

**Minutes of the
Pacific Northwest Track & Field/USATF Pacific Northwest
Board Meeting held January 19, 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 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, Paul Bodenshot, Becca Peter, Bill Hickman, Ryan Brown, Michael Chinchar, Char Engelhardt, Holly Genest, Stan Chraminski.

I MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- A. Secretary's Report/Minutes: Ed Viering distributed the agenda and latest schedule. The minutes for the November meeting have been emailed. The minutes were accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Carole Langenbach for Doug Chandler. We found some things to fix yesterday, so report is not quite ready at this time.
- C. Membership Report: Tracy Silva submitted her report via email.
 - 1. As of Jan 19, 2014: Youth– 447; Open– 187; Masters– 328; Clubs– 25. Three more clubs are pending due to background checks.
 - 2. Relative to a year ago: Youth is up 45, Open is up 4, Masters is up 18, Clubs is down 2.
- D. Vice President's Report: Chris Kunzelman. Nothing to report.
- E. President's Report: Ivars Ikstrums.
 - 1. The officers met with Carole yesterday to go over some items. This is getting to be an annual thing.
 - 2. Ivars Intends a housekeeping revision to the by-laws. Let him know if you see anything that needs changing.
 - 3. Ivars learned about Statement 19 yesterday, which covers things like who gets reimbursed for what. There are about 20 statements like this which he wants to look over as well for possible revision.
 - 4. Our two grant requests were not awarded. They will be reconsidered next year.
 - 5. On Dec 19 he received a letter saying after a final round of reviews, we are at "FULL" accreditation.
 - 6. Coaching Education Committee asked us to tell them if we want them to put on a level 1 clinic in our area. Ivars asked if anyone knew more on this subject. Patti replied that Coach Education is becoming a profit center. Our rep is Matt Lightam in Bellingham. Level ones are going online.
 - 7. Ivars reported comments from Mike Hinz, our NW Region representative: Relief from accreditation standards is coming. There will be a tiered system based on size. If you get inadequate response from national office, then email the CEO. Be alert that some did not get membership renewal alerts. SafeSport is coming. Ed Viering was given the Regional Volunteer Award for our association.
- F. Sanctions Report: Carole Langenbach.
 - 1. From now on, Carole's bank account will be an Office Manager account, and sanction money now goes from National Office direct to Doug. He will simply report the numbers to Carole. We may be able to do the same with the membership money.
 - 2. For 2014, we received \$15,530.00 in from local sanctions. It balances now because we don't receive in one year and pay in the next year. Only three more sanctions in 2014 than 2013. Carole thinks it has leveled out.
 - 3. Report was approved.
- G. Office Manager's Report: Carole Langenbach. We received a letter from a man in Montana moving from Federal Way and wanting to get involved. Carole sent him clinic and membership information..

II OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2014 Annual Meeting Reports: Ivars Ikstrums. Thanks for turning in your reports. Let Ivars know if you want a copy. As discussed earlier, do not forward it as it contains some personal opinions.
- B. PNTF Banquet Update: Char Engelhardt. Email invite will go out tonight. Char is asking for RSVP with name and number of guests. We have no speaker yet. Please bring any items to donate for our drawings. Dinner costs \$33.
- C. Website /Marketing Service: –Becca Peter.
 - 1. Spent some time cleaning up for when Andy Martin takes over. Becca will give names of committee heads, etc. to Andy for those who will be providing content.
 - 2. Ivars said the contract is ready. If no further inputs, he will sign it. He will change start date from 1 Jan to 1 Feb.

