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Executive Board
Mid Year Meeting
Minutes
April 28 – 30, 2009
Stow, Ohio

In Attendance

Len Krsak, Chair, Jim Flanik, George Kleeman, Susan Polansky, Rex Harvey, Gordon Boccock, Don Berry, Tom Hott

Chair Len Krsak called the meeting to order April 28, 2009 at 4:56 pm.

Secretary Tom Hott reported the minutes have been posted on web site
George Kleeman moved, Jim Flanik second, to approve Executive Committee minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer Sue Polansky presented financial statement as of March 31, 2009. Sue requested and was granted time to review the financial statements since she is the new treasurer. Don Berry moved, second by Jim Flanik, to develop a revised income and spending forecast no later than June 1, 2009. Lengthy discussion of 2009 budget. Motion passed. Gordon Boccock moved, second by George Kleeman, to table the treasurer's report to a time uncertain. Motion carried. Sue Polansky presented update on questions

Officers Reports

Chair -- Len Krsak Some communications with Doug Logan and Stephanie Hightower. Stephanie wants to meet with officials soon. Lots of emails to Chair covering a variety of topics. May want to consider a committee for advancement. Women Referees—Need a pool of folks to select from. Notice on web site concerning women referees is an announcement. Discussion about number of officials at national meets. Len heard from Doug Logan and others about too many officials on track.

Awards -- Gordon Boccock Discussion of National Outstanding Officials Awards. Report on Horace Crow Award, Charles Ruter Award, John Davis Award, James Grey Award, and Andy Bakjian Award. Hall of Fame Award Banquet—Need to limit number of guests provided complimentary tickets to banquet. Sue Polansky moved, seconded by Rex Harvey, to provide complimentary tickets to award recipient and one guest. Motion passed.

Chair Len Krsak recessed the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Chair Len Krsak called the meeting to order April 29, 2009 at 8:30 am.

Certification -- Jim Flanik USATF NOC has certified 4086 officials since first of November with 1100 of them being new officials. New Association level officials test is good. Some are having problems with officials having to be members of USATF. Folks went through certification process but were not willing to spend the money to join USATF. Discussion of certification rules review. A lot of griping about Master Track & Field review. Too long, takes too much time to complete. A proposal to put together a group of certification chairs to look at Master level review and make recommendations on review for next Olympiad.. Rules review is available on web sites. Need to encourage folks to use the web sites. However, many officials do not use web based reviews. Jim Flanik moves to pull National Federation (HS) and IAAF questions out of all level reviews and make them separate modules officials can complete if desired. Second by Rex Harvey. Motion carried.

Jim Flanik has a quote on a new card printer \$7200.00. Current card printer has broken down, but Jim is able to fix it.

Discussion of requirements to be upgraded. Jim Flanik brought up the idea of national standards for upgrading officials. The problem is enforcing the requirements. Rex Harvey brought up that the Advancement Training group be responsible for writing guidelines.

Jim Flanik moved that any official that changes associations without physically moving into the new association cannot upgrade for at least two years. Second by George Kleeman. George Kleeman called the question. Motion passed.

Rules -- George Kleeman Discussion of use of technology at major meets without people who have knowledge of how to use the technology. Discussed need of use of technical managers at these major meets.

George asked if officials can get access to data base to update demographic information. Can Certification Chairs download their member's data? Can NOC officers download all members' information? Why don't put all new officials on the list serve? Gordon Bocoock moved that all members automatically be placed on the list serve with the option they can opt out. Second by Sue Polansky. Motion passed. IAAF has gone through preliminary review of rules. Will make changes in August. Going to no false start rule with one false start allowed on Combined events. National Federation will have some changes in order of rules. Rules changes at USATF convention in 2009 will be minimal. Mostly changes to agree with IAAF rules.

Training -- Rex Harvey Organization of Training Committee is working pretty well. Groups are learning their roles. Have assigned new members to groups. There are a lot of new people. The group has selected a person in educational material to assist with training materials. Five groups are;

- Clinic Group—No clinics in Eugene in 2009. Trying to have an electronic measurement clinic at the NCAA DI meet. Need more than the three officials who are now evaluators. Need to put the lists of qualified officials in electronic training, electronic measurement, electronic recording, and electronic manager on line. Added J.R. Heberle ,Eric Smith and others to certifiers.

- Initial Training Group—Documents produced by this group is generally too long and inclusive. Will be produced in DVD format and in print.
- Continuing Education Group—Take rule changes and make them into training. Will not do training module for NCAA this year.
- Advanced Training Group—Two projects being implemented presently. Referees Casebook and taking Initial Training Group materials and determine what should be in Advanced Training. Group charged with coming up with criteria for becoming National and Master level officials. Training for Referees—a mentoring system needs to be developed. Len will talk to Youth Committee chair to discuss this issue.
- Outreach Group—Interact with other organizations to coordinate such things as Officials Exchange. Group has selected George Adams and Jo Burrows to represent USATF at Great Britain’s National Young Athletes League Finals. Gordon Boccock moves, second by Sue Polansky, to approve recommendation of training committee for officials exchange.

