



USATF Pacific Board of Athletics Meeting Minutes  
Conference Call  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
*Approved March 22, 2016*

Members present: Fred Baer (M T&F Ch./Media Ch.), David Bartholomew (Treas./Coaches), Tom Bernhard (M LDR Ch.), Verity Breen (W LDR Ch.), Don Collins (At-large), Michael Davidson (Youth), Bill Dodson (M LDR/MUT), Dena Evans (W T&F), J.R. Heberle (Secy.), Irene Herman (1 V. Pres./Membership Ch.), Al Hernandez (Coaches Open/College), Cris Houston (Youth), George Kleeman (Past Pres.), Clyde Lehman (Masters LDR), John Mansoor (Exec. Dir.), Jennifer Oliver (Coaches Youth/HS), Joseph Ols (Masters T&F Ch.), Elizabeth Price (Youth RW Ch.), Jon Price (RW Ch.), Charlie Sheppard (Para Ch.), Dave Shrock (Pres./Coaches Ch.), Charlotte Sneed (Youth Ch.), Allan Stanbridge (M LDR), Jeré Summers (Athletes Ch.), Peter Tapia (Medical Services Ch.), Bob Thompson (Officials), Mark Winitz (M LDR), Duane Wolterstorff (Youth Treas.).

Guests: none.

7:31 pm: Call to order and roll call of BoA members.

Review of November minutes by Heberle. **Motion** to approve November minutes as amended **approved** (Kleeman/Herman/unanimous).

#### Treasurer's report

Bartholomew presented the current figures (see financial statements). Mansoor: 2015 isn't closed out, so some large items don't show up yet such as Club XC Nationals, Annual Meeting, Grand Prix. The 2014 number is not the final net figure; that is the money spent in 2015 that is applied to 2014. Expect another \$50-60k of expenses for 2015. We will know the final numbers around March. **Motion** to approve financial statements **approved** (Hernandez/Ols/unanimous).

#### USATF Annual Meeting Report

Herman: All of our delegates were present at the opening and closing meetings and submitted their reports and expenses in a timely manner. For next year we will have template for the delegate reports. We hope the hotel arrangements will be more organized next year.

Shrock: The Board approved \$900 reimbursement this year's Annual Meeting, and it is an election year.

Herman: Did the Associations' Workshop work out the day before the Annual Meeting? Shrock: We had 18 additional associations attended. 2016 is the second year of a two-year trial with this scheduling, then the Associations Committee will decide if they will keep this schedule. Baer: I think having the meeting in August provides a positive opportunity for people to get together at another time in the year.

#### National Meet Bids

Thompson: In the delegate reports there was a statement that USATF will be accepting bids for meets for the next 5 years. What does this mean? Mansoor: For the outdoor nationals, that is not by a bid process anymore. It is a business process worked through with national office staff. We expect to be hosting the 2017 USATF Outdoor Championships. The only bids processes left are for the Junior Olympics through the Youth Committee; they are under the same process as in the past.

Thompson: How far in advance can you pursue hosting a meet? Mansoor: That is up to business decisions.

Kleeman: Masters is still by bid as far as I know. Ols: 2018 Masters is not a foregone conclusion.

Thompson: I'd like to see a focus on strategically looking at what meets we want to target, if host sites are locking meets down 3 and 4 years ahead.

Shrock: Mt. SAC is 8 months to 1 year behind schedule on their facility renovation. SoCal may not be able to host Masters Nationals at Mt. SAC in 2018. Kleeman: The major championships are decided in the national office, but for the other meets, national is still looking out for people to host them. That hasn't changed.

Mansoor: 2018 may be the last year we want to host the Masters, due to possible JOs in 2019 and possible Olympic Trials in 2020.

### Foundation training grants update

Kleeman: I have received two requests to date. Last year, many applications showed up in the last few days. This year I will not extend the deadline past February 1. I have sent several notices. Grants are up to \$2,000 each. Breen: What are the criteria? Kleeman: Must have entered the last Trials or been in the Nationals during this Olympiad, or qualify for this year's Trials. An application and grant process for the Marathon Trials has already been done. Evans: There has been more interest in the past few days. Shrock: If anyone knows any emerging elites in our association, please let them know to apply.

### Association Grants Award

Summers: We've been awarded a grant to increase the involvement and engagement of our elite athletes with the rest of the association.

