

**Report of the
Pacific Association Delegation to the
2012 USATF Annual Meeting in
Daytona Beach, FL, November 28-December 2
Prepared by J.R. Heberle, Chair of Delegation**

Delegates in attendance: Ralph Jones, Fred Baer, Joseph Ols, Tom Bernhard, Ashley Grosse, Lloyd Stephenson, Dave Shrock, Jonathan Price, Joanne Camargo, John Murray, Jim Hume, George Kleeman, Charlie Sheppard, Irene Herman, J.R. Heberle, Dick Connors, Shirley Connors, Beth Price (activated alternate), and Al Hernandez (alternate)

GENERAL

- All USATF committees have budgets reduced by 5% for 2013 (vs. 2012). [Note: this is mainly because Olympic years are big budget years.]
- Stephanie Hightower re-elected President
- Ed Gorman elected Chair of Men's Track & Field
- Sue Humphrey re-elected Chair of Women's Track & Field
- Bill Roe elected Chair of LDR
- Sue Humphrey re-elected Women's Development Chair
- Tonie Cambell re-elected Men's Development Chair

MAJOR MEET-RELATED ITEMS

- Team for 2013 PanAm Juniors (Aug. 2-4 in Lima, Peru) will be selected at USA Junior Outdoors (June 19-21, Des Moines).
- USATF not funding a team for 2013 World University Games.
- Eugene wants 2014 USATF Juniors as a warm-up for Worlds. They do not want the Open meet, the site of which has not been selected. Mt. SAC is interested.
- Mt. SAC undergoing \$4MM renovation with eye on hosting the 2016 OTs.
- 2013 Indoor Combined will be held with Indoors in Albuquerque.
- 2014 JO T&F in Houston. Greensboro in 2013.
- Call for more bids to host national meets.

ASSOCIATIONS

- Karen Krsak re-elected Associations Committee Chair
- Event sanction fees will not change. Online sanctions are moving forward but there is work to be done.

COACHES

- CSU East Bay will host event specific Level 2 school in July 7-13, 2013, first time ever held in NorCal.
- Coaches Advisory Committee established a task force to explore a matrix of competency for the coaches registry. Dave Shrock was appointed to this task force to determine the naming of different levels of coach based on international models.

YOUTH

- Lionel Leach re-elected Youth chair
- Youth age groups names changed. Now 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.
- Lee Webb is the head coach for the 2013 Youth World Team.
- Verticals may be flighted in multiple concurrent pits for JOs to help with scheduling.
- JOs starting 2013 the 100 will run on both straightaways. Meet will have almost 8,000 athletes instead of 5-6k.
- Youth athletes need to be registered using their own addresses, not their club coaches' address.
- In response to incidents of youth athletes dying from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), USATF would like every coach, parent, and volunteer to become CPR certified. All associations are encouraged to purchase an AED to have at youth meets.

- Youth clubs must have at least one background checked coach to register online. Clearance must be through TLogic; this requirement is currently on hold.

MASTERS T&F

- Despite opposition, the shuttle hurdle relay remains a championship event. As a championship event for the past two years, it been successful in terms of participation and entry fees.
- Joseph Ols elected national Masters T&F Secretary.
- Masters LDR wants to induct 40-70 people into Masters Hall of Fame to “catch up” with T&F. Some LDR people also want to allow non-USATF athletes to be inducted, as most LDR participants are not USATF athletes.

RACE WALK

- RW Committee will recommend that IAAF codify its unwritten policies, if they insist on showing a yellow paddle prior to writing a red card.
- IAAF is considering 50km for women. May be contested concurrently with the men.

LDR

- Kimberly Keenan-Kirkpatrick is the new Women’s LDR chair.
- WLDR Athlete Development Program grants limited to 18-29 years of age. Ashley argued as PA delegate that the age limit should be removed. Topic was tabled.
- Eduardo Torres elected new Men’s LDR Chair.

DISABLED ATHLETICS

- Charlie Sheppard worked on improvements to disabled athletics rules and classifications as part of the effort to include more disabled athletes in USATF meets.
- There will be a free online test for officials to gain Para T&F certification (does not include Special Olympics).

OFFICIALS

- Meet scheduling: consider warm-up periods of throws when thinking about venue overlap.
- Officials should be careful about signing liability waivers on meet applications.
- Len Krsak re-elected officials chair by acclamation. John Murray did not win for Secretary but won for At-Large for a four-year term. Mark Kostek replaces the term-limited George Kleeman as rules vice-chair.
- Shirley Connors received the national Horace Crow Outstanding Field Official Award, and Jim Hume received the James Grey Outstanding Leadership Award. In addition, George Kleeman received an Award of Excellence for his 16 years of service to the National Officials Committee.
- Associations Committee is reluctant to continue paying a share of officials liability insurance premiums. John Murray will try to stay in the loop on the ensuing discussion.
- One PA official was selected for indoors and 10 for outdoors.
- The change to the new system of officials certification is in progress. It is not known how long it will take to complete.
- NCAA officials certification is likely coming. May be done through USATF (i.e. a line to appear on the back of the cards).
- 2008-2012 OTs officials shirts were delivered.

RULES

- Tie-breaking procedures for team selection purposes will not be added to the rule book itself, but will be published in advance of selection meets.
- Jan Johnson’s new box collar will soon be required by NCAA. \$554 In Gill catalog.
- Jan Johnson’s proposal for a pole vault “preferred landing zone” with “three strikes” was rejected.
- 2012 IAAF false start clarifications formally added to 2013 USATF rules.
- 69 rules changes were passed, including many youth changes. There was good participation by elite athletes in the rules discussions.
- Youth age group names are changed (see Youth section).

LAW & LEGISLATION

- The Officials representative to L&L reported back that, “All the lawyers got together and decided there was nothing to talk about.” [Note: 2013 will be an L&L year.]

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Ralph Jones

Thursday (11.29.12)

1:00-2:50- Attended the Coaches Advisory chaired by Dr. Ralph Lindeman. Kathleen Raske distributed minutes and gave annual report of the chair. Dr. Lindeman acknowledged personal coaches and staff from the 2012 Olympic team. Information was given about the coaches' registry and new rewards program. There was an announcement about the Legends awards dinner that will be hosted at the 2013 National Championships as well as a hospitality tent for coaches. Candidates for Men's and Women's track and field chairs were introduced and each were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and tell us why we should vote for them, voting is Friday 11.30.12. New Business included a task force for exploring a matrix of competency for the coach's registry, a task force for developing a suggested scale of coaching compensation for private coaches.

2-250- First timers' orientation- information about the organizational chart and networking during the conference. This session was not really that informative for me, but it was a good networking opportunity.

5:00-7:00pm- Opening Session- Numerous topics were discussed including the budget and future of USATF new CEO of USATF (NAME?) laid out a strategic plan for the future to move USATF forward financially and socially through numerous media. He laid out 9 smart goals that included (1) increasing membership by 20%(2)generate 1 million dollars every year over next 5 years(3) Identify ways to be more efficient(4) identify partners and sponsors for USATF(5)enhance social media by 50% enhance gate by 15%(6) Develop a comprehensive event schedule(7) Establish short and long term goals for reserves(8)raise 20 million dollars endowment over next 5 years(9) renew relationships with Gill, Gatorade, and other corporate sponsors.

Friday (11.30.12)

7:00-8:00am- Pacific Association Caucus meeting- Discussed when and where to vote, bids for future Junior Olympics, and announcement that California State East Bay will host the 2013 Level II course in July, first time ever in Northern California.

8-11:00- Coaching Education meeting: Presentation by trainsweet.com who have solicited the USATF to be included as a resource for coaches on the USATF website. Presentation from (Name? pole vault coach) who proposed mandatory licenses as a new specification for all pole vaulters. Cathy Sellers presented information to coaches to have information and resources for coaches with athletes who have special needs.

11-12:00- Athletics for the disabled: Discussions about junior Olympics and adding new events for those athletes. Proposal to take concerns to executive board. Discussion about funding athletes with disabilities to travel to the Junior Olympic meets. Push for track meets to be more inclusive of athletes with disabilities.

4-5:00- Men's Track and Field General Session: Ballots were cast to vote for the new Men's Track and Field Chair for the USATF. The process was a little chaotic as over 100 athletes entered the room without signing in or getting a voting ballot. There looked like some debate going on in the front about who was supposed to vote, and how the process was supposed to move along. Tonie Campbell protested that there were too many athletes and only 25% could represent the group in a vote. Jon Drummond then asked all athletes to stand up; he chose 30 athletes to vote, and the remaining were asked to leave the room. The candidates Tonie Campbell and Ed Gorman had several individuals come up and speak on their behalf why they should vote for that candidate, each was given a total of 5 minutes. Tonie Campbell gave a short speech, Ed Gorman did not. The voting then took place as coaches wrote names of their choice for the position on a blue sheet, and then those sheets were collected by numerous people. It was unclear whether the sheets would be collected or passed to the middle of the aisles and then collected. I was expecting a ballot box which is common practice. After all ballots were collected they were taken out and counted, the results were Ed Gorman elected as Chair over Tonie Campbell. A motion was put in place to destroy the ballots and seconded. Tonie Campbell was nominated for vice chair as well as Andrew Valmon. Tonie Campbell withdrew his name from consideration, and Andrew Valmon was elected unopposed for Vice Chair. This was a very interesting process for me to witness how this process took place.

Saturday 12.1.12

7:00-11:00- General Elections: Cast ballot for President of the USATF- Results Stephanie Hightower re-elected.

