

**Minutes of the Pacific Northwest Track & Field / USATF Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting
held September 16, 2019**

President Kenny Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at WIAA Headquarters, 435 Main Avenue S. in Renton. The following were present:

P	Kenny Emerick	YTH	Holly Genest	OTC	Bob Springer	A-L	Carole Langenbach
VP	Andy Newing	OPN		ATH	Eric Sach	A-L	Carol Coram
SEC	Ed Viering	MAS		ATH	Trish Steidl	A-L	Patti Petesch
TR	Melita Aquino	COA	Kevin Jackson	ATH	George Mathews	A-L	Jim Ryan
IPP	Ivars Ikstrums	OFF	Geof Newing	ATH		A-L	
	Bob Langenbach		Paul Bodenshot		John Patterson		Martha Mendenhall
	Becca Peter		Bob Sund		Richard Zerbe		Willis Freeman
					Bob Bethke		Dave Brinkman

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Welcome and Introductions: President Kenny Emerick welcomed the attendees and led introductions.
- B. Verification of Voting Members: Secretary Ed Viering explained there are 25 members present and all are eligible to vote. We have one non-member guest.
- C. Secretary: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. He reported that minutes for the August Meeting have been emailed and posted on the website with no amendments required. The minutes were accepted.
- D. Treasurer: Melita Aquino presented her report. The report was accepted.
Overall Total as of 9/16/2019: \$158,013.67. Group breakdowns:

General Fund -	\$97,624.65	Masters -	\$13,191.62
Open -	\$14,506.97	Fred Dean Youth Travel -	\$2,613.00
Officials T&C-	\$ 2,012.29	Membership -	\$28,065.14
- E. Membership: no report.
- F. Sanctions: Carole Langenbach. We have 196 sanctions so far this year: 90 trail/XC; 85 road; 21 T&F.
- G. Vice President: no report.
- H. President– The State of Our Association: Kenny Emerick. We are doing quite well. Our Masters meet was the best in many years. Youth did an outstanding job with the Association and Regional Championships. MUT has put on a lot of races. For Open, we have to do some more work to get the out-of-college athletes involved. Bill Roe says he needs to step down due to time availability, so we have an opening for Open Chair. Our National grievance is now going to the Court of Sports in Geneva for binding arbitration.

II COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 - 1. We had a great year. Our numbers are up. XC is up by 8-12%.
 - 2. We had 1,130 athletes at Association champs. It was very successful.
 - 3. There were 1,656 athletes at Regionals in Tacoma.
 - 4. There were 4,600 athletes at Nationals---numbers were way down due to AAU at same time. We sent 267. We had 99 All-Americans and 4 national champions.
 - 5. 2020 Nationals are in Jacksonville---there were no bids from the Midwest. Bids cost \$35,000 now. 2021 Nationals are East. Oregon wants to bid for 2022.

6. We sent one athlete to Youth XC Camp in Colorado Springs. Joe Nathan Thomas received the Coaches Scholarship.
 7. There was a change in how we do SafeSport. There was a lot of work to do, but it is easier to get volunteers.
- B. Open: Bill Roe via email.
1. I would like to not be Open Chair anymore, as I don't have time to do the job. I would suggest I talk with the exec board before an appointment is made. I also think the Dawg Dash might be a road championship, or three consecutive months of the Magnuson Series — one month 5k, one month 10k, and one month 15k. I think we should offer prize money.
 2. Carole pointed out that we need an Open Championship. Dawg Dash can't be sanctioned and Fremont didn't have a race this year. Magnuson series may count as our championship.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach.
1. MUT is booming. Lots of sold out races and waiting lists. We had a race stopped at 10pm due to lightning.
 2. Cougar Series was our Championship again. We will have club vs. club scoring for our October race.
- D. Masters: George Mathews for Lance Neubauer.
1. The Parks Meet was well run and well attended. The Masters championship had twice the normal entries. We had athletes from all over the country, probably because it was one of the last masters meets in the country. We hear from all over that they know Seattle will be a great meet, mainly due to the officials.
 2. We are looking at moving the Parks meet away from a conflict with Special Olympics and Brooks meet.
 3. We need approval to host Masters National Throws next year. We are out in front on this and want to have a better banquet and book the whole hotel. We don't know the Association and Regional dates yet.
 4. WMA is in Toronto next year, Jul 20 -Aug 1.
 5. Thank you to the officials in the Throws Series. We have had 2 meets already. It is HS and Open. Several athletes have reported hearing from colleges. These meets have led to one home visit and two school visits so far. Colleges are paying attention.
- E. Race Walk: Katie Burnett via email.
1. Joel and I had a big workout in prep for Doha today so we are unable to make it down to Renton tonight. Not really any updates for Race Walking at this time. Still uncertain about whether or not the women's 50k will be added to Tokyo. I leave for World Championships on Friday.
- F. Athletes: various.
1. Becca went to Des Moines and watched Katie win RW there. Katie also did a 50K on the track recently which is a world best.
- G. Coaches: Kevin Jackson.
1. We are trying for a Level 1 at Kennedy Catholic HS on Jan 24/25/26.
 2. We are bringing in Tiana Bartoletta to talk to Youth athletes.
- H. Officials: Geof Newing.
1. UW vs. SU XC is at Magnuson. PLU XC is this weekend.
 2. Officials Banquet in Jan 25.
 3. Most of next year's schedule is set. See pntfo.com.
 4. We bought 2 new scoreboards that hook into the computer. We purchased another gunstart.
- I. Officials Training & Certification: Bob Springer.
1. We have 105 certified officials: 24 apprentice; 29 association; 21 national; 31 master. This is up from 98 last year.
 2. Clinics are Jan 11 for Special Olympics-location TBD; Jan 17/18 mini-clinics at Coaches Convention; Jan 26 at Everett HS; Feb 8 at Franklin Pierce HS; Mar 1 at Seattle Prep HS; Mar 7 at Peninsula HS.
 3. Two \$500 travel grants are available for Weights and Measures and Technical Managers.

