

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held October 17, 2016**

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 following were present: Ivars Ikstrums, Chris Kunzelman, Ed Viering, Patti Petesch, Jim Ryan, George Mathews, Ray Kenworthy, Holly Genest, Paul Bodenshot, John Patterson, Jim Neff, Pat Kenworthy, Vika Severa, Phoebe Wright, Eric Sach, Lance Neubauer, Darlene Hickman, William Hickman .

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the September meeting have been emailed and posted on our website. The minutes were accepted. Several forms have recently been turned into the National Office: Group Exemption, List of Officers, Membership and Sanction Fees Update. One item has been added to new business: Athlete Funding.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Gwen Robertson submitted her report via email. Report was accepted.
 - 1. Overall Total as of 8/12/2016: \$128,348.20. Group breakdowns:

General -	\$72,675.52	Masters -	\$ 5,638.69
Open -	\$19,058.43	Youth -	\$25,035.98
Officials T&C-	\$ 3,326.58	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$ 2,613.00
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email. Report was accepted.
 - 1. As of 10/16/2016: Youth- 1718; Open- 440; Masters- 688; Clubs- 83.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is down 31, Open is up 6, Masters is up 24, Clubs is up 4.
- D. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach submitted her report via email. There were only a few more sanctions approved since the annual meeting.
- E. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Nothing to report.
- F. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. The announced cancellation of Officials Insurance has been averted. Max Siegel will fund it this year.
 - 2. The National Trail Half Marathon was a darn good time. No problems or protests.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. No report.

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Chris Kunzelman. We have athlete and at-large vacancies and the officers will select these positions shortly.
- B. 2018 USATF JO XC Nationals: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. If you have no room reserved, this is the time to get on the waiting list.
 - 2. Our Delegation meeting will be Thursday at 7:00am. Delegates and Alternates need to stay through the closing session. Athletes can sit with the other athletes.
 - 3. Patti recommends we host a reception this year. Kenny will handle the alcohol. We need volunteers to handle the food.
 - 4. Ivars moved we authorize \$1000 for the reception. We can change the value later by vote. The motion was approved.
 - 5. Patti will get a 10-person table for the Officials Hall of Fame Dinner. She needs the \$65 payment ahead of time.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Athlete Funding: Ed Viering.
 - 1. We learned today that one of our 10-year athletes had been denied funding to attend the USATF Annual Meeting. The National Office said this was due to a record number of applicants. Ed

- would like to vote to allow some funding for athletes who were denied. He introduced Phoebe Wright, an 800m runner for Brooks.
2. Phoebe explained she was on a World team, has been top 6 since 2009, and was 6th at Trials this year, but can't get funding. The USATF Foundation turned her down. It would cost 20% of her annual salary to go to the meeting. So, without funding, she can't go to the meeting where she can advocate for funding. Her plan of attack, with about 20 others, is to follow Vin Lananna around to find the meetings where they can make a difference. Phoebe feels that veteran athletes, coaches and those in sports management are best suited for this.
 3. There was much agreement towards providing funding and a discussion took place to determine an equitable policy. Patti Petesch pointed out that Open Committee can also provide funding on their own.
 4. A motion was seconded approved to pass the following policy:
For 10-year athletes whose AAC Athlete Funding Application to attend the Annual Meeting is denied by the National Office, we can provide the normal \$225 stipend for delegates and alternates, plus an additional \$400 stipend, and reimburse the registration fee minus any late charges. Eligible athletes must notify the Secretary by October 28th to be considered. The Executive Committee has the right to limit the number of athletes that receive this money and will decide as soon as possible after the deadline. In order to receive funds, the conditions are that athletes must:
 - be on the 10-year athlete list
 - have received a funding denial letter from National Office
 - attend all Athlete meetings unless otherwise directed by the Head of Delegation
 - attend the Closing Session
 - submit a written report to the President by the third Monday in January
 5. Open Committee Chair Steve Kunzelman sent a message to announce additional funding. He said the Open Committee will provide a stipend of up to \$400 per athlete up to a total of \$4,000. The same criteria as above apply to this stipend.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 1. We have had one XC meet. We have had one cancelled for weather.
 2. National Youth Committee is doing their site visit this week for our JO Nationals bid. Tacoma Sports Commission is paying for their rooms. The Mayor of Lakewood will meet with the site team.
- B. Open: Chris Kunzelman for Steve Kunzelman. There are a couple of big meets coming up. We are still gathering information as part of the turnover.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach. We concluded our 3rd year of National Trail Half Marathon at Lake Padden. It was a good race. The weather missed us. The USATF athlete turnout was a little disappointing. Top association finisher was Ladia Albertson-Junkans, women's 2nd place at 1:34:40. There is great write-up on the race at trailrunner.com.
- D. Masters: George Mathews.
 1. We have two new sets of Ultra weights. We are hoping to have two meets to try them out, but are waiting on the West Seattle Stadium construction schedule.
 2. Fancy Bears, a group of Russian hackers, released drug test info taken from USADA. George says he "made the list"--for a TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) related to a medical condition. He received a letter saying that, basically, "the world now has all your personal medical information".
- E. Race Walk: Steve DiBernardo. Steve submitted his September and October reports via email. They are at Attachment 1.
- F. Athlete Update/News: Eddie Strickler emailed a report. Cross Country is in full swing. From the athletes he talked to that competed, the trail national championships was a great event.
- G. Officials: Geof Newing. Geof submitted his report via email. It is at Attachment 2.