10:30-12:15- Attended the Athletics for the disabled meeting: They had three main issues that they were addressing, Rules, high school disabled athletics and Junior Olympics selection process. Chair of the meeting decided to have a breakout session dividing the groups into Rules and Junior Olympics. I sat in on the Rules group, and the main issue was deciding the implement weight for athletes in wheelchairs that were uniform across the country. The rules for the shot were discussed as well as new rules for throwing. There were also discussions on rules for the distance events with including disabled wheel chair athletes with able bodied athletes and safety concerns in shorter races. There was also talk about having a separate junior Olympics for the disabled a week before the Junior Olympics.

6-10:00pm- Jesse Owens banquet

This was a phenomenal event as numerous Olympic athletes, coaches, and officials were recognized for their achievements. There was a hall of fame induction ceremony, and the dinner was phenomenal. Attendees were then able to get autographs from all award recipients and the event was televised for the first time on NBC.

Sunday 12.2.12

Closing Ceremonies- Results for the president were announced, Stephanie Hightower was re-elected and reports were read about the following week's events and results. The meeting was then closed.

This was my first annual meeting and very informative. I really learned a lot about the process of developing rules, how legislation is determined, and the politics that is USA track and field. I look forward to future conventions.

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MEETING NOTES
compiled by Fred Baer

Coaches Advisory Committee (Nov. 29):

Ralph Lindeman announced his resignation as chair after this meeting.

Dave Shrock presented a report on community colleges, outlining the make-up of the four “national” JC/CC coaches associations, representing approximately 600 teams.

Other committee reports were from the Grants, Awards, and Coaches Education.

An update was provided on the Coaches Registry program.

Candidates for USATF men’s and women’s T&F chairs were noted

Tasks forces established:

--Exploring a matrix of competency for the Coaches Registry (includes Dave Shrock).

--Developing a suggested scale of coaching compensation for private coaches.

The CAC scheduled a strategic planning session for Friday morning (8 a.m.).

U.S. Community College Track Coaches Association (Nov. 29 & Dec. 1):

Fred Baer chaired the two USCCTCA meetings – involving the leadership of the USA’s four JC/CC coaches associations (CCCCCTCA, NWAACC, NJCCAA DI, NJCCAA DIII).

Separate minutes of those meetings are available (from Fred).

US Track Meet Directors Association (Nov. 30):

Duffy Mahoney reported that the Mt. SAC Relays (April 18-20) is where we begin our support of (development) athletes. No meets April 12-13.

Our athletes says the Texas relays (March 30< and Florida Relays (April 6) are too early.

The weekends of May 8 and 15 are now open – need meets.

There are world Challenge Level meets in our region the first three weeks of May:

Jamaica Inv., Brazil, and Puerto Rico.

The adidas Diamond League meet (May 25) and Prefontaine (June 1) will support some extra events for our athletes.

--IAAF VP Bob Hersh reported on the IAAF Centennial Gala in Barcelona.

--A panel presentation on funding/marketing of meets was conducted by Brian Brown (Drake Relays) with Dave Johnson and CK Buddington (both from Penn Relays).

High Performance Division (Nov. 30):

(Duffy Mahoney repeated some of the info noted above.)

Development will define 3-4 meets for each event group.

Regarding the Olympic Training Center, USATF does not support high school and college athletes at the OTC.

It is for emerging elite and elite athletes

There are about 150 “beds” at the OTC – only about 90 beds available at any moment. Many are occupied by “permanent” residents.

There is a 90-day residence limit.

Women’s T&F Committee (Nov. 30):

Chaired by Sue Humphrey (who was re-elected at end of meeting – other potential candidate did not run).

Sue reviewed the 2012 year, including OG.

USATF team staffs reported on the 2012 season:

5 Nations Match

IAAF World Indoor Championships

Pan American Combined Events

NACAC Under-23 Championships – 350 athletes participated & USA led with 74 medals (31 gold).

IAAF World Junior Championships (won by the USA with 20 total medals, 9 gold; USA scored 106 points, followed by Germany 69 and Kenya 49.)

Thorpe Cup

Great North City Games

London Olympic Games – Amy Deem noted the challenges, especially the pressure on the relay teams.

Bob Hersh reported on the IAAF's planned 2014 World Relays event, scheduled for May 24-25.

(Note this is our usual weekend for the PA T&F Championship Meet.)

There were reports from the following subcommittees:

Athletes Advisory, Coaches Advisory, Coaches Education, Combined Events, High Performance, Juniors, Law & Legislation, Officials, Records, Rules, Standards.

M&W T&F Junior/HS Focus Group (Dec. 1):

(Subgroup under M&W T&F)

Duffy Mahoney reported on success of 2012 Junior Team at World Juniors.

USATF has approved \$250,000 for team for 2013 Pan Am Juniors, Aug. 2-4, Lima, Peru (with Puerto Rico as an alternate site if Peru is unable to stage).

US team will be selected at USATF Jrs., June 19-21, at Des Moines.

USATF will require team members to have met the World Junior Standard for their events.

USATF will NOT fund a team for the World University Games in 2013.

Eugene is interested in hosting the 2014 USATF Juniors, prior to the 2014 World Juniors in Eugene.

Site for 2014 USATF seniors has not been determined.

Mt. SAC is interested – apparently has funds to rebuild facility / raise track.

Sacramento Sports Commission is closing down – John McCCasey retiring.

Committee provided an update on the Junior Outreach program.

A Youth Advisory Council is working to bring all aspects of major youth (high school) meets together: Hershey, National Scholastic, AAU (with USATF...).

Note:

I also have further notes from both general sessions and from the Sunday (Dec. 2) Board of Directors meeting.

TRIP REPORT
USATF Annual Meeting
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Wed - redeye flight.

Thursday

5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Opening General Session	Coquina ABCDE
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Energizing start. Sat with PAUSATF Delegation. Great seeing all the Olympic athletes, and seeing our year in review and Olympic wins. Talks by those running for President.

7:00 PM	10:00 PM	Welcome Reception	Sponsored in part by Nationwide Insurance	Clock
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Great meeting Olympic athletes. As a Decathlete, was especially great getting pic with Ashton Eaton & Dan O'Brien.

Great food, and great networking. Stayed until nearly the end.

Friday

7:00 AM	9:00 AM	Expo Breakfast	Sponsored in part by Hoosier Sports Corp - Bloomington, IN	Expo Prefunction Area
7:00 AM	8:30 AM	Pacific Association Caucus		Coquina G

4am PST start so was up at 3am to drive in (stayed at Motel 6). Impressed the room was full of PA so early, and that everyone appeared bright with game faces on.

Round the horn of what we have attended / will attend, and initiatives others could support. I mentioned I was nominated for Secretary of Masters T&F in case others wanted to vote.

Left 8am for ...

7:30 AM	9:50 AM	Masters Track & Field	General Session	Oceanview
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Gave speech and took Q&A running for Masters T&F Secretary during period, and stayed well afterwards both to meet many of the attendees/delegates.

Session also included heated effort by some to kill the Masters Shuttle Hurdle Relay; my position is that this event has had just two years as a Championship event (despite being constrained in some ways unlike any other event), was very successful wrt both \$\$ & participation, as well as strong support of athletes. Also, basis of attacking it was factually wrong. Stayed well afterwards to discuss this as well.

Went out to lunch, all about saving the Masters Shuttle Hurdle Relay.

1:00 PM	3:50 PM	Masters Track & Field	General Session	Oceanview
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The Masters SHR was officially saved.

We chose North Carolina for next Indoor T&F Championship (beat Indiana).

5:00 PM	6:50 PM	Masters Track & Field	West Region Meeting	Flagler C
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Small attendance. Mark Cleary, me, and a few others. But got pic with Alison Felix on the way there.

Saturday

7:00 AM	11:00 AM	First Round Elections	Rock the Vote- Sponsored in part by Marathon Printing	Coquina F
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I voted. Others apparently voted for me, since I was elected, though did not find out until later in the day.

10:30 AM	12:15 PM	Masters Track & Field	General Session	Coquina G
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We picked Jacksonville for Outdoor Nat'l T&F Championship

12:15 PM	2:00 PM	Awards Lunch		Coquina ABCDE
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Again, great presentation wrt USATF. Amazing honorees. Great food. Great networking with those at our tables.

2:00 PM	3:50 PM	Masters Track & Field/LDR	Joint	Convention Center 101 BC
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Big debates of Hall of Fame of T&F vis a vis LDR – LDR thinks they should let in 40-70 more into HOF to “catch up” with T&F. Debate was polite, though obviously heartfelt by many and was heated internally by many.

LDR has no championships for years and no records (since each course is different), and didn't include many in HOF for many years, but has more participants than T&F. However, T&F has more events and prob. better performances (fewer people walking/jogging, as many LDR events do).

Also, some/many LDR apparently want to allow non-USATF LDR athletes into our HOF (since most LDR participants are not USATF athletes).

Meeting was adjourned before determining whether the USATF Masters HOF is for non-USATF athletes too.

4:00 PM	5:50 PM	Masters Track & Field	Executive Committee	Volusia A
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Walked in without knowing if I should be there, but everyone gave me an ovation and said I was on the Board, so I guess I was elected. Gary said he did not want notes taken there, so didn't have to. General plans moving forward, wrap-up of this meeting.