4. SafeSport has to be redone. Currently, the only way is online. There will be an in-person clinic at Trials in Eugene.
 5. Background check is good for 2 years. Reciprocal recognition has come up at every National Meeting. Becca stated that there is a problem with people passing background checks who shouldn't ---due to expungement or not going back enough years.
- J. Communications: No report.
- K. Associations Admin: Patti Petesch.
1. At USATF Annual Meeting in Reno: Associations Workshop is on Thursday; Youth workshop is on Friday.
 2. Vin Lananna moved to Virginia.
 3. Deadline for Grant applications is Sep 30. People now know before the annual meeting if they got a grant.
 4. Most people think SafeSport was better this year. National is late giving out info.

III BUSINESS

- A. Athlete and At-Large Board Members: Andy Newing. Our current Athlete and At-Large reps have all indicated they are willing to serve another term.
- B. USATF Annual Meeting: Patti Petesch.
1. Delegation Meeting is Thursday after the opening session.
 2. Officials Banquet info is coming. It will be on Friday night.
 3. Our current delegation list is:
 - i. Youth- Kenny Emerick (Rules), Kevin Jackson, Johnnie Williams
 - ii. Masters- Jim Ryan, George Mathews (Regional Chair).
 - iii. Association – Patti Petesch, Kenny Emerick
 - iv. M T&F – open
 - v. W T& F – Carol Coram
 - vi. M LDR – probably Bill Roe (or Laurel Bodenshot)
 - vii. W LDR – Katie Burnett
 - viii. M XC - probably Bill Roe (or Laurel Bodenshot)
 - ix. Officials – Bob Springer, Paul Bodenshot, Paula Everdell
 - x. MUT – open
 - xi. Race Walk – Katie Burnett
 - xii. Athletes _ George Mathews, Martha Mendenhall, Carol Coram, Marcus Chambers, Norris Frederick, Katie Burnett (USATF sponsored)
- C. Awards Banquet: Andy Newing. Scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at the Embassy Suites Tukwila Signup will be online w/ USATF.
- D. General Comments:
1. Becca Peter. I submitted some L&L items this year. It will be an interesting meeting.
 2. Martha Mendenhall. Eight FlopHouse jumpers went to JO Nationals and one won. FlopHouse is the only indoor HJ venue around. Martha wants to open an all-jumps indoor venue with Nate Wilford, Pat Licari and Sarah Hannula. Clinics are coming featuring Dick Fosbury and Rick Noji.
- E. Election of Officers: Patti Petesch.
1. Patti nominated the 4 existing officers: Kenny Emerick for President, Andy Newing for Vice President, Ed Viering for Secretary and Melita Aquino for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. These four nominees were elected by acclamation.
 2. The elected officers are:
 - i. President – Kenny Emerick (2 years)
 - ii. Vice President – Andy Newing (1 year)
 - iii. Treasurer – Melita Aquino (2 years)
 - iv. Secretary – Ed Viering (1 year)
- F. Next Meeting. The next meeting is here on November 18. We are no longer doing October board meetings.

IV ADJOURNMENT

A. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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