

APPROVED
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Officials Committee
Pacific Association of United States Track and Field
Sunday, January 31, 2010
Geo. Kleeman Home, 5104 Alhambra Valley Rd.
Martinez, CA 94553

Members of Committee Present:

John Murray, Chairman
Phil Watkins, Vice Chair
Jim Hume, Certification Chair
Dr. Leon Glover, Awards
Shirley Connors, Training
Bruce Colman, Past Chairman
George Kleeman, Member At-Large
Jon Siegel, Member At-Large
Jay Abbott, Secretary

Closed Session: None

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the PAUSATF Officials Executive Committee was called to order at 1:15 PM by Chairman Murray.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting: The minutes from the regular PAUSATF Officials Executive Committee meeting of November 15, 2009 were approved, as amended and moved by George Kleeman (GK) and seconded by Jon Siegel (JS).

3. Agenda:

A. Chairman's Report:

Chairman Murray reported on the USATF National Convention in Indianapolis:

- Next year's Junior Olympics will be in Wichita, Kansas
- Bruce Jenner addressed the Convention as Keynote Speaker
- Dick Connors was inducted into the Officials Hall of Fame
- Shirley Connors, Charlie Sheppard, and Jim Hume were finalists for Officials' Committee Major Awards
- Jim Hume will have an article on the National Convention for Turns & Distances.

Chairman Murray reviewed some upcoming national meets being held within the Pacific Association in 2010: the USATF Masters, beginning July 22nd, and the Junior Olympics, beginning July 27th. These meets are still

being held at CSU Sacramento. However, the location of the meets is under review.

When the Junior Olympics were held in Greensboro, NC, last year, there were 147 officials working at the meet. As of the Executive Committee meeting, only 87 applications have been received for the Sacramento meet. We need to double the number of interested officials ASAP.

One concern is the difficulty in housing officials. For the Masters meet, officials will be housed in the CSUS dorms at no cost to the Officials. Housing for the Junior Olympics officials is uncertain. There is also concern over possible construction at CSUS Hornet Stadium due to the possible move of a United Football League team from San Jose to Sacramento.

Bruce Colman discussed the July 9-10 USATF Team Championships that may be moved from San Francisco State to the College of San Mateo. There are several concerns including whether dorm rooms would be available for officials, and who would pay for transportation.

B. Committee Reports

I. Awards – Leon Glover: Names continue to be considered for various awards. Chairman Murray recommended that a list be made of earlier awardees, including even minor awards.

II. Training – Shirley Connors: SC provided a written account; see her attached two page report. A discussion ensued about training:

- Active.com is now central to disseminating information about clinics.
- How should we advertise for new officials related to clinics?
- SC's question: Can we find out why some of those who attended previous clinics did not continue?
- Bruce Colman (BC) recommended more work with the youth committee and Dave Shrock's coaches committee
- Should the training committee have a recruitment component?
 - Further discussion ensued on the use of the training committee for marketing and recruitment purposes.
 - Chairman Murray, SC, and BC will work further on this topic.
 - Potential action was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Certification – Jim Hume: JH reported on discussions re certification at the National Convention:

- Revisiting how officials are certified and recertified
- Preparing for the next Olympiad (2012) and administration of re-certifications

BC commented on the national certification database managed by Mr. Flanik, the national certification chair. There was discussion re the number of PAUSATF officials; JH said there are about 205 in total, with about 129 with active registration. JH wondered if something like “Constant Contact” would improve communication among officials.

C. Unfinished Business

I. Association Grant Program

Chairman Murray reported that PAUSATF had received a \$500 grant from USATF Grass Roots Committee for preparation of a brochure intended for recruiting and “how to become an official”. Chairman Murray asked for help with the text, pictures, and logos for the production of the brochure. GK suggested placing the brochure on-line for easier distribution. Chairman Murray said the brochure would be circulated for review soon. One idea was to keep the finished brochure in each officials track bag.

II. 2009 Officials Elections – Amendment to Operating Procedures to Correct Flaws

Jon Siegel distributed a draft of revised Operating Procedures.

(Note: BC acted as fill-in secretary from this point due to JA travel needs.)

A discussion ensued of revisions to the Operating Procedures, focusing on details of revised voting procedures. After considerable discussion, the Executive Committee remanded the draft to JS to revise and bring a new version to the next ExCom meeting. The revisions will include changes to certain sections of the document where Mr. Siegel noted grammatical and syntactical problems and issues.

III. Best Practices

Chairman Murray reported that many documents are now posted on the national officials committee website. The discussion included:

- We should think what we may want to add.
- There are a lot of evaluation forms there, but not much that is useable for clinics
- The national officials training committee seems to want basic information; such as one-sheet templates
- Documents from our website have been used.
- The goal is consistency across the board (i.e., to create consistent officiating practices nationally)
- Rob Buzaitis has sent out information on a “webinar” on umpiring

D. New Business

I. Board of Athletics meeting

The discussion included:

- Debra Harvey will deliver background-check id's to officials who have passed "Livescan" this year or in the past.
- For the National JO's, backgrounds will not be checked
- Debra did contact JH for officials photos
- Questions are raised at clinics about getting background-check id's.