Sunday

8:30 AM	10:00 AM	USATF Closing Session		Coquina ABCDE
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Sat with PAUSATF Delegation. Short, strong closing

Tom Bernhard

Men's LDR Report

LDR Elections:

Bill Roe - LDR Division Chair (Defeated Glenn Latham) (Old chair, Fred Finke now on board)

Kim Keenan-Kirkpatrick – Women's LDR Chair (Defeated Virginia Brophy Achman)

Eduardo Torres - Men's LDR Chair (by acclimation)

Men's LDR Meeting Notes

Olympic Marathon standards for 2016:

Men: 2:15 (A); 2:18 (B); 1:05 Half Marathon (B)

Women: 2:37 (A); 2:43 (B); 1:15 Half Marathon (B)

Qualifying window: 8/1/2013 – 30 days before Olympic Trials

Bids:

Gate River (15K) through 2016

5th 3rd Bank -Grand Rapids (25K), 2013-2015

1/2 Marathon Grandma's, 2012 2013

Peachtree (10k) 2013-2014

New Haven (20K) 2013

CVS (5K) 2013

Twin Cities Marathon, 2013-2014

2 street mile bids, (Grand Blue Mile Street Run - won)

ADP Races: 25K, 1mile, Half Marathon, 10 mile

IAAF Report (Bob Hersh)

Half Marathon WC moved to spring

2014 to be Copenhagen, 2016 NYC???

Costs to put on a WC:

T&F - \$80M to \$100; Half Marathon or XC - \$5M

2015 WC Cross Country – Guiyang China

WADA may go to standard 4-year ban

LDR Division Report

Uniform Rules:

Olympic Trials, IAAF Gold Silver or Bronze races are the only race that can impose logo restrictions except those individual races that impose their own requirements.

2013 USA Running Circuit schedule

February 2 – USA Cross Country Championships, St. Louis, Mo. – Total prize money \$35,000

March 9 – USA 15 km Championships, Jacksonville, Fla. (held in conjunction with the Gate River Run) – \$53,000

April 23 – USA 1 Mile Road Championships, Des Moines, Iowa (Grand Blue Mile Street Run) – \$25,000

May 11 – USA 25 km Championships, Grand Rapids, Mich. (36th Annual Fifth Third River Bank Run) – \$30,200

June 22 – USA Half Marathon Championships, Duluth, Minn. (Grandma’s Marathon/Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon) – \$77,500

July 4 – USA 10 km Championships, Atlanta, Ga. (AJC Peachtree Road Race) – \$60,000

September 2 – USA 20 km Championships, New Haven, Conn. (36th Annual Stratton Faxon New Haven Road Race) – \$43,000

September 15 – USA 5 km Championships, Providence, R.I. (CVS Caremark Downtown 5k) – \$30,000

October 6 – USA Marathon Championships, Minneapolis, Minn. (Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon) – \$145,000

\$25,000 total awarded to 2013 USARC men’s and women’s champions

Total purse - \$523,700

Tom Bernhard

Masters LDR Report

Christine Kennedy - LDR Women's Master of the year

Brian Pilcher-LDR Men's Master of the year

Linda Somers Smith - 50-54 Age Group winner

Barbara Miller - 70-74 Age Group Winner

5K, 10k 1/2 Marathon best age graded runners - Running Times March issue

2013 Masters LDR champs

1/2 Marathon – Florida 2/3/2013

Open XC; 2013 Women's Masters will go from 8K to 6K; Men's Masters stays 8k

Williamsburg 8k - 6/1

2013 Club Cross - Bend OR

2014 Club Cross - Lehigh Univ.

Tulsa 15K bid 10/29/2013; 2013-2017 \$17,000 in Masters prize money

probably part of team GP - bid Approved.

SFoR 5k 10/6/2013 bid approved

Pittsburgh Road Mile 8/9 or 8/23/2013 Friday evening, course changed to a square; \$8300 Masters purse including team money

Eddy Hellebuyck's records purged.

Masters Harriers of the Year

Kathy Martin & Matt Ebbiner

MEN's LDR #1&2

Edwardo Torres voted new

Men's LDR chair by acclimation

Oly standards. 2016

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Women's Long Distance Running
Ashley Grosse
Pacific Association Voting Delegate
USATF National Meeting Nov 28-Dec 12 2012
Daytona Beach, FL

Leadership Votes

Stephanie Hightower was reelected as President.
Bill Roe was re-elected as the chair of USATF Long Distance Running.
Kimberly (Kim) Keenan-Kirkpatrick was the newly elected WLDR chair.

WLDR Committee reports

Awards:

- **Runner of the Year** was awarded to Janet Cherobon-Bawcom for the 2nd year in a row,
- **Contributor of the Year** - Houston Marathon for coordinating everything for the combined marathon trials

International Competition:

- Team Leader Magdalena Lewy Boulet, Mixed PanAm relay team came in 3rd.
- IAAF half marathon Bulgaria, US women took 5th, team selection is discussed on USATF road racing elite page

IAAF Report, Bob Hersh

- On the issue of doping, IAAF is currently drafting a 2 yr to 4 yr ban/suspension.
- Olympic marathon course: Not a great course, working with London Marathon team for the purpose of showcasing the city of London.
- Age categories: 14 and older. 14 to 20 is junior. Vote on Open is 16 and older. Changed to be in line with MLDR men age 16 and older. We voted on this and it was passed.
- Executive Committee constituency will be approved by the WLDR committee. Active athletes are 25% of committee. Voted and Approved

Athlete Advisory:

We had a few very notable ties at the Track and Field Olympic Trials. Committee is working on language for rules on ties.

Athlete Development Program, Linda Barnhart:

- Funded athletes \$200 per event. Funding is intended for "up and coming" athletes, post collegiate, 18 to 29 years of age. Increased number of funded athletes. 3 slots for men and women. National Championship bids with 3 slots for ADP. This provides travel, entry, and hotel. For athletes who have aged out, we should recommend that athletes contact race organizer for support. Event coordinators will support most of the time, especially if they meet the standards.
- As Pacific Delegate I argued that age limits be struck from the requirements. There was substantial discussion and the topic was tabled.

Association News, Irene Herman:

- Proposed target races for ADP money.
- Online sanctions should be done at the local level for clarification and general accounting clarity. The current USATF website confuses this matter and the issues of sanctions will be discussed further.
- For those associations needing email services, USATF is offering associations email help.

Mountain Ultra, Trail, Nancy Hobbs:

- Encouraging associations to include these folks as a program. Making use of social media and recruitment tools for junior involvement.
- Several records set on road in 2012.
- As a reminder, trails are not certifiable distance-wise.

Road Running Technical Council, Gene Newman,

Newman urged us to check our courses and ensure they had not expired. Courses expire after 10 years. You can check the status of a course's certification at RRTC.net
<http://www.usatf.org/events/courses/search/>

IAAF Report, Anne Timmons (IAAF chair member for the USA)

IAAF's has a "women's committee". Timmons who is a sitting member said they have been trying to focus on quality and are seeking to have the committee's name changed to The Committee on Equality and Diversity.

Report on long distance championships, Ten women's championships in 2012. Eight championships are planned for 2013. We currently have two outstanding bids: Mile championship TWC being opposed by Iowa, Grandmas for half, Houston and Columbus competing for 2014. Clubs competition at Tufts. There will be support for bringing in women's clubs. Tufts will distribute money for teams. Open and possibly master's support will be available.

Distance Project Report:

Training centers across the United States. The biggest challenge is funding. Foundation gives individual grants. To be on the foundation board you apply and must contribute a set amount to support the gifts awarded. There are 11 applications to be considered for 2013.

Running USA, Susan Weeks:

Providing grants of 25k- 3 given this last year. Membership is composed 60% are events and others are vendors. To be listed in the calendar, you need to be a member. Nancy is here helping with membership currently.

Committee at Large Issues:

Terms for WLDR chair

Discussion for 1, 2, or 4 years. As your delegate I voted for 4 year term to ensure there was continuity for a US Olympic marathon team.

Standards for the Olympic Trials Marathon:

Both men and women will have an A and a B standard. In an attempt to mirror IAAF standards, the qualifying standards are

A: Women - 2:37, B: 2:43; half 1:15

The qualifying window begins August 1, 2013 and closes 30 days before the Olympic trials.

The WLDR committee voted to approve these proposed times determined by the subcommittee.

Championship races:

Women's LDR Championship Races for 2013

April 7 -Chicago Shamrock -8k teams of 3
May 11 Grand Rapids 25k
May 17- TCM Mile (Thursday night)
June Grandmas Half Marathon
July Peachtree 10k
Oct Tufts 10k Team Championship - bring 5/3 scorers
March 9 Gate River Run 15k
Sept -New Haven 20k
May 11 Grand Rapids 25k
May 17- TCM Mile (Thursday night)
Oct- Twin Cities Marathon - 2013 and 2014

Master LDR championship series 2013

Dec 8, XC Lexington
Feb 1, XC Saint Louis 6k only (no team scoring)
Feb 2, Melbourne Half
June1, 8K Williamsburg- team scoring
August (TBD) Friday night, Pittsburg 1M - team scoring
Oct 6, Syracuse 5K
Oct 20, XC 5K, New Jersey
Oct 6, Twin Cities Marathon
Oct 27, Tulsa 15K
Dec, XC, Bend Club Championships

2012 USATF Annual Meeting Report - Daytona Beach, FL

Submitted by Dave Shrock - Association Vice President & Coaches Chair

Meetings-activities attended:

During the four-day annual meeting, I attended primarily Coaching Education, High School Senate and Coaches Advisory Committee meetings in addition to other meetings as time allowed.

