

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Officials Committee  
Pacific Association USA Track & Field  
April 26, 2009  
Home of George Kleeman, 5104 Alhambra Valley Rd  
Martinez, CA

Members of Committee present:

Bruce Colman – Chairman  
Jon Siegel – Secretary  
Phil Watkins – Vice chair  
Jim Hume – Certification  
George Kleeman – Training  
Dr. Leon Glover -- Awards  
Dick Connors – past Chairman  
John Murray – at large

Non committee members present:

Shirley Connors  
Michael Boot

Chairman Colman called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

A moment of silence was observed for John Lipsey and Bill Edgar and their families.

George Kleeman moved and Jim Hume seconded approval of the Minutes of the January meeting. In Favor: All

*Turns & Distances* will be added to the agenda under Old Business.

Chairman's report:

There were no donations since the last meeting. Stanford has been billed but there has been no response yet.

The bulk of *Turns & Distances* will be sent electronically.

The nominations sub-committee has received some names for the election this year.

During the report, the officials committee received a \$300 check from About Timing Association.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Dr. Leon Glover.

Dr. Glover expressed his thanks to Chairman Colman and Margaret Sheehan for their suggestions for awards for this year. Dr. Glover appealed to the committee for more suggestions.

Training: George Kleeman.

Mr. Kleeman and Chairman Colman informed the committee that Shirley Connors will shortly take over the duties as Chairman of the Training Committee. Mrs. Connors expressed her thanks for being given this opportunity and is looking forward to the responsibility. She indicated that she would probably be breaking with the past somewhat as she didn't envision handing out spread sheets.

Mr. Kleeman distributed his 4 page 2009 Clinic Summary with 2008 Comparison. This handout is attached and made part of these minutes.

Certification: Jim Hume.

There have been some small problems with the new ID cards but they are being worked out. Coach Hume and Mr. Kleeman are going to try to get National to make some of the paperwork easier. Coach Hume further stated that his retirement from Certification Chairmanship was not now imminent.

Annual Meeting: Phil Watkins.

The annual meeting will be on Sunday, August 30, 2009 at the University of California, Davis, Football Stadium. Directions will be sent to the membership shortly before the meeting.

Old Business:

Grant program: John Murray.

Mr. Murray said that Irene Hermann suggested that we apply for grant to help recruit new officials. He just received this year's application form from Dave Schrock and it is due May 31, 2009.

Possible ideas to apply the money for:

- Banner at meets.
- Slick Brochure to hand out, eg., at retirement communities
- Separate web site for recruitment
- Clinic classes at non traditional times (eg., April or May)

*Turns & Distances* issues: Dick Connors

Mr. Connors presented a brief history of *T&D*. The editor of *T&D* is an appointed position by the Chairman. The logic behind this is that it does not become a popularity contest. Mr. Connors suggested that the new editor be appointed and become a member of the executive committee.

Mr. Connors indicated that a significant effort is being made to have just about all of our members accept *T&D* in electronic form.

Mr. Kleeman suggested that a new position of communications chair be created on the executive committee and it encompass *T&D*. This raised the issue of proportion of elected members of the executive committee vis-à-vis appointed members. The theory is that there should always be more elected members than appointed members to keep control of the executive committee in the hands of the general membership.

Meeting suspended at 2:20 PM. Meeting resumed at 2:30 PM.

Chairman Colman announced that Mike Boot has volunteered to be the editor of *T&D*.

At present, the elected executive committee members are the chair, vice chair, secretary and two at-large for a total of 5 elected members. There are now 3 appointed members: Training, certification, and awards. Mr. Kleeman stated that the by-laws must be amended to add a committee chair.

A straw vote was taken in support of a new communications chair. Chairman Colman appointed Jon Siegel chairman of a sub-committee to write an amendment to the by-laws adding an appointed chair to the committee. Dr. Glover and Mr. Kleeman were also appointed to the sub-committee. Mr. Hume stated that he wanted to add a new at large seat also.

#### New Business:

Guidance for George Kleeman while attending the National Officials Executive Committee

There were a number of items that were going to be on the National agenda that Mr. Kleeman read off to the committee. Specifically: Jim Hume wanted the National committee to not tie down the associations too much in the area of training. Jim Hume also indicated that certification for electronic measurement and recording needs to be expanded. Dick Connors wants something to be done to allow the NTO's to work National meets. Shirley Connors wants the heads of events to share the way they run their events with the training committee. Shirley Connors also pointed out that the head of event must fill out evaluations at National meets and it should be shared with officials committees selecting officials to work future meets.

High School Pole Vault rules: Jon Siegel.

Mr. Siegel brought up, without making a motion, the problem of the high school pole vault rule requiring both a band on the pole with the weight rating and an indication of the high hand mark. Mr. Siegel was seeking a policy statement from the committee stating that PAUSATF officials were not requiring two bands on the pole to satisfy this rule. The committee, after discussion, took no action.

Pole Vault Safety: Jon Siegel. M

Mr. Siegel brought up the issue of what is the official to do when there is inadequate safety personnel (such as a medic) at the meet to provide emergency treatment. Discussion was had but no action taken by the committee.

It was discussed that the next meeting will probably be the annual meeting and the annual meeting committee will discuss the possibility of a safety component to the pre-meeting agenda. There may be an electronic meeting of the executive committee on the subject of expanding the committee by adding a communications chair.

The public members present then left and the committee continued with its agenda in closed session. The session dealt with a personnel issue and is therefore not reported here. The closed session lasted 23 minutes.

The committee then went into open session and Jim Hume moved to adjourn, Phil Watkins seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.