

## NEWSLETTER FROM CHAIRMAN PHIL LEAKE

June 2021

**Errata:** In the last newsletter, I inadvertently omitted a name in the Olympic Trials section. Bob Podkaminer will be officiating in the capacity of Video Referee. Sorry Bob!

## SONNY MAYNARD

As some of you may know, Sonny has been experiencing some health issues. He's in good spirits, but could use some thoughts, prayers, support, etc. Below is a communication from his son, Don to Jim Manha. Please send any cards to Sonny's residence. Thanks!

From Jim Manha

He is sick, but in good spirits. None of the experts know yet what treatment he will need and how his condition will play out. More tests, more observations and more discussions in the next few days.

His hope is to return to the assisted living community for medical oversight when he's discharged. He's looking forward to moving into a two bedroom apartment in the independent living section of what can only be described as resort living. He's excited to plan this new phase of his life, especially since some of his old neighbors are there. He's already had dinner with the folks who lived directly across the street from him in Redwood City.

Several times a day he talks about setting up his apartment just as he wants and how excited he is to not be responsible for house maintenance, cooking, paying bills and all the other things he doesn't want to deal with anymore. As he told us "I can't wait for the time when my only decisions will be what's for breakfast, lunch, dinner and where am I going to read my book." We are so incredibly happy that he has something to look forward to even though his future is uncertain.

We know communications with him have been difficult. The issues are multifaceted given his recent moves, technology and just being 92 years old, but we are working through them as best we can and things will get back to normal once he's settled in his next apartment. Until then please be patient. He asked that I use Mr. Manha as the point of contact for you so I'll send emails along as things change.

There is no definitive discharge date yet but I'll let you know when that's been determined.

We're grateful for your thoughts and support and looking forward to him being as happy as he envisions in the very near future.

Cheers,

Don and Andrea (Maynard)



If you wish to send Sonny a Card or note - Don has requested they be sent to Sonny's home address:

Sonny Maynard

2821 Kensington Rd.

Redwood City, Ca. 94601

BTW it has come to my attention that Sonny is still on the USATF NOC Hall of Fame Ballot for the third year of eligibility. If not elected to the HOF this year, his name will rotate off the ballot. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP HIM ON THE BALLOT AND VOTED INTO THE HALL.

## ELECTIONS

From John Shirey, Officials Committee Vice Chair

### Pacific Association Officials Committee (PAOC) Election—2021

The Pacific Association Officials Committee holds an election in odd-numbered years to choose officers and other positions to lead the organization. The positions to be filled through this year's election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, four representatives to the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, and two Members At-Large to the Officials Committee Executive Committee. Terms of all offices are two years and commence at the Committee's Annual Meeting, traditionally held on the last Sunday in August, or August 29 this year.

A Nominating Committee has been chosen for the purpose of proposing nominations for all positions to be filled through the election. John Shirey is Chair of the Nominating Committee and other members are Bill Bartel, Shirley Connors, and Sue Murray.

Click [Here](#) to submit your nomination(s) from now until the nomination deadline of July 16, 2021. Active Members may nominate other Active Members, or an Active Member may nominate oneself. Only Active Members of USATF and the Pacific Association are eligible to be elected to office. "Active Members" are USATF officials certified at any level for the current Olympiad and who are certified in the Pacific Association.

#### Position Duties

**Chair:** Maintains communication with President of the Pacific Association and Chair of the National Officials Committee; convenes, chairs, and sets the agendas for meetings of the Executive Committee, which meets 5-6 times per year usually on Sundays; appoints chairs of various subcommittee such as Certification, Training, and Awards; prepares the annual budget for PAOC and authorizes all expenditures.

**Vice-Chair:** Acts in the absence of the Chair; represents the Chair in any capacity directed by the Chair; carries out projects and programs directed by the Chair such as organizing the PAOC Annual Meeting.

**Secretary:** Serves as the recording and corresponding officer of the PAOC; serves as custodian of PAOC records; keeps minutes of all PAOC meetings.

**Board of Athletics representatives (3):** Attend (in-person or virtually) and participate in all meetings of the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Tuesday evenings, to represent interests of officials; may attend all PAOC Executive Committee meetings, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Sundays, and the PAOC Annual Meeting.

**Members At-Large (2):** Attend and participate in all meetings of the PAOC Executive Committee, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Sundays, and the PAOC Annual Meeting.

### **Timeline for Election**

All nominations for positions must be received by the Nominating Committee by July 16, using the form linked herein which can be completed online. (Nominations can be made only through the Nominating Committee.) The Committee has until August 1 to submit its report of nominees to the Pacific Association Executive Director who is charged with conducting the election. He will prepare the ballot and send it by email to eligible voters by August 8. (Paper ballots will be sent to those who do not have email addresses on file.) Eligible voters are certified officials in the Pacific Association as of June 30, 2021. Eligible officials will have until August 22 to return their ballots to the Executive Director.

The votes will be counted at the Annual Meeting on August 29 and the results announced at the meeting. If none of the offices are contested, the election will be done by a vote of acclamation of those present at the Annual Meeting.

