

# PACIFIC ASSOCIATION of USA TRACK AND FIELD BOARD OF ATHLETICS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 15, 2012 Sacramento Grand Sheraton

**BOA present:** Irene Herman, President; Dave Shrock, Vice President, Lloyd Stephenson, Secretary; Fred Baer, Treasurer and Women's T&F; Stephanie Trafton, Athlete, George Kleeman, Past President; Allan Stanbridge, LDR; Bob Shor, Maura Kent, Roosevelt Kent, Youth; Dick Connors, Bob Thompson, Officials; Shirley Connors, at large; Charlie Sheppard, Disabled Athletes; Stephanie Trafton, Jere Summers, Athletes; Cynci Calvin Communications; John Mansoor, Executive Director

## Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

### Awards announced by Dan Davidson:

PA Service Awards: Lee Webb, Joy Upshaw, Jack Leydig

Hall of Fame: Don Bailes

Tom Moore Award: Sean Laughlin

*As Dan Davidson is stepping down as Awards Chair after many years, he received a standing ovation and heartfelt thank you for his service.*

Minutes of November 15 meeting approved with spelling corrections to Connors. Motion: Trafton, second M Kent

Baer & Mansoor: Treasurer's Report approved, Sheppard/Stanbridge

Kleeman: PA Foundation report

Shrock: Five PA committees are not in compliance with our Bylaws regarding the election of chairs. The five are Men's T&F, Women's T&F, Master's T&F, Disabled, and Coaches. He will contact clubs and eligible members and declare a two week window for nominations. The association office will conduct elections by email over the following one or two months. Results take effect immediately to complete the terms ending in 2013. The committee meetings held prior to the PA annual meeting in September is when elections for chairs should take place. Committee Chair positions are two year positions.

Mansoor: problem from a youth event

Background: Last year the Junior Olympic Regional Multi Event Championship was planned for a facility that became unavailable. One week prior to the event an alternate site was arranged, but it had no pole vault pit. A third site was found for pole vault only at Merritt College, Oakland.

Problem: A spectator was injured. Apparently spectators were allowed on the field, or at least too close to the action. There does not appear to be proper paperwork for this third site. So far the Association has not been able to identify the head event official. The third site is part of the entity that hosted the rest of the meet at the second site, so there is potential coverage for us. This is a messy and risky situation. We go to great lengths to avoid these situations in the future.

Recommend agenda item for March BOA meeting: Discuss Youth protocols, review sanctions, emphasize that referee is a safety officer.

### Reports:

Herman: Association membership total 2267 as of 15 January, LDR 1257, Youth 601, 10 Disabled

Maura Kent: Most Youth T&F Nationals are held on the east coast, so there is interest and discussion on a western states regional youth meet for those who don't have the time and money for a big trip. This need is important because Pacific lost the bid for JOs in 2013. This unfortunately decision at the annual convention has caused lost opportunity for youth athletes in the West. Dave Shrock has agreed to assist the Maura in finding a venue in our area.

Cynci Calvin: Report on continued changes to website; waiting for a redo proposal from Tom Vincent

Charlie Sheppard Athletics for the Disabled Chair: Paralympics needs a venue for a national caliber meet. Please contact him if there is an interest.

Irene Herman: Read report from George Rehmet on Physically Challenged Athletes who are members of the Athletics for the Disabled Committee.

LDR elite athlete grants: only two applicants, each was awarded \$1000: Congratulations to Daniel Tapia and Giliat Ghebray

Stephanie Trafton-Athletes: Announced deadline for T&F elite athlete grants is March 2nd, as posted on website.

Shirley Connors-Officials: announced remaining officials clinics

John Mansoor: Background Checks: Officials for youth events are encouraged to get background checks. It is a challenge to get all coaches, especially assistants, compliant with our rules on background checks. Should be a discussion for the next meeting in March.

David Shrock: Coaches report, coach certification, changes in requirements for national events.

Next meeting: Tuesday March 20 at Foster City Ric Center, which will include Strategic Planning . Agenda has been adjusted to 6:00pm deli dinner with strategic planning at 6:30-8:30. All committees are highly encouraged to attend. Mark Winitz will be chairing the Strategic planning. Foster City Recreation Center has been confirmed as location.

*Motion to adjourn approved at 9:33, George Kleeman seconded by Shirley Connors  
Reported by Secretary Lloyd Stephenson, edited by Irene Herman and Dave Shrock.*