

**USATF Pacific Association  
Officials Annual Meeting  
August 29, 2021**

UC Davis Football Alumni Room  
Aggie Stadium, UC Davis  
10 AM – 2:30 PM

## **MINUTES**

- I. Call to order (Phil Leake) @ 10:23 AM
  - Phil is thankful that we were able to have a track season in 2021
  - 12 Pacific Association Officials worked the Olympic Trials
- II. YOU MAKE THE CALL (Jim Manha) 10:25 – 11:05
- III. How a meet can go wrong (Dave Shrock- USATF Associations Chair) 11:05 – 11:35
  - A. The Promoter changed the starting line of 800m race at Sac City meet
  - B. Marks were declared “not certified/unofficial” because the alternate starting line had not been surveyed. The promoter was very upset. When asked how he set up the start at the 200 meter mark, he replied “I paced it off.” (Turns out he only “paced off” lane 1.)
  - C. John Mansoor had this to say: “I was that promoter 27 years ago. We need to entertain when we put on a track meet. However, I relied on officials like George Kleeman and Bob Podkaminer to tell me what I could not do. We need to have the younger promoters get involved; we need to help them.”
  - D. Bob Podkaminer said the officials have to be in charge of a meet because we know the rules.
  - E. Rob Dewar, Sac City College coach, notified the promoter & parties involved that the times likely would not count because the starting line had been moved.
  - F. The Starter informed the promoter that the starting line was in the wrong position. When the promoter didn’t change his mind, the Starter attempted to make the alternate start as accurate as possible, using a steel tape to measure a proper waterfall start.
  - G. Bottom line: the promoter was warned by multiple parties that the marks would probably not count because the wrong starting line was used. The promoter chose to use the wrong starting line anyway.
- IV. Chair’s Comments (Phil Leake)
  - A. Upcoming Meets
    1. Rob Dewar – Sacramento City College
      - a. SCC will not host any meets this season because the track & facilities are in bad shape
    2. Kenny McDaniel – Sacramento State
      - a. Sac State will host 3 meets: March 19; April 9; April 29
      - b. They promise to take care of the officials
    3. UC Davis (Emma Petersen)
      - a. UCD will host the Big West Cross Country Championships on October 29
      - b. UCD will also host the Big West Track Championships in May (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend)
- V. Election Results (John Shirey)
  - A. Voter turnout = 35%
  - B. Chair – Phil Leake ran unopposed.

1. Bob Podkaminer moved to re-elect Phil by a voice vote. The motion was seconded by Joe Nemeth. Phil was re-elected by acclamation.
  - C. Vice Chair – John Lilygren was elected.
  - D. Secretary – Tory Busto ran unopposed. A motion was made by Bruce Makinson to elect Tory by a voice vote; the motion was seconded by Charles Murphy. Tory was approved by acclamation.
  - E. At Large Executive Committee: Scott Kostka & Bruce Makinson were candidates. Al Hernandez moved to approve their election. Teddy Hayes seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
  - F. Representative to the Board of Athletics (3): Robert Benoy, Charles Murphy and Jennifer Oliver were elected.
- VI. Future meets in our Association (John Mansoor- Exec. Dir. PAUSATF)
- A. NCAA DI Cross Country Nov. 12
  - B. Nov. 7 – Pacific Association Masters Championships @ Independence HS in San Jose
  - C. National Junior Olympics – July 25 to Aug. 1, 2022
  - D. Golden West – June 4, 2022
  - E. June 11 – Pacific Association Championships
  - F. June 18 – 19 Top 5 Junior Olympics
  - G. June 24 – 26 Region 16 Junior Olympics
  - H. 2023 and 2025 NCAA DI West Region Track Championships
  - I. 2024 Masters National Track Championships
  - J. 2024: NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships
- VII. Junior Olympics (Mansoor)
- A. July 25, 2022. Can be a challenge
- VIII. Rory Osborne: Send donations to the Pacific Association Foundation
- BREAK 12:10 – 12:49
- Lunch (sponsored by UC Davis X-C and Track & Field Program)
- IX. Chair Reports
- A. Certification Chair's Report (Ajay Padgaonkar)
    1. See Appendix 1
    2. Last year, 220 Certified; at last year's Annual, 228
    3. Now have 207 certified. 40+ new officials (20 Apprentice; 20 former officials who did not recertify in last Olympiad)
  - B. Training Chair's Report (Bill Bartel)
    1. Busy year in Training over Zoom
    2. Retention of new officials about 40%
    3. Working on training season for 2021-22
      - a. Bill hopes to have Introductory classes in the Fall instead of January & February. He would like to do these training classes in person.
  - C. Mentoring Chair's Report (Dennis Boyle)
    1. See Appendix 2.
    2. Dennis complimented Bill Bartel for arranging Zoom sessions outside of our Association (Oregon, etc.)

