

**National Officials Committee
Executive Board Meeting
Minutes
Houston, Texas
Thursday, December 3, 2015
11:00 am – 12:50 pm**

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Krsak at 11:00 am.

Members Present: Len Krsak, Chair; Tom Hott, Secretary; Doug Allen, Treasurer, Mark Kostek, Vice Chair Rules; Scott Rose, Vice Chair Awards; Rob Buzaitis, Vice Chair Training; Jimmy Stuart, Vice Chair Certification; Don Berry, Parliamentarian

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Don Berry. to call for adjustment to agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Scott Rose, to accept the minutes of the April 12-14, 2015 Executive Board meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Rose, second by Don Berry, to accept the Treasurer's Report . Motion carried.

Summary of Reports Entire reports to be given at the General Session

Chair

Chair's report is on line.

Vice Chair of Certification

Vice Chair of Certification's report is on line.

Vice Chair of Training

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Vice Chair of Rules

Vice Chair of Rules' report is on line.

Vice Chair of Awards

Vice Chair of Awards' report is on line.

Tickets still available for the Officials' Banquet.

The Maine Association and Illinois Association, sponsors of two national awards, have requested the trophies be changed to a smaller trophy. Discussion of shipping costs for getting the award home. Will survey past award winners as to their opinion on this issue.

Proposal by the Georgia Association to create an Outstanding Certification Award. Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Doug Allen, to table the proposal until the mid-year meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion of the selection process for the Ruter, Crowe, Davis, and Grey award. Many candidates are being nominated and the voting process has become increasingly difficult.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Rob Buzaitis, to amend the voting process as follows:

In the paragraph following the "Nomination and Selection Process" banner for the Charles Ruter, Horace Crow, John Davis and James Grey add the following sentence:

"If there are more than ten nominees, their credentials and statements of accomplishments will be sent to the National Officials Awards Sub-Committee. By secret ballot, the Awards Sub-Committee will select the ten names to be placed on the final ballot". Motion carried.

Old Business

NOC Shirt Project

A red, a white, and a blue shirt has been chosen for those selected for the Olympic Trials. The Executive Board will select a color for the shirt. Each registered official will be provided one shirt and additional shirts will be available at the official's expense.

Best Practices

Rick Sorenstein reported on the contributions to the Best Practices and encouraged additional contributions.

SafeSport Course

All officials are to complete the SafeSport course by Dec 31, 2015. The course is on line and is available to all associations in CD format.

Ludus Stipend

Ten officials were selected by the Executive Board. Contacts with the event coordinators were very difficult. Most officials selected has problems, the problems were worked out as the meets moved along. Very difficult project to coordinate.

Certification Issues

Bob Podkaminer send a proposal to Chair Krsak to separate the Vice Chair of Certification from the Web Master position. The general membership will be asked for input into this issue at the 2015 meeting. The issue will be discussed at the 2015 annual meeting and continued at the 2016 mid-year meeting.

New Business

Law & Legislation

John Bahakel reported on the proposals that will directly affect officials.

Background Screening

Background screening is required of all officials. Additional information will be forthcoming at the 2015 meeting.

USATF Branding

USATF is concerned about the use of the logo. USATF is pushing for all logos to conform to the approved USATF logo.

Master Referee Program

The Master Referee program will be discussed at the 2016 mid year meeting.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to recess until December 6 following the end of the NOC General Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Scott Rose, to come out recess at 4:45 pm. Motion carried.

The dates for the Executive Board Mid-Year meeting are April 17-19, 2016 in Columbus, OH.

The Executive Board is asked to encourage all officials to complete the SafeSport training as soon as possible.

Bill Boyd and Merrill Fishbein requested Emeritus status. Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Doug Allen, to approve Emeritus status for both officials. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Rose, second by Doug Allen, to adjourn at 5:20. Motion carried.