

**National Officials Committee
Executive Board Mid-Year Meeting
April 17 – 19, 2016 - Columbus, Ohio
Minutes**

Meeting Called to order at 2:58 pm by Chair Krsak.

In attendance: Chair Len Krsak, Secretary Tom Hott, Treasurer Doug Allen, Awards Vice Chair Scott Rose, Certification Vice Chair Jimmy Stuart, Rules Vice Chair Mark Kostek, and Training Vice Chair Rob Buzaitis, Parliamentarian Don Berry. Also attending: Rich Schornstein. Lindsay Toussant joined the board on April 18.

Motion by Len Krsak, second by Don Berry, to have a floating agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2015 Executive Board meeting. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee received the Treasurer's report.

Officer's Reports

Chair

Chair Krsak presented his report to the Executive Board. Discussion of the Safe Sport and Background Checks. A copy of the report is attached.

Certification

Vice Chair Stuart reported on the SafeSport and background check issues. USATF is building a completely new membership system. The new system is targeted to be finished by August, 2016. At this time, SafeSport and background checks will be required for official's re certification. All officials who certified in the 2017-2020 Olympiad will receive a new official's shirt. Beginning with the 2017 selected meets, acceptance will be done on line.

Rules

Vice Chair Kostek reported he has received one contact for a rule interpretation since the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Training

Vice Chair Buzaitis reported the clinics at the Annual Meeting went well. No webinars since the Annual Meeting.

Interim Vice Chair Schornstein presented a list of possible clinic topics. Discussion of which topics to present at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Doug Allen , recess until 8:30 am April 18, 2016.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Mark Kostek, to come out of recess at 8:20 am. Motion carried.

Awards

Vice Chair Rose reported that he will send the award nomination forms to the 11 regional award chairs for review. Motion by Scott Rose, second by Doug Allen, to add to the award criteria that members of the Hall of Fame are ineligible to be considered for individual awards. Motion carried. Scott reported he has developed a new form for nominations. Scott is developing a plan to shorten the evening. Discussion of method of selection to the Hall of Fame. Discussion of award trophies. Scott will send a selection of potential awards to each sponsoring organization for their consideration. Each organization will select one design for their award.

Newsletter Editor Rose reported readership of the newsletter is down. 37% of officials opened the newsletter in February. He requested content from the members of the Executive Board.

Old Business

Officials Insurance Situation

Discussion of rider on USATF liability insurance for officials. Due to the fact that there have been no approved claims on this insurance since its inception in 2008, the insurance is under review. This covers uncompensated officials for negligence at non sanctioned meets. Does not cover medical expenses for the official or others. The Executive Board will work with the National Office and the Association Committee to resolve this issue.

Re certification Reviews

Vice Chair Stuart reported on the re-certification reviews. He has an outline of the new review instruments. The new reviews will be ready for certification chairs by November 1. There will be an on-line option for Apprentice, Association, and National level. Perhaps a portion of the Master evaluation will be on line.

Best Practices

Rich Schornstein reported on the Best Practices on the web site. 122 best practices documents currently exist. He expressed a concern with updating the documents. Chief officials at the national meets are asked to review the documents each year, but response to that request is limited. There was a discussion of what can be done to encourage the chiefs to respond.

USATF Board Seat

An amendment to the Operating Procedures will be proposed to the NOC at the 2016 annual convention regarding the official's representative to the USATF board.

New Business

NOC Elections

Training Vice Chair Kostek has resigned his position effective May 1, 2016. Motion by Don Berry, second by Rob Buzaitis, to accept Training chair Kostek's resignation and confirm the appointment of Bob Podkaminer as interim chair.

Rules Vice Chair Buzaitis has resigned his position effective May 1, 2016. Motion by Len Krsak, second by Tom Hott, to accept Rules Chair Buzaitis resignation and confirm the appointment of Rich Schornstein as interim chair.

The NOC Chair, Secretary, Training Vice Chair, Rules Vice Chair, and the At-Large positions are open for election at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Selection Committee Appointee

Chair Krsak will make the appointment closer to the dates of the Selection Committee Meeting.

Selection Committee Proposed Changes

A discussion of current method was held and agreement that the current method needs to remain as is. The proposal to the Executive Board is not a rules issue, but a USATF Bylaws issue. Therefore, this committee can take no action. The Executive Board is committed to making the selection more transparent and will work on providing additional information to all officials.

Proposal to purchase new projectors

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Scott Rose, to purchase two new projectors cost not to exceed \$2500.00 total. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Rob Buzaitis, to recess until 1:00pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Don Berry, to come out of recess at 1:13pm. Motion carried.

Referee / NTO Programs

Motion by Jimmy Stuart, second by Doug Allen, that the NOC Executive Board draft a proposal for the USATF Law & Legislation committee to move the IAAF Technical Officials subcommittee from the USATF Rules committee to the National Officials committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Mark Kostek, to propose to the NOC to eliminate the Master Referee Certification subcommittee from the NOC Operating Procedures. Motion carried.

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Don Berry, to direct the Vice Chair of Certification to eliminate the grade 3 Referee certification. Motion carried.

Electronic Measurement

Agreement that Electronic Measurement needs to be standardized. Rich Schorntein will contact electronic measurement officials asking them to write a best practices document.

Funding For Young Officials proposed by Mike Armstrong

Motion by Rob Buzaitis, second by Scott Rose, to create a line item in the NOC budget for grants to be awarded to young officials. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Rob Buzaitis, to recess until 8:30 am April 19, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Kostek, second by Scott Rose, to come out of recess at 8:27 am April 19, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Berry, second by Mark Kostek, to adjourn at 9:05 am. Motion carried.



Officials Committee

Date: April 17, 2016
To: NOC Executive Board
From: Len Krsak
Subject: NOC Chairs Mid-Year Report

Championships Officials

USATF's Combine Events Championship was contested in Crete Nebraska. Five officials declined their assignments. Over all the Championship was well officiated.

USATF Senior Indoor Championship held in Portland, OR, two selected officials declined their assignments. Championship was well officiated, with Zero protest.

IAAF Indoor World Championship held in Portland, OR, one selected officials declined their respective assignment. An excellent job of officiating occurred as there were Zero protest.

As of this date six selected officials have declined their assignment to work the USATF Junior Championship in Clovis, CA and for the Olympic Trials no one has declined their respective assignment.

SafeSport Course

The file on completed certificates is being kept at USATF's office.

Background Checks

All individuals must complete a background check before re-certification can take place for the new Olympiad (2017-2020) USATF's office is the ultimate record keeper. Officials are suppose to use the NCSI company to complete the check however some have completed the check with T C Logiq which have been accepted by USATF'S office. Also background checks are to be completed by everyone seeking certification, including individuals that are in their Teens.

Replacements

Two individuals on the NOC Executive Board have resigned their respective positions. Rob Buzaitis Vice Chair of training and Mark Kostek Vice Chair of Rules. Rich Schornstein will be the interim replacement for the Vice of Training position and Bob Podkaminer will be the interim replacement for the Vice Chair of Rules. Both of these positions will be up for election at the 2016 Annual meeting.

Len Krsak, NOC Chair

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