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Tuck Gionet passed away this week. He was active in the community, was Head Coach at Snohomish HS and head of Washington State Track and Field Coaches Association. Chris worked closely with him the last two years on the issue of improving officiating throughout the state. This is a huge loss to our community. Services are tomorrow at Snohomish HS gym.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. Are you getting Andy Martin's results emails? They are timely and professional.
 - 2. TJ Crater, UW Throws Coach, is now at University of Arizona.
 - 3. Since we last met we have had JO Association, JO Regional in Portland, Masters/Open Championship at Seattle Classic and the Senior Games.
 - 4. Masters National Championship Throws Pentathlon, Ultraweight Pentathlon and Superweight are coming up
 - 5. All rule books say steel tape must be certified, but give no guidance. So Ivars bought a high quality steel tape and sent it to a certification lab, so he can now certify other tapes.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. Nothing to report.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. PNTF Annual Meeting – Ivars Ikstrums. Meeting will be here on Monday night Sep 21. Snacks at 6PM. Meeting at 7PM. Look at the by-laws to see the list of delegates.
- B. Proposed By-Laws Changes – Ivars Ikstrums. As no members have any inputs ready yet, there is nothing to report at this time.
- C. 2016 Masters Combined Events Nat'l Championship – Becca Peter. Information will be finalized by next meeting to get Association approval for this meet. We can do it a Kings virtually for free. To move to UW, etc. would raise the price.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2018 Club Cross Country Nat'l Championship – Becca Peter. Club Northwest asked Becca to look into 2018 Club Cross. Bill Roe and Becca talked to Jim Estes at National Office. Still not a lot of answers. Jefferson Park is not available in 2017 or 2018. Tacoma/Pierce County Sports Commission is very interested and helpful. The bid is in June next year. Becca wants to have an answer by the USATF annual meeting. Mark Bloudek will be the volunteer coordinator.
- B. National Trail Half Marathon – Eric Sach. Tad Davis is the new Race Director. Eric suggested a chip timing company. He is concerned about course marking. There are not a lot of sign-ups yet, but they expect a lot better turnout this year.
- C. PNTF Banquet Chair Selection – Ivars Ikstrums. Char and Chris have both volunteered. Ivars will meet with both after the meeting with some questions and then select one of them.
- D. USATF Annual Meeting: Appoint Chief of Delegation – Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. Carole described the duties that have been performed by her, by Char as Chair and by Patti as alternate. The Secretary was tasked with consolidating the list of duties.
 - 2. Patti and Char both applied for the position. A vote was conducted by secret ballot. Patti Petesch was selected as Chair of Delegation.
- E. Appoint Nominating Committee for Elections – Ivars Ikstrums. Carole Langenbach, Bob Langenbach and Patti Petesch volunteered as nomination committee. It was moved and approved to appoint them. Contact any of them if you are interested in an elected position.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 - 1. Thanks for the officiating help at JO Association and Regional. We had 916 athletes at association and 1300 at Regional.
 - 2. We sent 178 athletes to Nationals. 301 events. 6 National Titles. 51 All-Americans. 15 new Association records.
 - 3. 31 athletes went to Juniors. 13 medaled. 6 went to World Trials. Chinne Okoronkwo went to Pan Am Juniors.
 - 4. Andy Martin sent out results. There is a link at the bottom for all our results.
 - 5. Next year's JO Nationals are in Sacramento. Expect Regionals to be huge.
 - 6. Portland did a great job with Regionals from a club perspective. Char resigned as Regional Coordinator last year. Her replacement resigned two months before the meet. The National Chair asked Char to take the job again and continue until the Annual Meeting.
- B. Open: Becca Peter. Combining the Open and Masters meets is working well. XC is Sunday Nov 1. Regionals in Portland. Nationals in San Francisco.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach.
 - 1. The two Cougar Mountain events with prize money had a great turnout. Club Northwest and Seattle Running Club had good showings. We signed up 10 or 15 new members. The Cougar Mountain 50K is coming up.
 - 2. Joe Gray is the first American to win an International Sky Racing Event.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer.
 - 1. We had a successful Open and Masters Meet. Thank you officials. Thank you Carole—the new shirts look awesome. We need officials for National Throws meet on Aug 29/30. We have a new 98 lb weight.
 - 2. Neal added that Railroad Days 10K Championship was last week.
- E. Race Walk: Steve DiBernardo.
 - 1. There was a National Race Walk Clinic in Redmond last week with Dave McGovern. Ten locals attended. Four to six of them want to attend the Saturday Green Lake events. Steve is working on outreach. He holds 2nd Saturday walks and clinics. Only six states support race walk at HS level.
 - 2. Three Race walkers are going to Hood-to-Coast next week. First Annual Festival of Race Walking is on Sep 13 in Beaverton, OR.

- F. Athlete Update/News.
1. Nick Symmonds is in our association now. For Worlds, you have to sign a contract to wear only Team USA attire at team events. Nick received a letter saying to only pack Team USA, Nike or unbranded clothing. USATF would not specify what constituted team events, so he refused to sign and was left off the team. Now, the National Office says you can wear what you want after hours.
 2. Brooks Coach Danny Mackey filed a police report for being threatened by John Capriotti of Nike.
 3. Andy's emails have kept us up to speed on athlete performances.
 4. Mark Bloudek stated, from a Club perspective, Cross Country for Open and Masters athletes will be more popular than ever, with more memberships, because Club Nats is on the West Coast.
- G. Officials: Neal Stoddard. We purchased first 2 of 10 collapsible computer covers. We bought 4'x 8' scoreboards. The UW schedule is on their website.
- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
1. There is a meeting on Aug 22 to line out the new and improved training program. It will be nice to have kids get to State and have already worked with Officials before. The Coaches Association is looking for Officials visibility at every meet, no matter the size.
 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 to do it.
- I. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. As we increased communication, we have had more requests to send emails about various things. There are no policies about what we should/shouldn't send. Becca is working with Andy to present ideas at the Annual Meeting.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
1. Patti was appointed to Associations Executive Committee by President Hightower.
 2. Patti went to a one-day meeting in Indianapolis. The belief is that Club T&F meet is only happening for one more year. The workshop for the next two years is the day before the Annual Meeting. It is Dec 2nd in Houston this year. The Associations Committee Chair is not interested in a large group.
 3. There is a feeling that the accreditation standards are not fair and consistent. Expect a presentation in October to eliminate the Coaches Ed requirement, reduce required championships to 15, and eliminate the requirement for 50% of athletes to belong to clubs. See Patti if you are interested in discussing this topic.
 4. Marketing kits were well-received.
 5. Max Siegel expects Coaches Education to be a revenue producer.
 6. SafeSport is due for Coaches and Officials this fall.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. Next Board meeting is Oct 10.

Next meeting is here on September 21, 2015 (Annual Meeting). Next regular meeting is 19 October, 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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