Winitz: Please think about how to use this grant so we can add it to our Strategic Plan in March.

### Bi-Monthly Electronic Association Newsletter

Shrock: The California Track & Running News (CTRN) is not getting the funding to produce a print publication. We may offer a paid position to a willing member of our association, or to Andy Martin. Andy is under contract with approximately ten associations.

Winitz: Can we get a few samples of his newsletters before the strategic planning meeting? Shrock: I will do that.

### Review of Past & Upcoming Meets

#### Youth XC & T&F Championships

Sneed: 488 entries for Youth XC Championships. Two meets during the season with over 200 athletes.

Pacific Youth Championships will be at Sac State.

### Club XC Nationals

Herman: We have not received our net income from National yet. We should have it by the end of the week, and the completed report by the March meeting. I would like us to be able to get our spreadsheet completed within 60 days of the meet so that information can go back to the national Cross Country Council. With our sponsorships, this will not be a losing proposition for us. Mansoor: We received a lot of positive comments from National.

Herman: At the national level there has been discussion of hiring one timing company (knowledgeable about Masters events) to time all Club XC Nationals.

### LDR Banquet

Bernhard: Banquet on February 20 at Basque Cultural Center (see LDR webpage for tickets and information). Olympian Kim Conley and Dr. Amol Saxena will be the speakers.

### Pacific T&F Championships and Western Region Championships

Evans: We have discussed the less well-attended events.

Shrock: We may hold the endurance events somewhere other than College of San Mateo.

### 2016 Grand Prix and Ultra Grand Prix

Bernhard: Info on these are posted on the website, but it is not currently visible. We will have two fewer races in the road GP this year, as the Sacramento 12k and Portola Valley TheraX 5k did not bid.

Bernhard: Jason Reid is examining our GP scoring program to see if we can add capability for the Ultra GP. Next year the Ultra GP will become a true mountain/ultra/trail (MUT) GP.

### Pacific Masters T&F Championships

Ols: Leroy Milam agreed to be meet director. Tentative date Sunday, June 5. Venue TBD, possibly Chabot, or

College of San Mateo.

#### Sierra Gold Masters T&F Festival

Clyde Lehman: Saturday June 25. Twilight meet at Nevada Union HS, with a new track and new track-friendly scoreboard. Mayor and city council of Grass Valley are getting behind this. We expect 1,000 people in this stands. This will be a big event for our community. Events will include a throws pentathlon. Gold-plated silver dollars for age-graded place awards.

#### Region 16 Youth & National JOs

Mansoor: Sac State has done well. Everything there is going along nicely. The meet website is a National staff activity, in conjunction with the Sacramento Sports Commission. We may have the finalized schedule in a month.

Baer: Date of West Regional will be June 19, not June 25 as said in the written committee reports.

#### Membership

Herman: 2100 adults, only 983 youth. Charlotte should encourage youth clubs to get their members to renew.

Wolterstorff: I expect an increase in youth membership over the next 30-60 days.

#### Coaches Committee

Shrock: Committee meeting information is on the website. Clinic registration is not required to attend the meeting.

#### SafeSport Update

Shrock: The National office has fallen behind on maintaining a complete list of people who have passed the training. Therefore, they will not prevent club registration because a coach isn't yet on the list. Next clinic opportunity is at officials' clinics at Serra HS (San Mateo) on January 31. Allow 2-3 for the web-based training.

#### Officials Clinics

Kleeman: Last Bay Area clinic is at Serra on January 31. You do not need to be an official to attend. Clinic at first Cal All-Comers' on January 23.

Hernandez: Serra clinic will start at 9:30.

#### New business

Sneed: Had discussion with 100 Black Men of the Bay Area. They are inquiring about how to become members and are excited about the JOs.

Bernhard: I continue to have incredible difficulty with different browsers. Ols: So do I. Viewing the site is problematic. Bernhard: Wordpress is fine. Browsing the site is the problem.

Baer: We need to look at ways to involve new people and retain the people we have. We should consider having all past presidents sit on the Board of Directors as non-voting members.

**Motion** to adjourn (Kleeman/Heberle). Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Next Meeting: Annual Strategic Planning Meeting and BoA Meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at Foster City Recreation Center. Tentatively deli dinner 5:30-6, strategic planning 6-8, BoA meeting 8-10.

Respectfully submitted,  
J.R. Heberle  
Secretary, USATF Pacific