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Worked with NFHS to produce a Case Book for High School. (Note: Not the case book the federation has published for some time.)

Mentoring—National Training Group should develop materials to train mentors. National Training Group to assign this task to one of the groups

Training DVD Development Need to produce a training DVD. Sue Polansky will look into applying for a grant to produce video.

Awards Gordon Boccock Executive Committee voted on Award Nominees and Winners. Award winners to be announced at the 2009 USATF convention.

Horace Crow Award Nominees

Mike Armstrong
Shirley Conners
Win Eggers
Frank Orsak
Robert Springer

Charlie Ruter Award Nominees

Ron Daniels
Bill Doreen
Karen Krsak
Lloyd Stull
Fred Thomas

John Davis Award Nominees

Gene Edmonds
Finn Hansen
Dick Moss

Charles Sheppard
Ruth White

James Grey Award Nominees

Fred Adler
Jim Carlisle
Val Foss
James Hume
Keith Mitchell

Sue Polansky moved, second by Jim Flanik, to destroy ballots. Motion passed.

Discussion Topics

Evaluation of Officials at Major Meets

Who should evaluate Head Officials? How do the evaluations get back to the Head?
Consensus of group is that members of each crew should not evaluate the Head Officials. Need to have a mechanism to provide feed back to both crews and head officials. Len Krsak is to work with Murray Sanford to work out system to evaluate Head Officials to complete evaluations prior to leaving the competition. Combined Events Coordinator is to evaluate Combined Event Crew Chiefs and overall evaluation of crews. Need to send evaluations to local certification chairs.

NTO Program NTO's are now working as the games committee. George Kleeman explained how NTO's came into being. Len Krsak, as new Chair, is reviewing all chairs of appointed committees.

Use of Technical Officials Not competition officials. They are meet management folks
Technical Officials are used internationally. The number of protests has been reduced greatly due to the use of TO's. Discussion of NTO's for Outdoor Championships for 2009.

N T O's - Working National Championship Len Krsak provided list of NTO's working
Outdoor Championships

2009 Selection Committee Paul Morency to represent officials on the committee.

Jim Flanik moved, second by Rex Harvey, to have as a goal that an official will be selected to only one national meet per year. Need to get criteria for selection on line. Rex Harvey called the question. Motion passed.

Goals for National Officials Committee George Kleeman suggested the NOC Executive Committee needs to define 3-4 general areas for goals during the next Olympiad which the Goals Subcommittee can then develop timelines and action plans to accomplish.

Goals:

- Respect and recognition for officials contributions from USATF

- Training for officials. Mechanics for officials need to be standardized.
- Close cooperation with parent body (USATF)
- Increase number of certified officials by 10% this Olympiad as compared to last Olympiad.

Discussion of number of officials needed at national meets.

Officials Newsletter Len Krsak directed to assign members of Executive Committee to write articles for the newsletter. Len will make a schedule for an article per month.

Foreign Exchange Program Need to decide about exchange for future years. Rex Harvey asked to look into exchange with Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

Hall of Fame Sue Polansky reported that we have no new applications at this time (May). Want to add George Kleeman to committee. Have nine (9) remaining from previous year's nominees who are eligible.

Chair Len Krsak recessed the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Chair Len Krsak called the meeting to order at 8:12 am.

Officials Apparel Shirts in stock except for XXXL. XXXL not available. Recommend we contact Billy Walters about ball caps and straw hats. Discussion of contacting Nike to discuss putting logo on shirt and providing a shirt at the national championships. George Kleeman brought up the problem of Nike or other manufacturers providing clothing in sizes that are left in stock.

Annual Meeting Discussion of rooms and size of rooms for officials meetings. Need clinic rooms for 70, certification chairs need 50, awards needs 25, affirmative development needs 25, equipment & facilities need 50, rules needs 35, training needs 50, L & L needs 25, Selection committee needs 25, general sessions need 200.

Annual Meeting Agenda — Discussion of agenda for officials' meeting. Group came to consensus on agenda.

2009 Selection Application & Letter Discussion of letter and application. Question of electronic application. For the 2010 championships, applications will be posted on the web site and also mailed to all National and Master level officials. Jim Flanik will check into the availability of server to accept applications electronically. Rex Harvey moved, Jim Flanik second, to accept all reports. Motion passed.

Future Mid-Year Meeting Dates Decision on dates will be made at December meeting.

World Masters Championship Jim Flanik read the names of the 13 people going to Finland.

Gordon Boccock moved, second by Sue Polansky, to adjourn meeting at 10:35 am.. Motion carried.