Coaches Education Committee Meetings:

- Cal State East Bay has been selected as the site for this summer's Event Specific Level 2 School, 7-13 July. This is the first time there has been a Level 2 Event Specific School in northern California. Youth Level 2 Specialization School date and site t.b.a.
- Work on updating Level 1 Instructor list in addition to Level 1 administration manual
- Agreement to reinstitute the use of decals for Level 1 participant mementos
- Reaffirmed that there is no expiry for any level of certification, though noted committee should look into continuing education opportunities
- Shrock introduced the child abuse protection information from the PA to group and it was suggested we do more to educate our coaches of the warning signs of abuse
- Larry Judge (*Indiana Assoc.*) elected new Coaching Education Chair.

Coaches Advisory Meetings:

- The advisory committee began formalizing the definition of 'coach'. Shrock appointed to a task force to determine the naming of different levels of coach based on international models
- The advisory committee discussed efforts to have a greater voice over the selection of coaches for international staffs
- Interesting statistic from London: 21 coaches had athletes medal in London earning a total of 29 medals, and a majority had been through the USATF coaching education system
- Cliff Revelto (*Missouri Valley Assoc.*) appointed interim Coaches Advisory Chair.

Men's and Women's Development Committee Meetings:

- Youth Development camps moving back to bringing in both coach and athletes
- Mt SAC (Walnut) is undergoing a \$4 million dollar renovation with an eye of hosting the 2016 Olympic Trials
- 1.2 million HS'ers participate in Cross Country and or Track and Field nationally
- The Sacramento Sports Authority has disbanded with the retiring of John McCasey
- All USATF committees have had their budgets reduced by 5% for 2013
- Sue Humphrey and Tonie Campbell were re-elected Women's and Men's Development Chairs respectively.

Associations Committee Meetings:

- On-line sanction registration is being phased in with each association being able to continue to determine their own sanction fees
- On-line club registration and renewal system is being phased in. Concerned was raised that many Assoc., like Pacific, need additional time to review on-line application to make sure Association specific requirements such as background check are OK before approving
- Shrock gave presentations on Associations Grant writing process and Coaching Ed status report.
- Karen Kursak re-elected Associations Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Shrock, 26 December 2012.

JONATHAN G. PRICE
REPORT FROM THE USATF ANNUAL MEETING

I attended the following scheduled meetings, with my observations of highlights from each. These notes are largely relevant to Race Walking, although other more general items are also included.

Thursday, November 29, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. – YOUTH GENERAL SESSION 1

Proposed rule changes were discussed. Faced with a law suit regarding the word “midget,” one change is to change the names of youth age from:

- Subbantam to 8 & under,
- Bantam to 9-10
- Midget to 11-12
- Youth to 13-14
- Intermediate to 15-16, and
- Young Women/Young Men to 17-18.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – FIRST TIMERS ORIENTATION

This was an interesting briefing on the history of USATF. Most of the time was spent introducing one another.

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – RACE WALKING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Much time was spent explaining proposed changes to the Race Walking Committee’s Operating Procedures (bylaws).

Useful information (finalized the next day) included dates for 2013 championships:

- February 16: 1-mile, Melrose Games Championship, NY
- March 1-2: 3K NAIA Collegiate National T&F Championships, Geneva, OH
- March 2-3: 3K Indoor USATF National Championships, Albuquerque, NM
- March 17: 20K, Pan Am Trials and Masters 20K, Huntington Beach, CA
- March 22-24: 3K, Masters Indoor Championships, Landover, MD
- April 27: Penn Relays Olympic Development RW 10K Men & Junior Men and 5K Women & Junior Women, Philadelphia, PA
- April ??: Junior/Open/Masters 1-hour Championships, Waltham, MA
- May 5 or 12: 10K Championships, Hauppauge, NY
- May 19: 15K Championships, Riverside, CA
- May 25-26: 20K & 50K, Pan Am Cup, Lima, Peru
- June 1: 5K Championships, Albany, NY (3-year)
- June 19-23: 20K, USATF Outdoor Championships (Open), Des Moines
- June 21-23: 10K, USATF Junior Nationals, Des Moines, IA
- June 25-30: Youth, Edwardsville, IL
- July ??: 5K, USATF T&F Club Nationals, New York, NY
- July 18-21: Outdoor Masters, Olatha, KS
- July 21-August 1: National Senior Games, Cleveland, OH
- July 22-28: USATF National JO, North Carolina A&T Greensboro, NC
- August 10-18: IAAF World Championship, 20K, 50K
- August 18: USA vs. Canada, Boston, MA
- September 15: Junior 20K and Masters/Open 30K, Valley Cottage, NY
- October 5: Junior/Masters 5K, Kingsport, TN (3-yr masters, 1-year junior)
- October 13: Open/Masters 40K, Ocean Township, NJ
- October 16-27: World Masters Outdoor Championships, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- November 24: USATF Open/Masters 50K, Coconut Creek, FL
- December 28, 2013: Open/Masters 5K Indoor, Rochester, NY

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7:00 – 7:50 a.m. – PACIFIC ASSOCIATION CAUCUS

8:00 – 8:55 a.m. – RULES COMMITTEE

9:00 – 10:50 a.m. – OFFICIALS COMMITTEE

Every USATF committee will be getting a 5% budget cut; this is necessary in part because 2012 was an Olympic year. Legal issue: Throws must be scheduled, including warm ups, so that implements don't interfere with other parts of the field (or track).

Legal issue: Officials should be cautious about liability language on applications to officiate at meets. Some forms have been used that unjustly put liability on officials rather than meet management.

The 2014 World Junior Championship will be in Eugene, OR.

March 31 is the deadline for renewing membership each year and for recertification as an official in the year after the Olympics.

11:00 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. – RACE WALKING COMMITTEE GENERAL SESSION

UT and SC had not certified their voting delegates for RW; AK and WY are suspended.

The committee voted to change several of its Operating Procedures, which had been posted on the web. Minor modifications were made as amendments to the proposed procedures. Some proposed changes did not pass.

I took minutes for about an hour and a half, while Ginger Mulanax had to attend another meeting.

Steve Vaitones discussed qualifying times for specific distances and alternate distances and times:

Senior men 12:45 for 3K or 6:30 for 1 mile

Senior women 14:40 for 3K or 7:30 for 1 mile

Men 1:38 for 20K or 47:00 for 10K or 23:00 for 5K

Women 1:52 for 20K or 54:30 for 10K or 26:00 for 5K

Junior men 55:00 for 10K or 25:00 for 5K

Junior women 10K=59:45 for 10K or 28:30 for 5K or 16:30 for 3K

Steve also discussed issues regarding Associations; there may be loss of race walking at some meets. Clubs need to support Association and Regional championships. Club Nationals are the week after the Fourth of July.

Dan Pierce presented proposed rule changes for votes by the RW Committee.

Items 2 & 3 passed with many yes votes and one no vote.

Item 8 passed unanimously.

Item 9 was withdrawn.

Item 16 – Dan will report that the RW Committee has no opinion on this item.

Item 19 was not discussed.

Dan stated that Item 20 may not pass the Rules Committee.

Items 20 and 21 passed unanimously. For clarification, Item 21 will be replaced with hip (start list) numbers on both hips and on the back, but not a bib or hip number on the front. Names can be on the front. The RW Committee wants a front bib (not necessarily numeric) and back bib for all race walk championships.

Item 60 passed unanimously with the following change: Change "if one has not been appointed previously" to "if one has not been appointed by the officials selection committee." For clarification, a head race walk official, responsible for arranging for necessary paperwork, DQ board, etc., but not serving as chief judge, can be appointed by the Games Committee or Meet Management. The intent was that this would apply to those meets for which officials are selected by the RW Committee's officials selection committee.

Item 61 passed 12 to 9.

Items 62 and 64 will be withdrawn, but the RW Committee will recommend that IAAF codify its unwritten policies, if they insist on showing a yellow paddle prior to writing a red card.

Item 63 passed 14 to 6.

A further motion passed that implements Item 63 by January 1, 2015. That is, judges may use the old paddles until then.

A further motion passed that the RW Executive Committee should look into finding one source for new paddles.

Maryanne Daniel discussed items from subcommittees on psychological services, scientific services, substance abuse education, and medical services.

Ray Funkhouser stated that there were no major Law and Legislation issues at this time.

Ray also discussed Masters Race Walking. His report is on the Masters Track and Field website. There will be a Masters Indoor 5K December 29.

Wayne Armburst discussed coaching education.

Gary Westerfield reported on IAAF. Level 2 judges are Ray, Trish, and others. IAAF Rules say to use only terms "yellow paddle" and "red card" rather than "caution" or "warning." Gary hopes that IAAF will not codify its unwritten policy regarding nearly always giving a yellow paddle before a red card is written.

After discussion at the meeting, I sent the following note to Jo Burrows.

ERRORS ON USATF WEBSITE RW EVENT HISTORY FORMS

Jo and Ron,

Please note that there are discrepancies between the table on page 33 of the 2008 RW Handbook and all the Event History forms for resumes of recertifying officials. Each lists a minimum number to Judge in other associations, which, I believe mistakenly, is the difference between the minimum total number of events to judge and the minimum number to judge within the home association. Please let me know if I have misunderstood.

Also, we need more clarification of the term "event" versus "races." Jo gave me an interpretation that would be good to list as examples, rather than just stating "REMEMBER THAT AN EVENT MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE RACE" as is on the forms. She noted that the 1.5K and 3K races at the JOs should be counted as 2 events, rather than just 1 for all the races at the JOs.

These issues arose while recertifying RW judges recently.

Thanks,

Jon

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7:30 a.m. – I voted for USATF President and for positions on the Race Walking Committee.

8:30 – 9:20 a.m. – RULES COMMITTEE

The committee finished its deliberations with no substantive changes regarding race walking.

