



2020 Officials Annual Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

August 30, 2020

1:00 - 3:30 PM

- I. Call meeting to Order @ 1:08 PM.
- II. Chair's Report – Phil Leake
  - A. We have a long road to get back to normal with the pandemic, etc. March 13 the track season ended. Fall sports have been postponed. Where do we go from here? We are largest organization within USATF Officials. There will be lots of competition for our services from schools and meets next Spring. Stay safe.
- III. Introductions, including Members of Executive Committee
  - A. John Shirey, Vice Chair; John Lilygren, Secretary; Mike Bower, Past Chairman; Leon Glover, Awards Chair; John Murray, At Large Rep.; Shirley Connors, At Large Rep.; Ajay Padgaonkar, Certification Chair; Bill Bartel, Training Chair; Jim Manha & Charles Murphy, Board of Athletics Reps
- IV. Memorial for those PA officials lost since the last meeting
  - A. Jim Hume's passing. Comments from Phil, Dave Shrock and Ajay
    - 1. Ajay is new Certification Chair.
    - 2. JR has stepped up to assume some of Jim's electronic/computer responsibilities
- V. Coaches Presentations: ARC, CSUS, UC Davis, others (None on the call)
- VI. Status of Fall Cross Country meets
  - A. Status of CIF: Don Collins
    - 1. Fall Sports moved to December
    - 2. Track will start in mid-March
    - 3. Everything planned must follow local health regulations



4. Overlap with Spring sports, particularly Soccer
  5. State XC Finals March 27
- B. CCAA: Dave Shrock
1. D2 Conference cancelled Fall sports (no Cross Country)
  2. Track: secondary meeting in October to determine what to do
  3. Kim Duyst Meet first weekend in March; CCAA Championships planned at Stanislaus in mid-May
- C. PA XC Grand Prix – Mark Winitz
1. All PA Grand Prix races cancelled except for PA Championships on Nov. 22 in Golden Gate Park. Still deciding whether to hold that.
  2. We were scheduled to host USATF Club Championships on Dec. 12 at Golden Gate Park. This has been cancelled, though not officially announced yet. PAUSATF will now host the championships in 2022 at Golden Gate Park.
  3. Roads: Road Grand Prix. 1 race was held in January. 12 additional races were cancelled with exception of the Cal International Marathon on Dec. 6.
- D. USATF meets for next year (Irene Herman & Dave Shrock)
1. Irene: Pacific Association will host 2021 US Masters Track Championship in July at Sac State
  2. Dave Shrock: Aug. 12 was last major protocol update on the USATF website ([www.usatf/covid19](http://www.usatf/covid19)). Many of us are in Stage 3: no individual events larger than 10, and the event must have testing. Most coaches in our association have chosen not to host any events. Some one-off events are being held around the country. There are some “virtual challenges” being promoted by USATF and other organizations.
  3. Stage 4 events: No restrictions, must have proof of testing and is far off in the future.
  4. If we become ill with COVID, our USATF insurance *does not* cover communicable diseases.



5. Until there is a vaccine, officials must wear masks. In order to officiate without mask and without social distancing, we must be vaccinated.
- E. NCAA: Will have different protocols. TBD
- F. New Weights & Measures Protocols (Dave Soeth)
1. Proposed method has been submitted to Richard Messenger & Bob Springer. Has been reviewed. Bob will publish in next Weights & Measures newsletter. Covers the time from when athlete and coaches show up at the venue.
  2. Will implement lose its identity in the field or stay with athlete?
  3. Need hand sanitizing and wipe down stations.
  4. Whether this will be adopted locally or nationally needs to be reviewed.

## **VII. Reports**

- A. Certification Chair Report – Ajay Padgaonkar
1. USATF Connect: This quarantine will give us time to review USATF Connect for correct data. Must supply your own photo. Fill in contact information and emergency contacts.
    - a. Look at Background Screening. It must be current (NCSI, not SafeSport)
    - b. Look for SafeSport Training. Must do basic core training first. If you have done that, then you would do the refresher.
    - c. Officials Certification: Verify each one is correct.
    - d. Notify Ajay of any discrepancies. Use his Certification email address, not his personal email.
    - e. Look for Support button if you have trouble.
  2. Recertification: All certifications expire Dec. 31. We must recertify. There will be a single rules review across all levels. Additional tests/reviews are still being created/reviewed.
- B. Training Chair Report—Bill Bartel
1. Cannot schedule rooms for in person training since schools are closed.
  2. Hoping to have a Rules Review and a few clinics.
  3. Jim Manha proposed various options for covering officials' Training expenses (cost of clinics) to the Officials' Committee Executive Board.