If there are questions about the election process, please direct them to John Shirey at [jshirey1@comcast.net](mailto:jshirey1@comcast.net).

## **CERTIFICATION**

At last count we now have almost 200 Certified officials. This means a lot as it assures us of at least 2 votes at the USATF Annual Meeting as well as a lot of clout. We are one of, if not the largest USATF Association with the largest number of certified officials. In other words, we lead.

## **BADGES:**

I have been informed that the production of badges at USATF was set back by a variety of factors. The NOC has outsourced this to company who will complete the task. As they are printed, they will be sent to our Certification Chair, Ajay Padgaonkar, who will do a last minute check before sending them to you all. I can't promise this, but at last word, we should have them within the next few weeks. For those of us selected to officiate at National Championships this summer, the NOC knows of the dilemma as well. As of 6/5/21, approximately 85 officials badges have been received. The rest of the badges should be received during the month and distributed soon thereafter.

Stay tuned....

## AWARDS

We are approaching time for our Annual Banquet. If you have noticed anyone at any level of officiating or at any meet doing an outstanding job, we would like to recognize that person for his/her outstanding work. Please fire off an email to our Awards Chair, Leon Glover, to nominate the official with a description of his/her actions in the field.

## USATF Pacific Foundation

According to John Shirey, Foundation President and our Officials Committee Vice Chair, the Foundation has begun to evaluate and hand out awards in the name of one of our own, George Kleeman. George was a HUGE supporter of track and field and was one of the founding members of the Foundation. I'm sure he'd be pleased with the progress that the Foundation has made. To continue and expand this giving, please donate to the Foundation. For more information, please email John Shirey at [jshirey1@comcast.net](mailto:jshirey1@comcast.net)

## MEETS NEEDING OFFICIALS

### AMERICAN TRACK LEAGUE

As I write this, negotiations for where to hold the meet are taking place. The meet will be held on 7/10 in the late afternoon/early evening. Events will be most running events with possibly only the LJ being contested. Therefore, I am soliciting for Umpires, Marshals, and a Jumps Crew. Since this is developing and changing as we speak, I'm not sure how many officials will be needed. or the logistics. I'll forward this information as I get it. Please let me know of your availability. My email is [pgal1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgal1@sbcglobal.net). THANKS!

### FROM BOB WRIGHT

### GOLDEN WEST INVITATIONAL

<https://goldenwestinvitational.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fb2616e644e228dfea7425ba0&id=8bc07efb8e&e=188a41adf0>

**DATE:** June 19 (and June 20 depending on the number of entries)

**VENUE:** [Cordova High School](#), 2239 Chase Dr. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 - a hop-skip from Sacramento

### MORE DETAILS

- All registration will be done online at [CoachO](#).
- Out of state athletes will be allowed to participate.
- High School (athletes who are enrolled in high school for the 2020 - 2021 academic school year qualify as HS Students).

100m / 200m / 400m / 800m / 1600m / 3200m. 100/110HH / 300 IH/LH / Long Jump / Triple Jump / Pole Vault / High Jump / Shot / Disc / Hammer

- Youth (athletes in the following age groups as defined by USATF - 7/8 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 are considered youth)



100m / 200m / 400m / 800m / 1600m / Long Jump / Pole Vault for age groups 11/12, 13/14, 15/16

- No entry standards are required.
- Meet will be sanctioned by USATF.

#### **COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE**

- Be sure to read the athlete registration information above under the registration link.
- On the day of the meet, if protocol allows, spectators will be allowed in the stadium in some capacity.
- Athletes / parents / coaches and spectators must adhere to in-person screening and temperature taking before entering the stadium.

#### **CONTACT THE MEET DIRECTOR Bob Wright with questions.**

- [Meet Director Bob Wright <goldenwestinvitational@gmail.com>](mailto:goldenwestinvitational@gmail.com)

[To:pgal1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgal1@sbcglobal.net)

- (916) 202-7201

**FROM Danielle Dominicelli**

#### **MORGAN HILL FREEDOMFEST 10K 7/4/21**

Hi Phil,

For the 4th of July race the Pacific Association LDR committee is looking for 3-4 officials. One starter, a finish line judge or two. Contact is Pacific Associations Woman's LDR chair Angie [foxhorsepower@gmail.com](mailto:foxhorsepower@gmail.com) or you can just email me if you get any feedback. Race info: <https://morganhillfreedomfest.com/freedom-run>

Additionally with Mark Winitz out for at least awhile in helping to organize officials for the PA long series, the PA LDR Committee is looking for someone to help with organizing officials in the future. Email message from Angie:

“ The LDR has an "LDR Officials coordinator" (Mark) who normally does the call for officials, gives instructions to those who volunteer and he keeps track of which official has done what race, decides who the official of the year is every year, etc.

I think it is great if Phil can put it in his communication blast. We will still need to find an LDR officials coordinator to step in and help while Mark is out, maybe Phil can add that to the communication blast. “

Best,

Danielle