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – RACE WALKING COMMITTEE GENERAL SESSION

Dan Pierce updated the committee on actions of the Rules Committee.

The 2013 RW calendar was distributed and will be posted shortly on the web. The Men's and Women's 20K will be on the track in Des Moines – Men's 20K and Men Junior 10K will be on June 22; Women's 20K and Junior 10K on June 23.

The pending records set in 2012 will be updated on the web.

IAAF is considering allowing a 50K for women, perhaps competing along with men.

Vince Peters presented various awards.

Elected members of the RW Executive Committee include:

Chair = Ron Daniel

Vice Chair = Dave McGovern

Secretary = Ed Richardson

Treasurer = Jo Burrows

Five At-Large Members = Maryanne Daniel, Ray Funkhouser, Gary Westerfield, Ginger Mulanax, Steve Vaitones.

Athletes will select their members on the executive committee.

According to the USATF Rule Book, the seven regions are as follows

East: Adirondack, Connecticut, Long Island, Maine, Mid-Atlantic, New England, New Jersey, New York, Niagara, Potomac Valley, and Three Rivers

Southeast: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia

Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

Mid-America: Colorado, Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, and Ozark

Southwest: Arkansas, Border, Gulf, Oklahoma, Southern, South Texas, Southwestern, and West Texas

Northwest: Alaska, Inland Northwest, Montana, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, Utah, and Wyoming

West (Dave Snyder, Coordinator): Arizona, Central California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Pacific, San Diego-Imperial, and Southern California.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. RACE WALKING COMMITTEE – REGIONAL CAUCUS

NOTE SENT BY E-MAIL TO VINCE PETERS WITH CCs TO DAVE SNYDER AND OTHERS

Vince,

Dave Snyder, Robert Hickey, Chris Real, and Jim Bentley (Southern CA), Marjorie Holmes (NM), and Beth Price and Jon Price (Pacific) from the West Region met this afternoon. West Region Championships will include:

March 17, 2013, 20K in Huntington Beach, CA, with National Masters and Pan Am Trials

May 19, 2013, 15K in Riverside, CA, coincident with the National 15K

August 10, 2013, 3K, in Albuquerque, NM

Proposed September 21, 22, 28, or 29, 2013, 10K, William Pond Park, Sacramento, if Joe Berendt with Sierra Race Walkers agrees.

Dave Snyder will speak to San Diego about holding a 5K or 1-hour postal. He will also contact other associations in our region.

The West Region includes the Arizona, Central California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Pacific, San Diego-Imperial, and Southern California Associations.

We'll let you know as we know more.

Thanks,
Jon

The Pacific Association was not approved for the West Region 3-km Championship on Saturday, August 17, 2013, in Reno, Nevada, because New Mexico wants that event.

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – RACE WALKING WORKING SESSION, FOCUSING ON JUDGING YOUTH EVENTS

Darlene Hickman led a discussion on best practices with regard to judging youth.

One suggestion from Jo Burrows was to have judges cleared to make sure all the judges are competent.

Another suggestion from Maryanne Daniel was to have a designated regional RW officials coordinator to assure that there are an adequate number of qualified judges.

A suggestion was made to get more coaches trained in RW coaching.

In the past, the RW Committee has had RW clinics either before or after major events.

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8:30 – 9:00 a.m. - GENERAL SESSION

Associations were encouraged to bid for major meets, including the Outdoor Open Championships.

Joanne Camargo, Youth

Everything from the Youth Workshop can be found on the USATF Resource Center on the USATF website.

The Head Coach for the 2013 Youth World Team is one of our own, Lee Webb. Congratulations Lee! The Head Manager is Lisa Morgan from New Jersey. The Youth World Championships is for qualified athletes born in 1996 and 1997.

Lionel Leach was re-elected as the National Youth Chair, Ron Mascarenas was newly elected Executive Vice Chair, Dorothy Dawson is again Vice President of Administration, Sam Germany our re-elected Vice President of Operations and Linda Ellis again elected as Secretary. Our five At Large Delegates are Rubin Carter, Barbara Smith, Denise Smotherman, Byron Turner and Booker Woods. Our new USATF Youth Director is Arianna Allen.

TCLogic made a presentation. They are the only background checking company who screens for the Boy Scout Prevention List.

The 2014 Cross Country Nationals will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; the 2014 Youth Nationals contest in Bloomington, Illinois and the 2014 Junior Olympic Nationals will take place in Houston, Texas.

The use of laser measuring devices is being encouraged for some field events. They are moving forward regarding high jump and long jump. They will be separated into four flights on two separate pits to help with time constraints.

Coach-O is going to a single sign-in format. You will not have to wade through so many dates to get to what you are looking for either. You will set up your team account. It will expire in 2 years if you do not use it. Coach-O is also one of the sponsors of the USATF Youth Workshop. They are offering two scholarships this upcoming season. One is for \$1,000 and another for \$500. The purpose is for travel or equipment. Coach-O would prefer you use it for equipment but he admits it is your choice and he has no intentions of telling anyone how to use the funds. He did however say equipment would be used by many athletes for years to come whereas travel does not. Go to the Coach-O website for details.

USATF will be using a new production company for our ID cards starting in 2013. There is a quicker turnaround and better product for the same price. Previously it took up to 7 weeks; now it should be completed within 2 weeks. The new company name is Infinity Direct.

Moving forward, clubs must register their members using the true athlete contact information. The coach cannot use their own address. USATF is asking that everyone please adhere to this rule.

The most major change for this upcoming year for youth is the change to the labeling of our youth age groups. Currently they are listed as subbantam, bantam, midget, youth, intermediate, young woman, young man. Because of a pending lawsuit regarding the age group "midget" the change has to take place. The new age group categories will be as follows: 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18.

Also starting in 2013, at the Junior Olympic National meets, the 100 will be run on both sides of the track. The meet now has almost 8,000 athletes which translates into a much longer meet than our previous 5,000 - 6,000 athlete entries.

We presently have 4 zones - North, South, East and West. We are adding another zone to help even out the numbers in each of the zones. We will be notified when this takes place.

There have been too many young youth athletes dying from SCA (sudden cardiac arrest); a electrical disruption of the hearts natural rhythm. The AHA (American Heart Association) study said every athlete should be screened. It is not done because people believe it to be too costly. It is not the same as a heart attack where one or more of the hearts main blood vessels becomes blocked preventing blood from reaching the heart. SCA usually strikes suddenly without warning causing the athlete to collapse. Athletes are not usually identified as "at risk". Death is usually associated with intense physical activity. The highest risk factor sports are basketball, football and track. Hypertraphic Cardiomyopathy is a hereditary disease where the heart muscle becomes thick. It too is brought on by intense exertion. Checkout www.heart.org for more information. USATF would like every coach, parent and volunteer to become CPR certified, not just certain people. They want associations to establish a CPR program showing the benefits to athletes and showing the statistics of SCA and SCD. The certification is good for two years. All 57 associations are encouraged to purchase an AED and carry it to all youth meets.

Maine, Texas and Illinois are the only states that offer racewalking in high school. There is a push to get racewalk recognized as an event across the country. A \$50,000 grant was given to teach racewalking to students, starting in elementary school. This event will also help with the obesity problem we have in this country today. And besides, running is not for everyone. There is a 6-day racewalk camp hosted every year in Texas immediately after Christmas for one week starting December 26th. They have found that to be the best time to host it. There are absolutely no conflicts with anything else. If anyone is interested in attending this racewalk camp, you can call [480-888-7613](tel:480-888-7613). NARI (National Association Racewalking Institute) will put on clinics in your area if you are really serious about hosting a clinic. Call [956-821-6659](tel:956-821-6659) regarding hosting a clinic. www.racewalk.com

Starting November 2012, we can register our club online. With the implementation of online club registration, new regulations will apply for youth clubs. Before a youth club will be allowed registration, they will have to have at least one background checked coach registered. Lori Bird (club membership) lori.bird@usatf.org 317-713-4665 and Marilyn Turner (individual membership) marilyn.turner@usatf.org 317-713-4693 are in charge of membership applications. Before they approve a club's membership, the system will check to see if they have a background cleared coach on the team. Our problem; they must be cleared through TLogic. I talked to Irene, who talked to someone else from New Jersey. There is now a hold on moving forward to make it mandatory at this time. With online registration you can:

- fill out and pay online for club registration
- purchase certificate of insurance and download those certificates
- associations can check all aspects of information on any club
- clubs can update profiles, add practice dates, add practice facilities

Report Regarding 2012 Annual Meeting – Daytona Beach, Florida.
John Murray, Officials' Committee Delegate

Thursday, November 29, 2012

I spent most of the morning meeting and greeting fellow officials, reminding them that I was running for the office of Secretary of the NOC and hoped to have their vote. I attended the NOC Executive Committee meeting at 11:00 where Chairman Len Krsak went over a number of points that would be more fully covered at the first general session scheduled for the next morning. When the Committee went into closed session regarding a personnel matter, I went to lunch with Rich Schornstein of the Colorado Association.

During the afternoon, I continued with my meeting and greeting of officials and attended the Mens Track and Field Executive Committee where Chair John Chaplin reminded the group that Ed Gorman had been selected as Vice-Chair with the intent that he would become familiar with the duties of the Committee and should be elected as Chair at the General Session on Friday.

I attended the Opening General Session of the Annual Meeting, Chaired by President Hightower, and listened to the remarks of the new CEO, Max Siegel. The introduction of the Olympic Games coaches and athletes was a special treat, and the concluding Q & A session with Allyson Felix, Aries Merritt, and Ashton Eaton was most enjoyable.

The welcome reception held on the ocean-front patio was very well presented, with the food a drink substantially better than in past years.