- a. The Board approved a request for \$3000 that will be submitted to the Board of Athletics.
  - b. J.R.: Association Budget for 2020-2021 has not been approved yet. There was a \$60 K shortfall across the Association last year so the amount granted may be reduced.
4. No Training activity yet.
- C. USATF Pacific Foundation Update – Jay Abbott
1. Foundation started in 2011 with Margaret Sheehan & George Kleeman
  2. Mission is to support athletes with early season grants. We also supply some coaching grants. Fundraising campaign last fall was successful. Next fundraising drive will begin again in October. Recognized Dave Mantooth for his contributions to the Foundation.
  3. Officers will change next month.
    - a. John Shirey will become President
    - b. Jay Abbott becomes Past President
    - c. Michelle La Sala will be Chief Financial Officer, new board member
    - d. Fundraising Coordinator: Scott Bauhs, new board member
    - e. Rick Berman will be Chief Information Officer
  4. Kendall Spencer is a new Board Member. He is an attorney & former NCAA long jumper.
- D. Mentoring Chair Report – Joe Van Zant
1. Let Joe know if you are going to work High School meets so he can match you with a mentee. Last year, Joe didn't have enough mentors for High School mentees.
  2. There were more mentors last year than mentees for USATF meets.
- E. PA Board of Athletics Reports – Charles Murphy
1. Concerns and questions.
    - a. COVID – we are in high risk category. Concerned about precautions that meets will take.
      - Phil: Protocols are being developed by county. Mask use will be enforced. Sanitizing, distancing, etc. Protocols developed for implements. Each school will develop their own procedures. (Need clarification from Phil)
      - Dave Shrock: If you are asked by a university to officiate a meet, you should do your due diligence and ask what procedures they are implementing. If you do not feel safe, decline the meet.



- b. Charles wonders if Leroy Milam could produce masks (Pacific Association masks).
    - c. Trials selections questions: those selected in 2020 must opt in or opt out to work in Trials 2021.
  - F. USATF Pacific Association Update – Charlotte Sneed
    1. Follow the rules of your county
    2. John Mansoor to attend some Elite Athlete meets in Southern California to observe & will report to the Board of Athletics at the 20 Sept. Annual Meeting.
  - G. Annual Meetings - Dave Shrock
    1. Pacific Association Annual Meeting will be held on Zoom Sunday, September 20. Email coming from secretary Stephanie Trafton.
    2. National Meeting scheduled for Reno in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of December
      - a. Options being considered: Normal in person meeting; in person meeting with reduced attendance; Zoom meeting
      - b. We will find out within 2 weeks.
      - c. This is an election year for National Officials Committee officers.
      - d. USOPC dictated we will get 3 additional At Large Board members
- VIII.** Awards Presentations – Leon Glover
  - A. Reminiscid about Jim Hume. Worked with Jim to decide on awards. New Awards committee will include Ajay & Bill Hawkes working with Leon.
  - B. Awards: Exec. Board decided we should have awards even though we had few meets this season. Reviewed previous nominees and those from last year. Have not finished with the Major awards.
    1. Association Awards
      - Greg Beale
      - Ryan Cowley
      - Bill Daskarolis
      - Cori Evans
      - Cris Houston
      - Ken Hunter
      - Lori Paulsen
      - Colleen Prather
      - Arun Vatturi



2. National Awards

- Carl Bryant
- Sean Carey
- Kathy Contreras
- Kevin Dempsey
- Mark Greenough
- Dave Mantooth
- Brendan O'Leary
- Jennifer Oliver
- Larry Rodriguez
- Dan Tinnel
- Joe Van Zant

3. Major Awards:

- a. Dick Connors: **Dennis Boyle**
- b. Dick Barbour: **J.R. Heberle**
- c. Horace Crow: **Jim Hart**
- d. George Newlon: [Changed; to be decided shortly]
- e. Lori Maynard: No Award

**IX.** Old Business: None

**X.** New Business

- A. Teddy Hayes: Has nominated Charles Murphy for a National award
- B. J.R.: Recommends those who buy items for clinics should get reimbursed but send donations to the USATF Pacific Foundation
- C. Thanks to Dave Shrock for setting up the Zoom meeting today

**XI.** Adjournment @ 3:04 PM