II. Report on 2010 USATF Masters and 2011 World Masters

Sac State is breaking ground on a new infield on February 8. It should be completed in time for Sac State to hold April meets. GK has a meeting Tuesday, Feb 2 re construction at Sac State and how it may affect the National Junior Olympics. With the tight economy, not much money is available for sponsorship. JO officials will probably have to pay something towards their housing, while officials at the National Masters meet will get dorm housing; see below.

The 2010 USATF Masters meet will be held at Sac State:

- Officials' information for Masters and JOs on the USATF website needs to be filled in and improved.
- Officials at the Masters will have free room and board; 70 beds are reserved for officials in the new dorms.
- Getting the relevant information on line is moving slowly but surely.

The 2011 World Masters will also be held at Sac State:

- GK has sent detailed schedule to stadia/non-stadia chairs of the meet
- The meet schedule will not be available until after May 1, 2011
- Some of the actual venues are set and some still open:
 - Sac State will be the primary venue for track and field
 - ARC is a secondary venue, possibly for 5K, 10K, Race Walking
 - Sac City may be a secondary venue
 - A tertiary venue is Rosemont High School
 - GK asked if someone, or a crew, should be the Officials Coordinator for the meet..

III. New item: Next Annual meeting

For the August 2010 Annual Meeting, Jon Vochatzer of UCD says he will again provide the room and the lunch at the UCD football stadium. BC moved , JH seconded, and the committee passed that the next Annual

Meeting will be August 29, 2010, at UC Davis, beginning with a social hour at 10 am. The ensuing discussion included:

- How the room should be organized
- GK raised the question of activities during the meeting, and possible training or discussion items during the meeting.
- Should there be a discussion moderator? Names of potential moderators were raised, recalling Rich Zulaica's moderated discussions of officiating practice.

D. Additional Business – No items were raised to the committee.

4. Adjournment:

SC moved, BC seconded, and the committee passed that the next Meeting of the Executive Committee would be Sunday, April 25, at 1 pm at George Kleeman's home in Martinez, CA.

The committee passed by voice vote a motion to adjourn at approximately 4:30 pm.

Submitted by
Jay Abbott, Secretary

Attachments:
1. Training Committee Report

Approved Apr 25 2010

OFFICIALS' CLINIC COMMITTEE REPORT – 1-31-2010

This report is based on all clinics up to Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Stanislaus – 12/19/09: We had none sign up on Active. Com as of the Wednesday before, so we cancelled the clinic. I contacted Dave Shrock and Sally at Stanislaus State, and they had had no response either. After the fact, one person did show up, which caused us to review our cancellation policies.

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE – 1/9/10: As of Wednesday before, there were attendees signed up on Active to merit holding the following clinics: Introduction to Officiating [18]; Intermediate Horizontal Jumps[9]; Intro. To Vertical Jumps[4]; Field Lynx[5]; Head Official for Field Events[13] and Intro. To Throws [I convinced Dick Cochran to do a one-on-one]. Friday morning, I received an email that we were going to have 10 additional students in the Intro. To Officiating class. We were hoping we would also have additional walk-ins Saturday morning. We did have 9 walk ins, and only one no shows.

ALL COMERS – CAL – 1/16/10: As of Wednesday before, there were ⁵ attendees signed up for the wind gauge clinic and none for the Lap Counting Clinic. The latter was cancelled. Dr. Glover was contacted and given the names of the attendees signed up on Active and by email. He collected the \$\$ and reported back to me as to who attended [3]. ONE still owes[\$\$]. He had one no show, because of work. The attendees worked the meet and the wind gauge during the meet. Seemed to be worth while.

WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL – 1/16/10: As of Wednesday, ^{~5} were signed up. I cancelled the LDR class, because of no signees. We held the Intro. To Officiating [3]; Marshalling/Umpires [4]; Clerking [7] clinics. Hoping for walk-in, but we had only two, and 1 no-show.

U. C. DAVIS ALL COMERS 1/23/10: As of Wednesday, 11 were signed up. In conference with Irene and Rory, we decided to hold the Marshall/Umpire clinic[2], Intro. To Starting had [5]. Lap Counting was cancelled. Officials coordinator clinic had [8] attending. We had 1 walk-in.

SERRA 1/24/10: As of Wednesday, ¹⁵ were signed up on Active.com. Cancelled the Intermediate Horizontal Jumps, and Intro. To Vertical Jumps. Again on Friday, we had several adds[4] and Sunday morning [7] walk-

ins. Clinics included Intro. To Officiating [13]; Head of Field Events [12]; Intro. To Throws [5]; Starting [2]. Bruce did a one on one in Intro. To Vertical Jumps.

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ When to have a cut-off on Active. Com?
- ❖ Is Active.com useful?
- ❖ How to get better advertising?
- ❖ Any EASIER way to do late entries?
- ❖ Should we use Wilcox High School next year?
- ❖ Should the late fee be more?
- ❖ Should we hold one on ones?
- ❖ What is best way to communicate cancellations?
- ❖ Should STARTERS be members of PAUSATF?
- ❖ Is it all right for STARTERS to hold their own clinics? Are they separate ORGANIZATION??
- ❖ Why those in Intro. clinic last year not attending clinic this year?
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