

National Officials Committee General Session 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes Anaheim California

Wednesday, December 3, 2014 9:00 am – 11:50 am
Thursday, December 4, 2014 2:00 pm – 4:40 pm

Meeting called to order by Chair Len Krsak.

Secretary Tom Hott announced a quorum is present.

Motion and second to allow for adjustment to agenda. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Nominating committee presented the names of Jimmy Stuart and Raymond Pierre as candidates for Vice Chair of Certification. No nominations from the floor. Jimmy Stuart was re-elected.

Nominating committee presented the name of Doug Allen as a candidate for Treasurer. No nominations from the floor. Motion and second to elect Doug Allen by acclamation. Motion carried.

Nominating committee presented the name of E. Scott Rose as a candidate for Vice Chair of Awards. Val Foss was nominated from the floor. E. Scott Rose was elected.

Motion and second to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the 2013 NOC Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Officers Reports

Chair's report presented by Chair Krsak. Entire report is on line

Vice Chair of Certification's report presented by Vice Chair Stuart. Entire report is on line

Vice Chair of Training's report presented by Vice Chair Buzaitis. Entire report is on line

Vice Chair of Rules' report presented by Vice Chair Kostek. Entire report is on line. Chair Kostek also reported USATF may move to a 2-year rule book. If so, 2015 will be a special rules year in preparation for the 2-year book.

Vice Chair of Awards' report presented by Vice Chair Bocock. Entire report is on line. Vice Chair Bocock presented plaques to the finalists for the NOC awards.

Old Business

Tom Hott reported on the Ludus Stipend available to younger officials in 2015. Cover letter and application will be posted on line after the convention.

Sue Polansky reported on the Hall of Fame. May 31, 2015 is the deadline for submitting nominations for next year.

Chair Krsak shared a congratulatory letter from IAAF concerning the 2014 World Championship

Questions & Answers

Question concerning the USATF logo. Concern about groups using the logo or changing the logo without permission.

Question about lack of vendor booths at convention. Chair Krsak reported USATF office is trying something different and perhaps is a budget issue.

Question concerning an official position from the NOC concerning the By Law change being proposed.

Question concerning an on line evaluation system. The web master is working on having this available for 2015.

The Southern California Association held a drawing for two tickets to Disneyland. Thank you to the association for doing so.

Motion and second to recess until Thursday at 2:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion and second to come out of recess at 2:00 Thursday, December 4, 2014. Motion carried.

Guest / Topics / Discussion

Bob Podkaminer reported on the NCAA rule changes for 2015. He reported the NCAA web site contains documents on how to stage various events. He emphasized the NCAA is demanding that NCAA schools run meets according to the published rules. He also reported the NCAA rule book will be totally reorganized in 2015.

David Katz reported on the outstanding reports of the officiating at the 2014 IAAF World Junior championship.

David Grifinger reported on the Law and Legislation proposals for selection of the IAAF council representative. He proposes an election by the membership to select a nominee to be presented to the USATF board for this position. The USATF board to then select either the nominee or a replacement with a 2/3 majority vote.

Jill Geer, USATF marketing, announced the new brand is "We Are USATF." She explained the change to the new brand. She also announced that USATF will provide a newly designed uniform shirt to each official in 2016. Additional shirts will be available for purchase by certified officials. She also announced that additional uniform apparel is under discussion.

Vin Lananna, representing Tracktown USA, congratulated the officials for their work at the 2014 IAAF Outdoor Junior Championships. He also announced the World Indoor Championships in 2016 in Portland, OR and the 2016 Olympic Team trials in Eugene, OR.

Bob Tice reported that the list of NCAA conference championships including dates, locations, and contacts is available on line.

Sub-Committee Reports

Lori Boemker reported on the NTO/ATO/ITO certification. Five NTO's from the United States will attend the ATO certification clinic in San Juan, PR in December.

John Bahakel, NOC representative to the Law and Legislation committee, reported on the proposals made to the L & L committee. Mr. Bahakel recommended officials vote in favor of Mr. Grifinger's proposals if those proposals come before the membership.

Barb Palma, Women's LDR, reported on the LDR championship sites in 2015.

Bob Springer, Equipment and Facilities Sub-Committee, reported the report is on line.

Malinda Wheatley reported the Para Athletes Committee is now a part of USATF.

Keith Mitchell, Equipment sub-committee co-chair, reported on the merchandise available on line and also encouraged officials to purchase the current uniform shirts until the uniform is officially changed.

Delores Murray, Chair of the Appeals sub-committee, reported six appeals of the selection of the officials for the 2014 meets. The committee discovered most of the applications appealed were for positions not supported by the resume submitted.

Rich Schornstein reported on the Best Practices portion of the web site. Rich invited officials to submit documents.

Scott Rose reported on the NOC newsletter. Only 45% of those who receive the newsletter do not open and read it. Scott is concerned about that number.

David Smith, Southern California Officials Chair, in partnership with Tom Noland, representing Leica Measuring Equipment, held a drawing for an electronic measuring device.

2015 Officiating Opportunities

Bruce Leasure invited officials to apply for the National Senior Games to be held in Minnesota in 2015.

Christian Schroeder, representing Winston/Salem, NC, reported on the meets to be held there in 2015.

Paul Mahoney reported applications for the Special Olympics meet in to be held in California in 2015 are available.

John Murray reported the 2016 Junior Olympics will be held in Sacramento, CA.

Jamero Raimey reported the 2015 Hersey Youth Outdoor Championships will be held in Lyle, IL.

James Williams reported on the Junior Olympics and the Masters Outdoor Championships to be held in Jacksonville, FL in 2015.

Chair Krsak announced pins for those who officiated the IAAF Jr. Outdoor Championships are available in the lobby courtesy of the NOC.

Chair Krsak announced the list of officials selected for the 2015 National meets will be posted at the conclusion of the General Session of the NOC.

Motion and second to adjourn. Motion carried.