3. Dennis was impressed with the capabilities of Zoom & what was achieved this past year
  4. Dennis discussed his proposal to find assistants to Training, Certification and Mentor Chairs (about 6). Distributed geographically throughout the Association.
- D. LDR Officials Report (Rick Berman)
1. 3 races done; 11 to do – most will be Cross Country. A few will be Road Races.
  2. Rick requested that more officials get involved with LDR.
  3. The Pacific Association has been asked to help officiate the US 100 Kilometer Championships.
  4. 2022 National Club Championships will be in Golden Gate Park.
- E. Race Walk Officials Report (Jon Price)
1. Only 1 in-person race was conducted in the past 2 years.
  2. Jon is looking forward to the Youth meets in June.
  3. Virtual Clinics were conducted for Race Walk judges in the past year.
  4. Jon hopes to have at least 1 Virtual Clinic in 2022.
  5. 2 Pacific Association athletes were on the 2020 Olympic Track & Field team (Robyn Stevens & Nick Christie)
- F. Emeritus Officials Acknowledgement
1. **Jerry Colman**
  2. **Jim Hart**
- G. Chair's Awards (Phil Leake)
1. **John Lilygren** – for work as Secretary and update of the officials' website
  2. **Jim Manha** – for work as Stanford Officials Coordinator
  3. **Joe Van Zant** – for contributions to Mentor activities
  4. **John Shirey** – for his service as Vice Chair
  5. **Dave Shrock** – for general advice and guidance in a number of matters
  6. **JR Heberle** – for Technical assistance, his work on Governance and assistance with computers
  7. **Dennis Boyle** – for his work on the Mentoring program
  8. **Bill Bartel** – for Training innovations such as Zoom conferencing, recruitment of speakers from other Associations
  9. **Ajay Padgaonkar** – for picking up Certification following Jim Hume's death
- H. Awards Report (Leon Glover)
1. Major Awards
    - a. Horace Crow Award: **Scott Kostka**
    - b. George Newlon Award: **Bill Bartel**
    - c. Dick Barbour Award: **John Shirey**
    - d. Lori & Sonny Maynard Award: **Jim Manha**
    - e. Dick Connors Award: **John Lilygren**
  2. National Awards:
    - a. **Mike Brown**
    - b. **Anthony Davis**
    - c. **Aliya Dibrell**
    - d. **Robert Dietrich**
    - e. **Al Hernandez**

- f. **Don Mosbacher**
- g. **Suzanne Thompson**
- 3. Association Certificates
  - a. **Trish Caldwell**
  - b. **Rob Drago**
  - c. **Bruce Fairchild**
  - d. **Nancy Flannery**
  - e. **Mike Morris**
  - f. **Linda Patterson**
  - g. **Debra Sample**
  - h. **Charlotte Sneed**
- 4. Apprentice Certificates
  - a. **Laura Barger**
  - b. **Tori Busto**
  - c. **Kyle Fujitsubo**
  - d. **Chantay Jones**
  - e. **Mica Nash**
  - f. **Kendal Price**
- X. Anything Else?
  - A. Recognition of **JR Heberle** for receiving the 2020 George Newlon Award
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM
- Raffle (John Shirey)

## Appendix 1.

### Certification Chair Report to the Annual Meeting

Thanks:

1. To the officials – for patience and diligence – with me, new database, complex requirements
2. To Bill Bartel – recert clinics, specialty clinics with out of association teachers, new officials' clinics and help with the follow up
3. To Jim Manha and JR – starter and referee clinic, help at the recert clinics
4. To Joe Van Zant, Dennis Boyle – follow up and mentoring officials
5. To Association leadership and senior officials – guidance in my first year

### Statistics:

- Certified Officials:
  - 2020: 228
  - 2021: 207
- **Lost: 65** (25: moved of state, went emeritus, passed away, no interest; 40 no recert)
- **Gained 44** by new apprentices (23) and recertifications (21)
- Lost ~40 more between 2019 and 2020
- Potential for ~70-80 more existing officials by follow through on recertification
- Added apprentices in 2021: 51 took the clinics, 21 followed through to certification
- By Year First Certified:
  - 2021: 21
  - 2020: 18
  - 2019: 7
  - Pre-2018 & up to - 2018: 17
- Apprentices from 2020 & 2019 not recertified: 23

### Request for action

1. Urge friends and officials not yet certified to complete the process
2. Upgrades, in particular apprentices – resume, recommendations, tests
3. “Outside the association” opportunities and championships
4. Act with urgency on automated reminders from the USATF connect – Safesport and NCSI
5. Point out any discrepancies in the badges

## Appendix 2.

The following is a **PROPOSAL** under consideration by the Officials Committee to add Assistant Chairs to the three existing Chairs for the year of 2022.

### ROLE OF THE PROPOSED ASSISTANT \*TCM CHAIRS

Assistant Chairs will be selected through the combined efforts of all three TCM Chairs. They will be made up of National and Master level officials and will report directly to the TCM Chairs. Their work will provide a communications link to between membership and leadership within the Pacific Association USATF regarding all three areas. They will represent designated geographical areas, possibly by counties located within the Pacific Association. The Assistants will be well-versed in all three spheres of professional development, i.e., Training, Certification, and Mentoring (TCM). They will assign mentors to new officials and also to veteran officials desiring to achieve higher levels of officiating. They will also notify and answer questions regarding certification and encourage officials to aspire to more advanced levels of officiating. The Assistants, as they gather information regarding the training needs of their assigned officials, will make recommendations for future trainings. Part of their responsibilities will include attending meetings with the three TCM chairs which will take place, as needed, throughout the year. The meetings will be held in an effort to keep the Chairs and Assistants consistently applying accurate information to its membership about all programs throughout the Pacific Association. This concerted effort by the Assistant Chairs will be made to minimize confusion and misunderstandings regarding the functioning of the many aspects of the Pacific Association. They will significantly aid in spreading the work of a few to additional assistants, as it has been in the past, in order to improve our Association.

\*TCM means TRAINING – CERTIFICATION - MENTORING

Submitted by Dennis Boyle, Mentor Chair at the Annual PA USATF Meeting 08/29/2021