



USATF Pacific Board of Athletics Meeting

7:30pm – Tuesday March 17, 2020

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Members/guests on call: Fred Baer, Tom Bernhard, Carl Bryant, Shirley Connors, Andy Crawford, Brooks Esser, JR Heberle, Irene Herman, Cris Houston, Jim Hume, Angie Longworth, Jim Manha, John Mansoor, Charles Murphy, Joseph Ols, Jean Pommier, Beth Price, Jon Price, Deborah Sample, Dave Shrock, Charlotte Sneed, Kendal Spencer, Alan Stanbridge, Stephanie Trafton, Mark Winitz, Don Collins

1. Roll Call: Trafton.
2. January Minutes: Trafton. Discussion. Corrections suggested. Ols motions to approve January minutes. Shrock seconds. Motion carries.
3. Treasurers Report: Heberle. Heberle has attending a youth meeting and officials meeting to gauge the financial pain points for these committees. Financial strategic planning meeting date is pending. Please send JR via email any ideas to update the financial strategic plan.
4. Financial Reports: Heberle/Mansoor. Financial Reports are posted on the meetings site. Vanguard money market account is not set up to use brokerage features due to our account type. A change to the account is pending. Mansoor reports on the checking account fraud and details reimbursements of approx \$400 to those who had bounced checks. Approx \$3,500 in fraudulent charges were made which the bank reimbursed in full. Manha suggests that we also ask the bank for reimbursement of costs associated with paying out bounced check fees to our members and has offered to answer future banking questions as he was formerly a bank branch manager. Mansoor reports that sanctioning fees will be significantly less in 2020 due to all meet cancellations. Membership could also take a loss if meets are not held in the summer junior olympic series but we could also see also an increase in membership if additional school sports are cancelled and track/field meets are able to resume in the summer/fall. Trafton moves to approve financials. Shrock seconds. Motion carries.
5. Covid19 Impact Update: Mansoor/Collins. Collins reports that meetings with the CIF will be held every two weeks to make decisions on which meets will be able to continue. Mansoor is hopeful that a high school season will still be able to resume at a later date. Junior Olympic with USATF is still in holding pattern. The youth season doesn't start until June so there is some time to decide. The Olympic Games and Trials are pending the meetings of the organizing committees. All sports and all federations will be making these decisions as the barriers to qualifications and travel play out. As of this point the NCAA is the only organization to completely cancel their competitive seasons. We can expect to see an increase in number of athletes and clubs if there is the chance of a youth summer season. There may be additional summer meets and a large increase to membership. Baer reports that community city colleges have suspended seasons and are in a state of flux. Sneed leads discussion on impact of stay-at-home order on training and venue availability.
6. Update on Open/Masters TF Championships: Ols. An application was submitted to San Mateo College and is pending. More information is needed for hospitality requirements. Fred and Carl are working with Joseph to make minor modifications for how to incorporate open athlete participation. A registration system is pending. Ols is researching how other associations are running their championships and making notes on the positive reality of how our association is offering this meet. Mansoor suggest contacting the school every two weeks to get updates on facility availability. Baer volunteers to update the Board on San Mateo's availability. Baer suggest looking out to the rest of the summer and entertaining the possibility of hosting additional meets once restrictions are lifted. Manha suggests Cris Houston to be copied as he is shadowing Leroy Milam as the meet director. Manha is concerned with the availability of officials even in a June date due to health concerns. Spencer suggests keeping the athletes engaged with informational outreach.

7. USATF Pacific Foundation Update: Trafton. The training grant awards have been sent out. As of today it is unlikely that any bonus awards will be rewarded due to the possibility of the Olympic Trials postponement. No new business is reported.
8. Meet updates: Mansoor/Herman
 - 2020 National XC Club Championships - On track for December 12, 2020. T-shirts in design process. Hotels blocks are booked.
 - 2022-2026 NCAA (DI/II/III) Championships (XC/Track)— Sac Sports Commission (and Sacramento State) is in bid process.
 - 2021 Masters Track and Field National Championships—All set for 3rd week in July, 2021 at Sacramento State. Mansoor working with new director of Sac Sports.
 - 2021/22 JO Nationals - Sac Sports Commission in bid process.
 - 2021 Junior Olympic XC - Sac Sports Commission in bid process.
 - 2023 World XC—Bid is cancelled.
9. National Membership Fee increase update: Shrock/Herman. Pacific is at 4194 members as of today (1600+ youth, 2550+ adults). Membership could increase if meets come back in the summer and fall. Shrock discusses the fee increase to \$25 for youth and \$40 for adults. Officials can take advantage of a discount of \$5 per year if they sign up for the full 4 year quadrennial. Membership is auto-renewed unless you opt out. The membership system should be up and running by the April renewal start date. Youth membership is not offered a multi-year membership. There has been discussion of a one day membership for a lesser fee but no decision yet.
10. SafesSport - Nothing to report
11. PA Awards Banquet Recap: Herman. Feb 1st banquet attracted 200 members and guests. 5 backpacks were raffled and each attendee received a Pacific Association-branded waterbottle. Some speakers went overtime but mostly on schedule. Next year we have locked in a date of Feb 20th so as not to conflict with other PA events. More photo backdrops would provide dramatic photo ops. Shannon Rowbury presented an outstanding motivation for the youth. Mansoor would like to see each awardee be presented with the same thing whether it is a certificate or plaque. Overall it was a great event.
12. Strategic Planning Session: Winitz. 2020 is the final year in our current plan. We are re-scheduling the planning meet till May (or our next in-person meeting). Mark would like to focus on membership increase. Mansoor suggests focusing on how/when the growth happened in previous years. Mark will contact the planning group leadership and move ahead with the meeting plans. The impact from Covid19 can be discussed and how membership numbers can recover/increase. The current plan can be accessed on the PA website.
13. Future meeting dates: May 19th at Foster City Recreation Center, September 15th Annual Meeting (Location pending Foster City Rec Center and time TBA), November 17th in Sacramento. Shrock would like to consider the annual meeting in September to be held on Sunday September 20th and would like to call for a vote at the May meeting.
14. New Business: Spencer reports on the concerns of the USATF AAC in respect to meet officials health concerns. A large number of our officials are over the age of 60 and may want to limit exposure, especially at events with larger numbers of people. We need to recruit many more of our membership who will not be subject to additional risk, mainly younger adults, to get certified as officials. We must support our current officials and add more to support meets in the future. Shrock requests that Fred's compiled meet schedule update for all current meets in CA be posted for our membership to see. Fred's calendar is available in the committee report for the March meeting on the meeting page. Shrock advises that all association leadership defer to and

individuals' local health office recommendation if questioned on whether exercise or training is recommended or allowed during a shelter-in-place order. We should encourage members to be active as long as it is safe and they are following their individual county orders.

15. Shrock motions to adjourn meeting at 9:00PM. Herman seconds. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Trafton, Secretary of the Board of Athletics, PAUSATF