Friday, November 30, 2012

The Friday session once again commenced at the early hour of 7:00 with the Pacific Association Caucus chaired by J.R. Heberle. I stayed for only the first part of the caucus, as I had previously made arrangements to speak at the Southern California Association Caucus seeking their support for my bid for NOC Secretary.

The First General Session of the NOC began at 9:00 with the election of officers. Len Krsak, Ohio Association, was reelected as Chair by acclamation. I was unsuccessful in my bid for Secretary, with Tom Hott, Ozark Association, the incumbent, being reelected for another four year term. Rob Buzaitas, Michigan Association, was elected as Vice-Chair, Training, and Mark Kostek, Iowa Association, was elected as Vice-Chair, Rules. Nominations were then made for At-Large Representatives to the NOC and Jim Carlisle, Southwestern Association, Dan Reynolds, Arizona Association and myself were elected to four year terms.

Next on the agenda was the introduction and presentation of plaques to the finalists for the National Service Awards. The Pacific Association was well represented, with Bob Podkaminer being a finalist for the Charles Ruter Award, Jim Hume and Shirley Connors named as finalists for the James Grey Award, and Ray Fitzhugh, Shirley Connors and I named as finalists for the Horace Crow Award.

Sue Polansky, NOC Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report and Budget Projection, with an apology for its being only through the end of October. Sue's home on Long Island was among those with extended power outage from Hurricane Sandy.

Len Krsak then announced that the long promised Olympic Trials Commemorative Shirts for those Officials that worked at the Olympic Trials in 2008 were finally available and were designed to be for Officials that served in 2012 as well as 2008. Shirts will be mailed to those officials that were not present at the annual meeting.

Shelby Sharp was called upon to say a few words regarding safety on the track and in the field, and reminded everyone to be careful about signing waivers that are presented by meet management. Often the wording can be construed to place liability for injuries occurring during competition squarely on the officials.

Various committee reports rounded out the session, most of which are set forth on line. After the session, I took the opportunity to have lunch with Ray Fitzhugh and Josh Rorem from the Southern California Association.

During the afternoon, I attended a clinic presented by Mark Heckel concerning guidelines for the preparation of evaluations of crew members at national meets.

I finished the afternoon at the Mens Track and Field General Session which may have been an audition for a new reality show. The main attraction was the election of the Committee Chair being contested between Ed Gorman, the sitting Vice-Chair, and Tonie Campbell, Coach at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California as well as Managing Director of the USATF High Performance Center at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. The stage was set by an internet campaign featuring several postings from Coach Campbell along with replies from persons in support of Mr. Gorman. As the voting delegates began to fill the room (yet another site too small for the crowd), a parade of athletes, probably numbering 50+, entered the room and occupied the first three or four rows of seats. When it became evident that the athletes all intended to vote, John Chaplin, Mens Chair, Jon Drummond, AAC Chair, Judge Jim Murphy of Law and Legislation, and Tim Baker huddled and reached the decision that only 31 athletes were entitled to vote. The events plodded along as all of the athletes had to be dismissed from the room, then the selected 31 had to sign in and be issued the ballot (a 5x7 blank blue paper). As this was going on, word must have spread because more and more people were crowding into the room, causing the door monitors to exclude any further guests. This caused a small stir when one of those that was about to be denied entry was President Hightower. She was admitted, as was CEO Siegel. Finally, we delegates were asked to cast our ballot, and were told that we could simply write Ed or Tonie. The ballots were collected and the count commenced – and concluded nearly 30 minutes later. Ed Gorman was declared the winner. But, alas, it was not over because now there had to be an election for Vice-Chair. Two nominations were received and seconded, Tonie Campbell and a second name that I did not catch in the hubbub. It immediately became apparent that nobody had considered the voting process for Vice-Chair, as no ballots had been issued to the registered delegates. When the election chair asked everyone who had voted in the first election to raise his hand, as a prerequisite to receiving the blank piece of gold paper, things started to deteriorate rapidly. Thankfully, however, Tonie Campbell withdrew his name from nomination and the other person was elected by acclamation. We had to reflect that, by comparison, the Officials' Committee elections were a work of precision.

The day finished with the Officials Hall of Fame Banquet where the Pacific Association Officials garnered two National Awards: Shirley Connors received the Horace Crow Outstanding Field Official Award, and Jim Hume received the James Grey Outstanding Leadership Award. In addition, George Kleeman received an Award of Excellence for his 16 years of service to the National Officials Committee. The Charles Ruter Outstanding Track Official Award went to Tom McTaggart of the New York Association, the John Davis Humanitarian Award went to John Stephens of the Florida Association, the Lori Maynard Race Walk Award went to Gary Westerfield of the Long Island Association, and the Andy Bakjian Outstanding Official Award went to Jim Carlisle of the Southwestern Association. Inductees to the National Officials Hall of Fame were Gene Stemm from the Southern California Association, Kelly Rankin from the Oregon Association, and the late Dr. Jerome Porter from the North Carolina Association. 2012 Chair Awards were presented by Len Krsak to Delores Murray, Southwestern Association, Robert Gidari, New England, Jamero Rainey, Illinois, Bonnie Bell, Ozark, Patty Rouse, Kentucky, Dan Reynolds, Arizona, Scott Rose, Ohio, and Lil Mahoney, San Diego-Imperial.

Saturday, December 1, 2012

The day began with casting a vote for the Office of President of USATF. Results were later announced, with Incumbent Stephanie Hightower winning by a landslide.

I next attended a clinic presented by Shirley Connors, Pat Lavelle and Mike Armstrong on Event Head procedures in National Championships.

Also during the morning session of the Youth Committee, it was announced that the Junior Olympics for 2014 was awarded to Houston, Texas. With Houston and Omaha, Nebraska being the only bidders, this apparently marks a return by the Youth Committee to the established practice of alternating regions for the Junior Olympics, (East-West-Central), after the departure last year when the Sacramento bid in the “West” year was snubbed in favor of Greensboro, North Carolina resulting in back to back Junior Olympics in the East (Baltimore 2012 – Greensboro 2013).

I attended the Awards Lunch at noon, followed by the Second General Session of the Officials Committee. A highlight of this session was a forceful commentary by Pat Pretty of the Wisconsin Association denouncing the treatment of Officials at Junior Olympics, noting past events where Officials had to provide their own bedding and toilet tissue. The Junior Olympics are noted for long days which result from large fields of competitors in the various age groups. The recommendation was that guidelines for officials be prepared that must be met by organizing committees for Junior Olympic events.

Len Krsak also raised an issue concerning the allocation of the cost of liability insurance that has been provided for Officials since 2008. Currently the cost is divided between the National Office and the Associations, with a portion of the USATF membership fee allocated to each Association earmarked for the insurance premium. Evidently, the Associations Committee is balking at the continued payment of this share, and Chairman Krsak indicated that the matter would be a primary agenda item for the NOC in the first quarter of 2013. I suggested that it would be imperative that a representative from the insurance industry be included in any discussions of this issue. I intend to try to be kept in the loop regarding the liability insurance provision for officials.

The session concluded with a Q & A period led by Don Berry – where a substantial portion of time was devoted to many questions concerning the liability insurance. It was evident that most officials are not well versed in the matter.

Upon the adjournment of the session the roster of Officials selected for the 2013 USATF National Championships was posted. The Pacific Association placed eleven members among those selected:

Tiffany Banks	Starter	Outdoor
Robert Benoy	Long/Triple	Indoor
Richard Connors	Marshal	Outdoor
Shirley Connors	Marshal	Outdoor
J.R. Heberle	Electronic Measure	Outdoor
George Kleeman	Implement Inspector	Outdoor
Charles Murphy	Long/Triple Head	Outdoor
John Murray	Javelin Head	Outdoor
Rory Osborne	Marshal	Outdoor
Ajay Padgaonkar	Javelin	Outdoor
John Shirey	Pole Vault	Outdoor

Sunday, December 2, 2012

The Closing General Session on Sunday was very brief, with no matters at issue that required discussion. The Annual Meeting was adjourned by President Hightower after less than 30 minutes.

Jim Hume, Officials

Subject: A Certification Chair's view of the 2012 USATF Convention

From the standpoint of Certification Chairs, there was not much news/action at the 2013 USATF Convention. With the ReCertification of all officials with the new Olympiad, we are putting into effect the changes that were made/published from last year.

While the entire new system is not yet in place, when completed it should:

- Use new vocabulary for the items listed on the back of an official's card. For instance, during the last Olympiad, a Master Level official might be a Master in Shot Put, Discus, Javelin and Hammer. When the new vocabulary is active, that same Master Level official will be a "Master Throws" official.
- To date, only some of the new vocabulary has been instituted and there is no telling how long it will all take.
- When the new system is in place, individual officials will be able to access their own personal contact information and update that information. This could prove helpful for **in the first 57 officials to be certified this year, about a dozen show different/new e-mail addresses.**
- When the new system is in place, it is suggested that officials will be able to record their own work schedule...i.e. resume.
- When the new system is in place, it is suggested that the CertChair will not only be able to print a roster of their officials, but be able to print a page of all the information about each officials.
- When the new system is in place, it is suggested that there will be a better accounting of how much Certification/ReCertification money is owed by an association to the national office. I still contend that an invoice should come with a stack of new cards, but that is not in the plans yet.
- At the moment, there is no way for a CertChair to change anything that is on the back of an official's card. An updating of cards will need to happen at some point in the future.
- The Certification Database is connected to the national database in that, with the click of a single button, I can see if an official has a current USATF membership. The plan...in the future a single click of a button will not be necessary, the current membership number will magically appear.
- As of March 1st, any official who does not have 2013 USATF membership will enter the "Suspended" category on the USATF official's database.
- After the last Pacific Association ReCert Clinic on Sunday, February 10th, 2013, any official who has not ReCertified, will be listed as "Suspended" on my database.

