

APPROVED
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Pacific Association Officials Committee
USA Track and Field
Sunday, September 12, 2010
George Kleeman home, 5104 Alhambra Valley Rd
Martinez, CA 94553

Members of the Committee Present:

John Murray, Chairman
Jim Hume, Certification Chair
Dr. Leon Glover, Awards Chair
Shirley Connors, Training Chair
Bruce Colman, Past Chairman
George Kleeman, Member at Large
Jon Siegel, Member at Large

Before the Call to Order, Chairman Murray appointed Bruce Colman to act as secretary in Jay Abbott's absence.

Closed session: Personnel matter

The committee did hold a closed session to discuss personnel matters.

1. Call to Order: A regular meeting of the PAUSATF Officials Executive Committee was called to order at 1:10 PM by Chairman John Murray (JM).

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting: without correction, Shirley Connors (SOC) moved that the minutes of the regular PAUSATF Officials Executive Committee meeting of April 25, 2010, be approved. Leon Glover (LG) seconded and minutes were approved.

3. Agenda

A. Chairman's Report (JM)

Chairman Murray reviewed the major (national-championship) events put on by Pacific Association over the summer (USATF Club Championships, Master's Championships, and Junior Olympics), using the words "extraordinary," and "remarkable" and saying PA officials "should pat ourselves on the back for doing very well; we should be very proud."

He reviewed a meeting held this same morning "getting the ground work done" for the World Masters Championships to be held in Sacramento in 2011.

Regarding the upcoming USATF convention, to be held in Virginia Beach in December, JM reported that Jim Hume, Shirley Connors, John Shirey, and he would be PA Officials' delegates to the national officials committee meetings.

Upcoming national officials committee elections were discussed. Up for election are the offices of treasurer and vice chairs for training, certification, and awards. Sue Polansky will likely run for reelection as treasurer; Rob Busaitis is likely running for reelection as training vice chair; Jimmy Stuart is likely running for certification vice chair. No names have come forward for the awards vice chair position. This election will be held at the second general session of the officials committee.

B. Committee reports

I. Awards (LG)

- Dr. Glover expressed disappointment at the low turn out of award-winners at PAOC annual meeting/luncheon. He has shipped all the awards that were not collected at the meeting.

This led to a general discussion of the annual meeting.

George Kleeman (GEK) observed that "there were a lot of people there I didn't know." It was observed that we should get announcements out earlier next year, continue JM's "Do's and Don't's" discussion and solicit more war stories from members.

II. Training (SOC)

- Shirley Connors reported that we have a tentative list of 21 clinics to be given in 2011, and sites "more or less chosen," as follows:
 - American River College—haven't heard back from
 - UC Davis—for practicum at their January 15 high school indoors meet and January 29 all-comers meet.
 - Serra High School—probably January 23
 - Carson City—SOC will have information by the end of this week.
 - Redding—sometime in February: Redding-area officials to conduct this "more or less on their own."
 - Salinas—waiting to hear.
 - Stanislaus State (Turlock)—January 22, SOC hopes.
 - Practicums at all comers at Cal, UC Davis, and Los Gatos
- SOC has contacted Fresno (Central California Association), which is interested in having officials come to Stanislaus or Salinas.
- She has received 45 responses to the survey distributed at the annual meeting; they are "very helpful."

Jim Hume (JCDH) advised the committee that he will send out targeted e-mails, promoting clinics to candidate officials and officials who “should move up” in certification.

This led to an extended discussion on which clinics to require of officials moving from Association level to National level in certification and National to Master.

It was suggested that starters should be required to take a clerking clinic, and JCDH discussed the need for clerks and finish-line officials to see what happens after races when competition secretaries prepare results.

JCDH also observed that the Race Walk committee requires Association level officials wishing to move up to teach race-walk officiating.

The committee discussed teaching officials how results are entered in Meet Manager.

SOC said the clinic schedule would be finalized by the end of October for posting on Active.com around November 1.

JM said the executive committee would review the schedule before posting.

III. Certification – JCDH

- “We have some.”
- no new officials have been certified since the annual meeting
- one lost officials i.d. has been replaced
- We have picked up a half dozen “new wannabes.”
- JCDH has access to new card holders from Southern California which he may sell at clinics.