- H. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman.
 - 1. It is a rules year. Normally there are 100 proposals, but only 50 this year. Introduction of Women's Decathlon has received a favorable reaction from the Rules Committee. Other topics include: Outdoor vs. Indoor Pole vault records; splitting Youth age groups; many MUT submissions; complete rewrite of starting rules.
 - 2. Chris Kunzelman reported the first clinic is November at CWU. On-line registration for clinics should be live by the end of the week. It will be easier for handling money, meals and copies. It is a 6 hour course with a cost of \$50. We are working on the script for the re-cert clinic.
- I. Communications: Lance Neubauer. We are working through password and permissions issues for website access. Holly mentioned that we can no longer see past JO results because they were under CoachO.
- J. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. Christopher Lowe is new President at Inland Northwest.
 - 2. East and West Regional Club T&F will be first weekend in June at location to be determined. National Club T&F will be in Philadelphia on second weekend in June.
 - 3. We were recommended for a top Association award, which will be a monetary award.
 - 4. Tricia Floyd is filling in as Youth Committee Chair until Orlando.
 - 5. Association Handbook is now online. Patti has a copy of the Governance Manual.
 - 6. Make sure all your Coaches are in good standing. There have been 3 incidents in the local area this year involving improper behavior by coaches toward teen athletes.
 - 7. Paul Bodenshot says only 33 of 57 associations are fully accredited. He was surprised that some "politically big" ones weren't accredited. We should feel very proud.
- K. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. Next Board Meeting is Oct 29 in Indianapolis. No agenda yet.

Next meeting is here on November 21, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Attachment 1 Race Walk Report
Attachment 2 Officials Report

Attachment 1

September 2016 Racewalk Report = Annual:

1. This year, to date, we have seen 11 new people attend our Clinic for the Walk, with 2 returning for a total of 13. Our Green Lake Second Saturday walks continue to draw between 4 and 10 racewalkers, and we are still waiting for more than one additional new walker to represent at this event.
2. After my presentation to the Youth Committee, some interest was shown from local area coaches. We spoke of a Clinic for Coaches (and Officials) to be held in the future, in the Tacoma area, to facilitate the increased education for those interested, so that they can relate informed racewalking information to their teams.
3. From memory and the last information that I have, given me by Stan Charminski, (former Race Walk Chair) there is approximately \$1500 dollars that was transferred over from the Pacific Pacers account, into the Club Northwest operating fund for racewalking.
4. Our continuing improvement shown by our small group of racewalkers is encouraging. Hope this carries over into the youth in our area, who may want to continue developing their skill in this demanding technical event. So far, we see one additional name (Hailey Roberts) on this roster of hope.

October 2016 Racewalk Report:

1. Our most recent Second Saturday saw a small turnout, due to family obligations, illness and alternate races of Import. Mike Rehder competed in the official Race Walk division of the Portland Half Marathon (judged) and he turned in a very fine time of 2:15 and a few seconds, to win the event outright from all age divisions, male and female. I do believe that this time leads the US in his age group (55-59.)
2. Until my health improves, I regret that I am unable to attend most meetings in person. I continue to follow my doctor recommendations, prescriptions, and will be considerably grumpy while I do so. It is very difficult for me to have done so well only a year ago, to now suffer from a degree of poor health that precludes my total involvement in the sport I love, both as an Athlete and Official.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement during my recovery.

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**Pacific Northwest Track and Field Officials
October Report 10/17/16
Submitted by: Geof Newing, President**

Due to a school advisory meeting tonight, I will be submitting a written report his month.

Official Activities since last meeting:

1. UW vs SU CC meet at Chambers Bay, Tacoma on 9/2/16. This site is being considered by the UW for future championship meets. Dates to be determined.
2. Sundodger Invitational CC meet at Lincoln Park, Seattle on 9/17/16. Around 1,200 athletes competed. College and High School.
3. UW Invitational at Jefferson Golf Course on 10/1/16.

Upcoming events:

1. Metro CC meet Lower Woodland Park on 10/20/16.
2. GNAC Championship at Lake Padden, Bellingham on 10/22/16.
3. Seaking CC meet at Lower Woodland Park on 10/29/16.
4. WAC Championship at Jefferson Golf Course, Seattle on 10/29/16.

Other items of interest:

1. New trailer arrived 10/14/16. It is 22 feet long and 8 feet tall. This will now accommodate the new scoreboard as one full unit. We will not have to take the top section off to get it into the trailer. This is a huge time saving option. The trailer has a large concession door on the right side that will allow us to set up the timing and meet management equipment inside the trailer.
2. The chip timing system is working exceptional well. The chip system is connected directly to the Lynx timing camera and the Lynx video camera. As the athlete cross the finish line the chip is read and we get a FAT side picture and a front picture of the athlete. This is used to verify the correctness of the chip times. So far the chip times have been correct with no modification to the time needed. Results are published as soon as the last runner crosses the finish line.
3. Our web page is almost completed. Finishing up on a few last minute details. It should be ready of public viewing next month.