George Kleeman, Athletes

2012 Convention Report

Rules Committee: We had 116 items to review. 49 Approved as submitted, 20 Approved as Amended, 11 Tabled, 26 Rejected and 10 withdrawn. Thirty three were youth rule changes. A full listing of the changes is available both on the PA website and the Rules section of the National Officials Website. We had good participation by the elite athletes.

I attended executive and officials meetings. Len Krsak was reelected as chair. Rob Buzaitis was elected as Training Subcommittee chair. Mark Kostek was elected as Rules Subcommittee chair. Tom Hott was reelected as secretary. John Murray was elected as an at large member of the committee.

We had a number of finalists for the various awards and Shirley Connors was given the Horace Crow Award for Outstanding Field Official.

I also attended the Officials Hall of Fame and Awards Committee meeting, the IAAF Technical Officials meeting and both the opening and closing General Session meetings. All were routine.

George Kleeman, Athlete Representative

Charlie Sheppard, Disabled Athletes

USATF 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION Daytona Beach Florida

November 28 2012 Travel to Daytona Beach.

November 29 2012

Attended the youth committee meeting. The proposed rule changes for youth were discussed the whole period. Most were rejected and some were modified.

Attended the rules committee meeting. Most time was spent on reviewing the rules report from the youth committee.

Attended the opening general session and the welcome reception.

November 30,2012

Attended the Pacific Association Caucus. And the Expo Breakfast.

Attended part of the Officials first general session.

Attended the first session for athletics for the disabled and suggested that we update the rules in the USATF rulebook as they do not include rules for athletes under 14. I was then assigned this task. Spent the remainder of the day doing this.

Attended the officials hall of fame banquet.

December 1 2012

Completed proposed updates to the rulebook for disabled athletes.

Voted for president of USATF

I attended the second session for disabled athletes. This session was split into two groups. The first was tasked to come up with procedures for inclusion in the JO for disabled. The second group was assigned to review the rules. What I did was good for most IPC or NJDC bound athletes and will be included. I will work with Phil Galli to incorporate some suggested simplified classification etc. rules for inclusion of athletes in USATF meets. This will be based on what several State high schools have done that have included the disabled in their state programs.

Attended the officials meeting.

December 2 2012

I attended the closing session.

Traveled home

Irene Herman, Association President and Cross Country Council

Daytona Beach USATF Convention Nov 29-Dec 2, 2012

President's report: Association

I participated in the two day general sessions of the Association Committee, west regional association session and the southwest regional session. The general session reported that the sanction fees will not change due to complaints on the violation of a regulation that each local association shall set their own fees. Online sanctions and club online are there, but not really totally worked out. The accounting will be upgraded from what it is now and basically it is incomplete, but USATF launched it anyway. There are going to be bugs. For the larger associations, South California, New Jersey and Pacific, Gina, our CFO, is going to hold webinars and conference calls on how we should receive our accounting data.

Information was explained on the 10 point accreditation method rather than the 19 points. Emphasis is to push all associations to be accredited. There are currently two associations not accredited.

The 600 page Association Manual is completed and we can download it from the association documents. Some associations asked that they receive it printed and Bill Roe said that it will cost \$35.00.

Reported on the Pittsburgh, PA. summer workshop to the WLDR committee early Friday morning after the PA caucus during their first session.

Met with the Road Running Technical Council on the 10 year certificate and that was voted as approved.

Went to the Cross country Council and Mike Scott announced the Club National Champion bids to 2015. Paul Greer, of San Diego took a survey of all the association to assess their cross country programs. The average race participation is between 100-200, while the Pacific Association has the largest participation with an average of 300 per race. Discussed to the other associations on how to market cross country and increase the participation.

Dave Shrock came into the general session of the last association meeting to do a powerpoint on grants. I have to say, I'm proud of our association that so many as sports committees and delegates do so much for our Pacific and USATF.

J.R. Heberle, Delegation Chair

Thursday, November 29

Officials Rules Subcommittee (8 am)

WT handle: People throw while holding the corner of the 190 mm handle, effectively making the implement longer.

Officials Executive Committee (11 am)

There are 9000 officials nationwide.

Suggestions to improve youth meet workload (in light of Baltimore JOs)

- Advance communication needed
- Officials' accommodation must be in bid package (by by-laws)

Para T&F ("Disabled Athletics" is an outdated term)

- IPC certification streamlining w/ online test, must be USATF certified to get IPC certification

Rules (3 pm)

Opening General (5 pm)

Candidates for President

- Stephanie Hightower
- Matt Rigby

Candidate for LDR Division Chair

- Glenn Latimer
- Bill Roe

Friday, November 30

Pacific Association Caucus (7 am)

Question was raised, why is Charlie Sheppard not the Disabled Athletics representative to the Youth Committee anymore?

Officials General Session #1 (9 am)

Elected: Len Krsak, Tom Hott, Rob Buzaitis, Mark Kostek, At-large: John Murray, Jim Carlisle, & Dan Reynolds.

Sue Polansky, Treasurer's report

- Year-end report delayed due to Hurricane Sandy, online in a couple weeks
- Allocation from USATF has been cut 5% due to across-the-board cuts b/c 2013 is a non-Olympic year

Shelby Sharpe

- Must account for warm-up time in looking at venue overlaps
- Competition forms need to have Shelby's new language that does not make official responsible for the negligence of others that they cannot control

Len, Chair's report

- Almost no protests resulting from actions of front-line officials at the Trials
- Indoor Combined is w/ Indoors for 2013
- Next year, selecting for World Junior Championships

George, Rules

- Item 1: Horizontals re-write
- Item 13: Regarding electronic measurement and checking the flight sheets
- Items on start rules
- Item 24: With 2nd false start, appeal of 1st false start is invalid
- Item 35: 10m recall limit for distance races
- Item 42: PV warm-up, tabled
- Item to clarify warm-up in verticals after an interruption to the event

- Gloves are okay in PV
- No doping control for American Junior Records
- Youth age group name changes
- Youth PV depth 45-80cm
- Will Masters shuttle hurdles be a championship event?
- Noon Saturday is drop-dead time for rules

Podkaminer

- Certification for NCAA championships will happen. Now in early stages.

Rules (1 pm)

Officials Hall of Fame Banquet (7 pm)

Saturday, December 1

First Round Elections

Rules (8:30 am)

Officials Clinic C (10 am)

I co-instructed the electronic measurement clinic

Officials General Session #2 (2 pm)

Laurie Boemker

- Report on NTO meeting. David Katz spoke about 800 & 1500 seeding at the Trials.

Murray Sanford

- Evaluations of heads are never from same association as the head.
- Not enough officials are applying for JOs & Masters meets.

Phil Galley (sp?), came to speak about Para T&F

- There will be online courses & online test to certify as para officials
- Probably within 1 hour officials will understand the differences (i.e. seated throws)
- No cost for these materials (except \$300 test from IPC for NTOs only followed by officials course)
- This is for Para T&F, does not include Special Olympics for the intellectually disabled
- Information will be sent to all cert. chairs
- No longer will be allowed to be a para official w/o being a USATF official

David Katz

- There is no new false start rule. There is a new interpretation.
- There should be a common sound played by electronic guns.

Lionel Leach

- Thanks for what you do
- There are rules changed because of Baltimore JOs

Bob Springer

- WT handle changes
- New ASTM standard for box collar

Jimmy Stuart

- There is an officials' Facebook group

John Bahachel (sp?), L&L rep.

- "All the lawyers got together and decided there was nothing to talk about."

Sgt. Major Ray Fitzhugh

- 5-10% of applicants to officiate major meets "are dumb."

Rick Schornstein: D2 Outdoors May 23-25 in Pueblo

Roger Burbage: DI East May 23-25 NC A&T

Special Olympics 2014 in Los Angeles & 2015 in Princeton

2013 Masters Oleta, Kansas July 11-14

Sunday, December 2

Closing General (8:30 am)

National is looking for other cities to bid for major meets

OTs/Juniors is separate due to scheduling of the world meets

High Performance works in 6-8 year cycles

50/50 drawing: Vince Peters (\$760), Bill Hickman (\$200), Jim McCall (\$200), and Dr. Mary T (?) (\$200)

Shirley Connors
USATF Convention

Wednesday Evening: Training Committee: Contact Rich S. about Pacific Mentoring program. Never received info. Sign up to help with clinics and new officials.

"A Method for Training for Official Trainers"

54 page document. "Learning it, View it, Do it"

Review techniques of effective trainers/presenters

Communicating- Training Preparation - Directing Traffic & Thoughts

What is "training"?-

Will this come into being? Marc Heckel not re-elected.

Youth: Went through rules and refused most. Accepted rule change changing names to age groupings. Trying to get away from increasing size of qualified

Participants, don't turn into all comers. Should be a quality meet. Presently, too long days, lack proper number of officials, need to increase number of venues per event. Treat officials better.

Equipment & Facilities: approved minutes, discussed a couple of improved rules and writing new rules in weight throw and pole vault. Discussion on effect of weight throw handle size, and collar in pole vault box. Jon Johnson discussed idea of a "safety" landing zone on pit, then official could issue warning to jumps that do not land in area. After two cautions, athlete told to leave.

General Open Meeting: quorum in attendance, Financial Report by Treasurer, Committee Reports, Election procedure mention for Presidency. New CEO spoke on his goals.