SOC now reintroduced the question of raising the price of general clinics from \$13 to \$15. It was decided to not do this for 2011, but this led to a discussion of costs for putting on clinics (mileage, food for teachers, occasional hotel rooms).

JM: we need to get an estimate of costs: how many instructors, how many miles.

GEK suggested offering a fixed number of dollars to each instructor on a voluntary basis.

JCDH moved to “research what it would cost for a gas allowance for clinic instructors and report to the next meeting.” Jon Siegel (JS) seconded.

JCDH volunteered to do the research and the motion was tabled.

C. Unfinished Business

I. Association Grant Program (JM)

JM announced that the tri-fold format for our new membership brochure was approved by the annual meeting. He has contacted Cynci Calvin (PA Communications Chair) to get it printed. He will remind Ms. Calvin so we can report by the end of the year to the grant-funders.

II. Cal Monheit Room and art work update

LG has given a list of awardees to Coach Ed Miller at UC Berkeley so that awards plaques can be updated.

BC delivered a history of the plaques.

JM will talk to coach John Rembao to make sure the boards are updated.

D. New Business

I. Wiki program (SOC)

- At the annual meeting, Rory Osborn and SOC were discussing how to circulate information to the membership about site-specific problems. JR Heberle and John Lilygren were brought into the conversation, and the idea of a “Wiki” program on the PA website emerged. All PA officials would be able to add information about different venues and take it away. It would function as a bulletin board.
- Cynci Calvin has been asked to check with the PA webmasters on feasibility, was excited about the idea, and was planning to pass the word to other Communications Committee members.

GEK expressed concerns about liability and hurt feelings.

LG referred to a need for technical reviews.

GEK suggested setting up space in other social media for exchanging views and information, so this would be not a function of this organization.

JM will ask Osborne, Heberle and Lilygren for a more concrete proposal for this committee to review, including what it would be, what other sites are out there, how it would operate.

- JS moved to table this matter until the next meeting. JCDH seconded and the motion passed.

II. 2011 World Masters (GEK)

- GEK reported that most members of this committee had been at this morning's planning meeting for the 2011 world masters championships, scheduled for Sacramento.
- A committee has been set up to deal with officials: how to pick them, how many, how to communicate with them. An appeal can go out for applicants within two months.
- Race Walk: Becky and Art Klein are leading these officials.
- The meet will run July 6-17, 2011.

GEK guesses 225-250 officials are what the meet can afford and get.

LG remarked that the morning meeting was interesting and useful; the meet itself will be the "2010 Masters squared."

III. Officials Calendar

- JM said a proposal had come up at the annual meeting to designate meets on the officials calendar by region. This led to a discussion of formats and means of organizing the calendar on paper and on line.

GEK advocated making the calendar in Access so that it would be searchable by different criteria, as the PA membership database is. Bill Hawkes would continue to prepare the calendar in Excel and someone with Access skills would convert it.

JCDH volunteered to talk to the PA webmaster about different formats for the calendar on the website.

- JCDH moved to table this matter until the next meeting. JS seconded, and the motion passed.

E. Additional business

I. Marketing director

- JM's e-mail inviting volunteers to help market the officials committee has brought a response from a member who knows

someone who would be good, if this is a paid position. general hilarity ensued. JM remarked that he assumes we are not paying or filling the position.

II. Turns and Distances (BC)

BC wished Margaret Sheehan's praise for the current edition of *Turns and Distances* to be reflected in these Minutes—especially the many photographs with captions indicating what people were doing.

JCDH remarked that the print version of the newsletter has fewer photographs than the electronic version.

III. Pacific Association Strategic Planning (BC)

With the PA strategic planning session scheduled in two weeks, BC asked if there was anything this committee wished brought up. Silence ensued.

GEK reported that "last year" the PA budget included funds to buy a weights and measures set. This money was not spent. But Michael Boot has returned the implement-inspection set he has been using and GEK has it in storage.

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of Pacific Association setting up a foundation, which would shelter assets and make grants for various activities.

4. Adjournment:

After discussion, the next regular Meeting of the Executive Committee was set for Sunday, October 24, at 1 PM, at George Kleeman's home in Martinez, CA.

GEK moved, JCDH seconded, and the committee passed by voice vote a motion to adjourn at 3:10 PM.

respectfully submitted,
Bruce Colman, acting secretary
Approved October 24, 2010