

Minutes of the USA Track & Field Pacific Association
Officials Committee Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 26, 2012
Bruce Edwards Club Room, UC Davis Football Stadium, Davis, CA

Informal Meeting

The informal part of the meeting was opened by Chairman John Murray at 10:15 am.

Informal Rules Discussion -Sonny Maynard

Shotput stop board: If an athlete grazes the edge (corner) of the stop board, is it a fair throw or a foul?

- John Bowen answered with correct rule. Addressed in USATF rule book: edge is considered top therefore it's a foul.

JC Meet, girls discus, 4 throws: Athlete has 3 sector fouls + 1 legal throw. There was a problem with the pegs and the legal throw was not measured. What do you do?

- Give another throw? Some agreed, some didn't.

Triple jump: Masters athlete's 2nd phase lands in sand and completes final jump from there. Fair or foul?

- Why wasn't this caught during warm-ups?
- Athlete said she has never been called foul before.
- Usually mark from 1st mark in sand, therefore she did not complete the triple jump (3rd phase), therefore it is a foul.
- Split decision from audience.
- IAAF: If athlete lands in pit on step phase, through no fault of their own, referee can offer a replacement jump.

Trials 100 deadheat: 2 methods coin flip or runoff. Name a 3rd alternative:

- Fastest prelim time?
- Subtract reaction time and give it to athlete who "ran" fastest. (Never proposed onsite, per Podkaminer)

Field event referee at USATF meet. Throwing event athlete (entered on entry sheet) arrives after first 2 rounds of preliminary were completed. (2nd round had just finished, but 3rd round had not started.) Head field judge allows late athlete (#333) to take 2 practice throws and then allows #333 to take 2 throws in succession. Judge adds him to finals.

- Should he be allowed to throw? Yes
- Should he get practice throws? No
- Should he get first 2 throws in succession in same round? No (Discussion whether 1st throw could be considered part of 2nd round and 2nd throw be considered part of round 3).
- Judge should never be a head judge.
- In finals, after first 2 competitors have made their attempts, with 333 on deck, a rules knowledgeable coach, protests, saying 333 should not be allowed in finals.
 - 1st throw was 33 m, 2nd 47m, ...
 - Shortest other mark was 43 m.
 - Should 333 be allowed to continue?

- Should another athlete be added to the final?
- Coach must have vested interest in final to lodge a protest.
- Could disqualify 333 and add next athlete, or, could disqualify 333 and add 9th athlete.
- Pod: Can only throw out of order when you are leaving (excused) for another event, not when you are showing up late.

Hammer throw at Pride Games, Chabot College. If hat falls off, is it a foul? (Said in jest; athlete said he has been called on that in the past.)

Discussion of urban legends: some “rules” that never were rules. Many times come up in high school meets.

Warn Masters about hats: exit ring before retrieving hat so they don’t accidentally touch the ground outside of the ring (preventive officiating)

Bob Podkaminer

100 m tie at 2012 Olympic Trials

- Pod showed a Photofinish photo in various enlargements plus the zero-second test of gun
- Convinced that the inner & outer phototimers were not on the same plane and that this is common.
- “If you can’t see it, you can’t call it”
- Pod, Ed Gorman, Roger Jennings, John Tysing?, ... reviewed the photo
- Pod did not overrule the call.

Women’s long jump at Olympic Trials (Brittney Reese)

- Jump was initially called a foul
- Eagle Eye has video cameras on long jump & triple jump takeoff boards.
- Can see mark in plasticene & identify jumpers by color of shoes, etc.
- Determined that the mark in the plasticene was not her mark (was on opposite side of board from her takeoff)

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Lunch Break at 11:51 – 12:20
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Awards Leon Glover

Dick Barbour Award: Shirley Connors & Margaret Sheehan

George Newlon Award: Dennis Boyle

Horace Crowe Award: John Lilygren

Lori Maynard Award: Dave Shrock

National Awards

Stephanie Bolden

John Busto

Ed Gordon

Peter Guerrini

John Pretto

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Karen Williams

Association Awards

Sharon Baker
Roger Beeman
Steve Crow
Chuck Foss
Susan Mears
Ed Murray
Elsbeth Padia
Jim Springer

Apprentice Awards

40 awardees; will be mailed to them

Leon made his annual request for nominations

Leon has updated the portable Emeritus Officials board

UC Davis rep. Devon welcomed the officials. He noted that UCD has several track meets next spring and passed out sign-up sheets.

Upcoming Events/Housekeeping Items

- LDR Committee (Mark Winitz) requests additional officials needed
- Al Hernandez- coaching at De Anza; requests officials to help at their meets
- Dave Soeth- Stanislaus State needs help with CCAA meet first Thurs, Fri, Sat in May
- Cal needs a new officials coordinator. Contact Ed Miller.

Discussion of combined Masters & PAUSATF meet. Feedback to Dave Shrock.