Presidential awards presented to 8-10 individuals. One being Lefty Martin

Those who passed away were remembered. Olympic athletes marched in with some of their coaches. Recognized on stage and special awards given to coaches of gold medal winners. Leslie Maxie commentary with three athletes- gold medal winners - Allyson Felix, Aries Merritt, and Aston Eaton was "fun" informative, and brief.

PAUSATF BREAKFAST CAUCAS: Attended by Pacific reps and convention attendees. Each reported on meetings they had attended and important information.

RULES: George held a rules session on IAAF and USATF Possible rule changes. Those that had been approved/passed already or those that had failed or were tabled.

OFFICIALS #1: Friday Morning

Started off with elections- Secretary Tom Hott vs John Murray, Tom won

Vice President training Mark Heckel vs Rob Buziatis, Rob won.

Vice President Rules Jim Flanik vs Mark Kosak Mark won.

Shelby Safety: 1). Beware of competition with overlapping venues-cannot have implements going into other nearby venues. Suits. Check scheduling.

2). Competition forms - look for wording where official becomes responsible or is liable instead of meet management.

AWARDS: The structure of the committee is going to change.

Lori Maynard, James Grey, John Davis Humanitarian award, Charles Ruter, Horace Crow, Andy Baijian. Plaques were handed out to finalists. Pictures taken.

CHAIR Report: on line

Selection on line- save\$, only 2 late, membership number starts with 73 and ends with Assoc. #.

Who selected for Hall of Fame: Gene Stemm, Jerome Perry, and Oregonian

Speakers: Max Siegal CEO Update, Pres. Stephanie 2008-2012 Trials shirt.

Best Practices - 90 plus selections. Require Heads of Events to go over Best Practices to clean up and update.

George Kleeman retiring. THANK YOU!

Selection: Be respectful to Doloris; 347 applied, Indoor+Combined-Fri, Sat, Sun., Outdoor, 2014 Jr. Worlds in Eugene

9010 officials, 700 new officials. March 31 deadline for recertification.

George went over some rule changes. 116 sent in, 61 acted on, 20 rejected; 5 withdrawn.

In the future there are plans for NCAA certification of officials to work all 3 Divisions in all sports. Picked up Officials' shirt for 2008 & 2012 Trials.

Afternoon Clinics: Mentoring by Rob Buziatis - handout with forms that have been developed so far and goals for program. Rob would like feed back.

Second clinic on Rubric for Selection process for Nationals/Trials by Mark Heckel. He has written a new rubric with complete descriptions for each # in the 1 - 4 scoring range for each area of evaluation. Mark hopes the rubric will be used in the future, so the evaluation system will be the same for all evaluations Nationwide, instead of individual influences on the rating system.

SATURDAY : Officials' s Clinics: "Meet Management for National level Meets for Field Events" - Filled in protocol for all field events, Presenters- Mike Armstrong, Shirley Connors, Pat Lavelle; question & answers at the end. Second clinic - Field Links and LaserLinks. Hands on, set up, take down.

Awards Luncheon.

OFFICIALS' 2nd Meeting: Murray Sanford described the Selection Process. Pat Purity went over the problems in 2012 JO's in Baltimore: poor treatment of Officials - sleeping set up, long hours, too many kids, not enough officials; Letter to Youth Board with suggestions that something needs to be done to make JO's more attractive to officials. Question & Answer session: Insurance, Selection process and process of using Dolores Murphy for complaints; background check; officials shirts should come from USA vs China; Meets coming up in Spring and May may be picked up outside and send to Rob Buziatis to add to Newsletter. Closed. Appointments for Indoor and Outdoor posited on tables outside.

Closing GENERAL MEETING: Closing committee reports. Results of Presidential election. Stephanie won. Raffle drawing. Meeting ended 9:00.

John Lilygren's report on the 2012 USATF Annual Meeting

Daytona Beach, FL

November 28 – December 2, 2012

Sessions attended:

Officials Executive Committee

November 29

General discussion about the conference schedule and the fact that in the first General Session on Friday we will be electing officers for the new Olympiad.

Officials Equipment & Facilities Subcommittee

November 29

Bob Springer discussed the number of failed implements especially in youth meets. Shots and hammers had an especially high failure rate.

Jan Johnson presented his new box collar which has been approved by ASTM. It has not been officially sanctioned by the high school federation or NCAA due to the rule that does not allow foreign material in the box. However, this should soon be corrected. The new box collar sells for about \$500 vs. \$300 for the current collars.

Jan also discussed his proposal for a safe landing zone or "Preferred Landing Zone" (PLZ). A "safe" landing area is drawn on the pit. A vaulter would be assessed 1 caution every time they made first contact with the pit outside the PLZ. The vaulter would be disqualified from further competition on the 3rd caution. (George Kleeman said later that this proposal has been rejected by the Rules Committee.)

Officials General Session #1

November 30

Elections results:

- Len Krsak reelected as President
- Tom Hott reelected as Secretary
- Rob Buzaitis elected Training Chair
- Mark Kostek elected Rules Chair
- At-Large representatives: Dan Reynolds (Arizona Association), John Murray & Jim Carlisle (Southwestern Association)

Committee Reports

Finance (Sue Polansky)

- USATF budget will be cut 5% across the board

Safety (Shelby Sharpe)

- Meet directors must take into account overlapping venues & implements. Allow for warm-ups don't just think about event start times.
- Competition forms: Some have liability language that puts the responsibility on the official. Do not sign such forms.

Chair's report (Len Krsak)

- 2014 World Junior Championships are scheduled for Eugene.

Certification (Jimmy Stuart)

- 9010 officials were certified, with 700 new, in 2012
- Recertification closes March 31, 2013

Rules (George Kleeman)

- Discussed False Start rule change (Dave Katz later called it a reinterpretation/clarification in the General session)

Training (Mark Heckel)

- Discussed the clinics that will be presented on Friday and Saturday

Bob Podkaminer

- NCAA certification of officials is coming

Men's/Women's Track & Field Standards Subcommittee

November 30

Standards are reviewed each year. Changes are not made every year but only when deemed necessary.

Optimum field sizes range from 16 – 24 for field events to 32 for sprints.

US Olympic A standards may not be tougher than the IAAF A standard.

- In strong events, such as sprints, the US may have more than 32 qualifiers which can lead to extra rounds

In events in which the US is weak (women's triple jump, men's & women's hammer, men's & women's javelin), the B standard is often relaxed in order to fill the fields.

Men's and Women's Track & Field chairs may change a standard more than 45 days before a championship meet.

Organizational Services Site Selection Subcommittee

2017 National meeting will be held in Indianapolis (post-Olympic year) to save money

The committee will get bids from several hotels in Indianapolis to get the best price and so that the Marriott doesn't think they will automatically be selected.

Men's LDR

November 30

Bob Hersh: IAAF is planning to tie championship events such as ½ marathon to big cities & mass events. (This year's ½ marathon championships were run in Kavarna, Bulgaria)

Masters drug testing/PED – more violations detected recently.

Adam Nelson may get the 2004 Olympic Gold medal as the reserved blood sample from the Russian ahead of him reportedly was found to contain an illegal substance.

Associations – West

November 30

National office online renewal will take revenue from local associations

Irene Herman discussed issues with TL Logic background checks (single time vs. constant monitoring via the service used by Pacific Association)

National IT department “sucks” says Dave Schrock. There was general agreement in the room. A long discussion ensued.

Men's/Women's Track & Field Championship Technical

December 1

2013 Combined Events & Indoor Championships will be held together in Albuquerque

Foreign athletes may compete in non-championship events (4x4 & distance medley relays) and non-standard events such as 300 meters

There were several questions about standards for Championship meets and the consistency with which they are enforced or exceptions are made.

Last – chance meets and their validity were discussed

- In a different meeting (Men's & Women's Track & Field?) it was suggested that last-chance meets would need a sanction and must have prior approval, can't just call it at the last minute. Also, the meets would need to have a minimum number of events with a minimum number of competitors per event. Some established single-event competitions (such as the Pole Vault Summit) would continue to be approved qualifying competitions.
- The Athletes Advisory Council (AAC) wants to keep the current declaration/qualifying period
- Sue Humphrey said "bubble" athletes are affected by the last chance qualifiers, not the elites who have made the A standard.

Albuquerque will have the Indoor Championships for 2 more years (2013 & 2014)

They will have 2 laser measuring devices

Drake will have 6 laser measuring devices for the outdoor championships.

The contract is still being negotiated.

Drake needs to increase their attendance. Empty stands are embarrassing. The organizing committee is aware of it and will be working on improving attendance.

The Drake call communication system needs to be upgraded.

The timing contract with Lynx Timing runs through 2016.

In 2014, Vin Lananna has proposed that Eugene host the US Junior Nationals as a dress rehearsal for the World Juniors. Eugene does not want the senior meet as they already have the NCAAs.

Only Eugene and Des Moines have bid for recent outdoor championships.

- There was talk about Indianapolis bidding but the throws would have to be held outside of the stadium
- Indianapolis' lack of hotels is also an issue
- The committee would like to increase the number of cities who bid for championship meets

Officials Clinic D: Electronic Measurement

December 1

Very informative clinic with a classroom presentation led by Mark Heckel and a practical, hands-on session led by JR, Justin Kuo, Eric Smith and the other experts who worked at the Olympic Trials.

Officials General Session #2

December 1

Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the selection process for national meets

Selections for the 2013 Indoor + Combined Events Championships in Albuquerque and the Outdoor Championship in Des Moines were announced after the meeting.