

Pacific Association USATF Board of Athletics Meeting
Sheraton Hotel, Sacramento
13 November 2007

Attendees: Tyler Abbott, Fred Baer, Stephanie Brown-Trafton, Cyni Calvin, Bruce Colman, Jerry Colman, Dick Connors, Shirley Connors, Dan Davidson, Charles DesJardins, Mike Hammerquist, Irene Herman, Ed Hicks, Maura Kent, George Kleeman, Rachel Longfors, John Mansoor, John Murray, John Podkaminer, Margaret Sheehan, Charlie Sheppard, Bob Shor, Dave Shrock, Joanne Slaton-Camargo, Lloyd Stephenson, Phil Watkins

- Meeting called to order by Jerry Colman @ 7:42 pm
- Minutes approved as-is from last PA/USATF BOA meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Hand-out distributed and approved
- Collection of fees from sanctioned road races to pay off race winners has been challenging for some of the meets
 - **ACTION:** If a road race director doesn't pay associated fees / sanctions to the PA/USATF office in a timely manner then list the race prominently on the PA/USATF website along with the infractions until fees are collected
 - **ACTION:** Should be enforced by LDR

Grievances

- Grievance 1
 - Meeting will be held on December 15 to review both sides & make a decision
- Grievance 2
 - More complex (involved physical and sexual abuse), charges also filed with local police department

Communications

- Three new website volunteers!
 - Redesign changes expected by January 2008; focus will be Officials, Masters and T&F
 - Youth is also undergoing revamping
- **ACTION:** CTRN deadline is November 15; if you have any articles that need to be submitted within the next month or so contact the editor and let Christine know your article is coming

Convention

- National USATF Convention in Hawaii

- 6:30 am is caucus for PA/USATF delegates attending convention
- When you arrive contact Pod for your tickets

2008 Golden West Meet

- Saturday, June 7; stand-alone meet
- May relax running schedule to include more events to fill in the schedule
- ADIDAS hasn't confirmed sponsorship for 2008 meet
- 50-year anniversary in 2009; need to create a new program
- Jarvis & Jack Sheppard plan to publish comprehensive book of results so at this time their data isn't available for sharing

2009-10-11 U.S. Outdoor T&F Junior & Open Championship

- If PA granted the 2010 bid will run on back-to-back weeks with 2010 Masters Meet
- 2011 off the bid list due to World Masters Meet

2009 Junior Olympic Cross Country National Championships

- Site visit in Reno went well; national committee all but guaranteed PA will receive the bid
 - Meet will be held at Rancho San Rafael Park; however, course will be reconfigured into more spectator friendly loops
 - PA bid is partnered with UNR, local hotels, local tourism
- Long Beach is bidding against us
- John Mansoor stressed that in the next session at the Convention that Joanne Slaton-Camargo needs to introduce the PA committee who will in turn do the presentation

2010 U.S. Masters T&F Championship

- CSUS will be the location for the meet

2010 Junior Olympic National T&F Championship

- Won't bid if we get the US Masters Meet or USA Outdoor Open & Junior Meet

2011 World Master's T&F Championship

- Working on budgeting and planning

2010-12 – CIF State Cross Country Championship

- CIF doesn't want to go back to Fresno for the HS State T&F meet in future years

- Bidding for future meets: January – June
- Currently seeking proper venue; two possible options located in our area
 - Folsom Regional Park (plenty of land)
 - Granite Regional Park (located across the freeway from Sac State; park is below sea level so at risk of flooding)
 - Seeking a XC course that all levels of XC races can be contested
- Side Note: NCAA XC live on TV this week

Committee Reports

- LDR
 - No new update
- Membership
 - Already 938 PA members registered for 2008
 - 551 – LDR
 - 90 – Coaches
 - 102 – Officials
 - 250 – Youth
 - Finished year (Sept 1 date) with 5,736 members
- Athletes
 - Reviewed grant proposal
 - **ACTION**: Stephanie Brown-Trafton
 - Remove requirement for college graduation
 - List all sanctioned event on application
 - Change application from must compete in 1 or more PA sanctioned meets to must compete in 1 or more meets in the PA area
 - Ensure website T&F schedule clearly denotes which meets are sanctioned
 - Add statement requirement that income level doesn't include spouses income
 - Add stipulation in contract that athlete competed in designated meet and will pay \$ back if contract not fulfilled
 - Add field for PA/USATF number
 - Reword drugging allegations statement; consider removing phrase
 - Submit final version of application via e-mail to Executive Board; e-mail can be given via e-mail
 - Final vote needs to be completed by December 15
 - Communication: Promote availability of grant via PA website & e-mail to athlete distribution list
 - **ACTION**: Bruce Colman
 - Modify Officials calendar to clearly denote which meets are sanctioned by PA/USATF
 - **ACTION**: Recipient of award
 - Deadline to apply for grant is February 15, 2008

- After season, write story for CTRN & website sharing impact of grant
 - **ACTION:** Create Selection Committee
 - Lead: Jerry Colman
 - Other Members: Fred Baer, Dave Shrock, Bob Podkaminer; possibly also Margaret Sheehan
- Officials
 - Training schedule has been pulled together; e-mail going out tomorrow w/details
 - Online clinic registration and book sale will be available shortly
- Awards
 - **ACTION:** Everyone invited to come early to January 29 PA/USATF BOA meeting to support Hall of Fame award winners
 - Small no-host punch & cookies event
- Coaches
 - CSU Stanislaus just hired 2 new coaches; building new facility just north of current
 - Offering a Youth Coaches school (6-hours long; free)
 - Side note: USA Olympic team will be staying North of Japan and flying in each day to compete due to the bad air pollution in Beijing, China
- Youth
 - PA/JO XC meet went well; youth competitor numbers are up
 - Ten percent of competitors at the USATF JO XC meet come from PA/USATF
- Disabled
 - IWAS is negotiating to purchase his home-grown software to be used worldwide to manage multi-sport competition registrations; will be donated by Charlie to organization to be used as a fund-raiser
 - Continue to encourage everyone to incorporate disabled athletes into their events; especially in light of the many returning Vets who are now amputees or in wheelchairs
 - Para Olympics is gearing up to support these athletes as it is seen as a morale booster for the Vets

New Business

- National USATF office gave PA \$500 in credit to purchase merchandise; John purchased a variety of banners and flags that everyone is encouraged to utilize for your sanctioned events
- Dick Connors is coordinating an NCAA Division 1 collegiate coaches meeting focused on bringing the coaches together to discuss how to set up their schedules so that key, large invitationals aren't scheduled on top of each other
 - **MOTION Approved:** Request \$500 to cover cost of continental breakfast for coaches and airfare to the meeting for Dick. Meeting will be held in Northridge and focused on the 2008 T&F schedule; meeting is open to NCAA D2 and Community College coaches as well

- Dick Connors proposed a motion to approve the payment of stipends for all PA designated delegates attending the 2007 USATF Convention
 - MOTION Failed: due to need to keep processes in place and not to continue circumventing funding models

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.