III NEW BUSINESS

- A. Annual Budget: Carole Langenbach for Doug Chandler.
 - 1. Carole assisted Doug with the preparation, and presented the budget. She separated it into a 2014 and a 2015 section.
 - 2. 2014 had increased income from clinics, sanctions, grants and Club Nationals. We had decreased expenses because not all 2014 Annual Meeting delegates got their reimbursements in the 2014 calendar year.
 - 3. 2014 projected income was \$45,710. Actual was \$76,740.
 - 4. 2014 projected expenditure was \$23,052. Actual was \$39,743.
 - 5. 2015 projected income is \$48,828. Projected expenditures is \$37,625.
 - 6. The 2014 and 2015 reports were approved.
 - 7. Ivars stated that some think the Office Manager should get paid. Most agree. Ivars will look at settling on an amount, and also look at the Membership Director pay as well.
- B. RunJumpThrow: Patti Petesch. Hershey no longer does meets, but points kids toward the JO program. Hershey will put on RunJumpThrow (RJT) clinics instead. The Hershey people who used to do meets are not necessarily enamored with RJT, so we set up a committee which came up with Future Stars “feeder meets”. This will be voted on soon. Youth Outdoor Championships will now be named USATF Hershey Youth Outdoor Championships.
- C. . Our responsibility is to coordinate with Parks, Boys and Girls Clubs etc. for RJT and the feeder meets.
- D. Safe Sport Program: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. It is now up and running at USATF website. Certification needs to be done by Youth coaches and administrators by Oct 15. All officials working national meets this year must do it by 2016.
 - 2. Bob Springer said the National Officials Committee is picking up the cost of background checks for national meet officials. Not sure about the rest.
 - 3. Youth people must use TCLogic. Others can use TCLogic or Coaches Registry.
- E. MUT Prize Money Request: Eric Sach. Trail is hugely popular and Eric has got Race Directors to go thru USATF for sanctions. As MUT is a subset of Open and Masters and has no committee and no budget, Eric is presenting his request to the Board. He proposes prize money at three races: 1 Ultra and 2 sub-Ultras.
 - 1. Open: \$100/\$75/\$50 for 1st/2nd/3rd = \$225...times 2 genders = \$450...times 3 races = \$1350.
 - 2. Masters, for one 40 and up age group: \$75/\$50/\$25 for 1st/2nd/3rd = \$150...times 2 genders = \$300...times 3 races = \$900.
 - 3. Lance and Becca agreed to meet with Eric to work it out.
- F. PNTF-level Athletes Advisory Committee(AAC) : Ryan Brown.
 - 1. Ryan felt it was very important that he was at the AAC sessions at the Annual Meeting. AAC Chair Dwight Philips wants to expand to Association-level. Ryan is looking for ideas and help setting it up. He wonders if he needs a new committee or budget, etc. The Board members were generally happy to hear the idea and were supportive.
 - 2. Ivars said: You do not need our permission. Go for it. Let us know what you need.
 - 3. Michael stated that one thing athletes are interested in is hosting the big meets.
 - 4. Several members agreed to work with Ryan on ideas.

- G. Proposed Letter to USATF Board of Directors: Becca Peter. Several associations have sent letters asking the Board to rescind the vote for IAAF council nominee and revote in open session. Becca wants us to do the same. There was much discussion for and against. Ivars and others requested a few edits to the letter. Ivars directed Becca to rewrite and submit to him. Ivars will then send it offline to our board members for a vote.
- H. Contributor of the Year: Ivars Ikstrums. Ivars has received one nomination from Bryan Hoddle, who nominated Ed Viering. Bryan cited Ed's contributions as a communicator and organizer and in disseminating information. There were no other nominations put forward. It was moved, seconded and accepted to close nominations. There being only one nominee, no vote was held, and Ed will be named Contributor of the Year at the Banquet.

IV COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Youth: Holly Genest.
 - 1. We had the largest ever Association, Regional and National XC meets. We had 12 all-Americans from PNTF and 2 teams took 2nd place.
 - 2. Age group 15-18 will now be on a scoring team in XC.
- B. Open: Becca Peter.
 - 1. XC will be Nov 1 at Lower Woodland.
- C. MUT: Eric Sach. Trail races have started. Ivars mentioned we have 2 more National Championships coming in 2015 and 2016.
- D. Masters: Lance Neubauer. Lance got to spend some time with George. They will hold a national throws meet on Aug 29/20, but they need to do it without paying the \$5000 USATF rights fee. There will be a Banquet on that Saturday night.
- E. Ivars asked for Lance to come up with a delineation between Masters Committee and Seattle Masters Athletic Club. Lance was already working on it.
- F. Race Walk: Stan Chraminski. Next two races are Mar 28th Spring Break 3K and Apr 18 Road Race on the Magnuson Park course.
- G. Athlete Update/News. Ryan reported that Lev Marcus (UW) hit a huge PR of 5.45m in the pole vault which puts him close to qualifying for nationals.
- H. Officials: Neal Stoddard.
 - 1. Carole will be interim PNTFOA Secretary as Mick Holt needs to be in California for work.
 - 2. Bob Springer says the problem with WIFI in the Dempsey is solved. We have a big new antenna.
- I. Officials Training & Certification: Bill Hickman. We have written a new hands-on clinic. These programs don't just appear. He mentioned BobS, Ed, Ivars, Chris and Darlene all worked on it. It took 6 hours just to get it started, then a lot of work after that.
- J. Website/Communications: Becca Peter. Nothing else to report.
- K. USATF Associations Committee: Patti Petesch.
 - 1. New marketing and branding guidelines have been issued. She will share these with NW Designs, our t-shirt vendor, whose contract is up.
 - 2. We are all getting rule books and youth guides from National Office.
 - 3. The Podium Education Clinic (for Elite coaches) is now the last week of October in Las Vegas.
 - 4. Association Workshop is now in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. It is 1 day long.
- L. USATF Board of Directors Update: Darlene Hickman. Nothing to report.

Next meeting is here on April 20th, 2015.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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