- Not enough horizontal jumps officials
- Events took a long time because all Masters get 6 attempts
- Meets were combined because Masters meet was growing & Open meet was declining (not financially viable)

Decathlon at College of Marin, Sept. 15 & 16

Irene Herman:

- Pacific Association received 2011 Silver Association award (out of 57 associations); no Gold awarded. Based on # of officials, # of clubs?, # of USATF members, . (Pacific is largest association)
- Long Island also received Silver
- New England, New Mexico & Pacific Northwest received Bronze
- National office is taking over contact management (for charge of \$800 – 1000 per year per association)
- Sanctions will be online by end of 2012 or in early 2013

2012 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting called to order at 12:59

Motion to approve 2011 Minutes – approved by unanimous consent

2011 Minutes will be posted on the website

Chairman's Remarks

Chairman Murray noted that there were no emeritus officials in attendance. He introduced the Board plus at-large representatives.

- He called for articles and contributions to Turns & Distances.
- The Mentoring program, started by Dennis Boyle & Jon Siegel, has been very successful. It is currently led by John Shirey with assistance from Dennis Boyle & Pat Randall.
- Calendar: Maintained by Bill Hawkes; it has been very useful.

Remarks about the selection process for National Championships

- 30 PAUSATF officials applied in 2011 (Indoor, Outdoor, Multi-Event, ?); 17 selected
- Get known
- Attend the National meeting; present a training class
- Participation in your Association Championship meets

2013 National Championship Meets

- National Youth Championships – St Louis (July);
- Junior Olympics – Greensboro (July)
- National Masters
- National Indoor - Albuquerque
- Combined Events - Albuquerque
- National Outdoor – Des Moines

National meeting will be held Nov. 28 – Dec. 2 in Daytona Beach

Certification – Jim Hume

What was/ What is / What is going to be

- Was: Pacific Association was the largest officials committee
 - 2005: 159 certified officials, including 39 women
 - 2011: 482 certified (not accurate), including 141 women (not accurate)

Hume's numbers showed

- 313 certified officials at the end of the Olympiad
 - 58 Master Level officials
 - 46 National Level official
 - 169 Association Level officials
 - 40 Apprentice Level officials
 - 20 Emeritus Level officials (not included in the 313 total)
- 15 potential officials have contacted us since last clinic season and want to become certified with the next round of clinics

In spite of the encouraging numbers, all is not totally well in Certification Land

We have....

- 15 potential officials who contacted us in 2011 and said they wanted to become certified with the next round of clinics, BUT who never followed through. They will be offered an opportunity in 2013.
- 2 Potential officials who have contacted us in 2012 and said they wanted to become certified with the next round of clinics, BUT who never followed through. They will be offered a final opportunity in 2013.
- 8 Potential Apprentice officials who did not become USATF members in 2012. They will be offered an opportunity in 2013.
- 4 LDR officials who were granted temporary certification pending their attending a 2011/2012 LDR clinic. They did not attend their required clinic. One failed to obtain 2012 USATF membership and one does not have a certification number.
- 49 Officials SUSPENDED for not having a 2012 USATF membership. They will be offered an opportunity to ReCert and to become ACTIVE again.

What Is:

- Pacific Association is now the smallest in USATF since we:
 1. haven't been recertified &
 2. may or may not have a 2013 USATF number
- A ReCert survey was sent to 274 officials
 - 2 responded that they would retire from officiating
 - 1 responded they would not recertify
 - 28 Association want to become National
 - 8 National want to become Masters

As far as responses go:

	Association	National	Master	Total
Certified	169	46	58	273
Responded	47	24	29	100
% Responded	27.8	52.2	50.0	36.6

- 33% of officials in Sacramento County or adjacent
- 46% in Santa Clara or San Mateo
- 8% in far north
- 6% in far east (Nevada?)
- 7% in Sonoma or Marin

What is Going to Be:

- ReCert clinics: As painless as possible; a learning experience
- Continue one-stop-shop format (fill out test at clinic)
- USATF membership expires Dec. 31; must apply for new number

Hume recommends getting a multiple year membership (\$100 instead of 4 x \$30 = \$120)

- 3 National & Masters ReCert clinics:
 - Nov. 4 at Serra High 10 – 2 (recert only)
 - Jan. 12 in Sacramento area (American River ?)
 - Feb. 10 at Serra High 10 - 2

- Association level plus Intro Class plus fundamentals
 - Jan. 26 Chico
 - Nov. 17 Reno
 - Jan. 26 Reno Intro plus fundamentals; no recert
 - (Feb. 2 UC Davis, no recert planned; incl. Implement Inspection class)

Bring your resume, money and good hair.

New Business

Must appoint a Nominating committee since next year will be an election year
Phil Leake agreed to head next year's Annual Meeting committee;

- Sue Murray, Steve Brown & Don Collins agreed to be on committee
- 72 attendees at this year's meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

After the meeting was adjourned, Phil Leake conducted the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

John Lilygren, Secretary

Officials Committee, Pacific Association USATF