

National Officials Committee
2015 Annual Meeting
December 4 & 5, 2015
Minutes
Houston, Texas

Meeting called to order by Chair Krsak at 9:05 am December 4, 2015.

Secretary Tom Hott reported a quorum is present.

Motion and second to call for an adjustment to agenda. Motion carried.

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the December 3-4, 2014 annual meeting. Motion carried.

Motion and second to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian Don Berry explained the process for election of NOC Representative to the USATF Board of Directors. Motion and second to accept the criteria for candidates to the USATF Board of Directors. Motion carried. Nominations and election will be held at the NOC meeting on Saturday.

Officers' Reports

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

Chair Krsak also reported that 411 officials applied for one or more of the 2016 national and world meets. 64% received an assignment.

Chair Krsak reported on the background screening and the SafeSport program required of all officials. He encouraged all officials to complete these two items as soon as possible.

Chair Awards were presented to Bill Boyd, Virginia Association; Jim Carlisle, Southwestern Association; Lloyd Cornelius, New York Association; Terri Eldridge Tutt, Ohio Association; Mary Onken, New York Association; Zina Parker, North Carolina Association; Pat Pretty, Wisconsin Association; E.A. (Betsy) Reed, Nevada Association; Paul Skelly, Southern Association; and Matt Weingardt, USATF Office.

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

Vice Chair of Training 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.

Vice Chair of Awards report presented by Vice Chair Rose. Entire report is on line.

Old Business

Officials Shirts

Chair Krsak reported each official selected for the 2016 Olympic Trials will receive one red, one white, and one blue shirt. Each certified official will receive one shirt in 2016. The NOC voted to ask for red shirts as the official's shirt color.

Ludus Project

Parliamentarian Berry reported on the Ludus Stipend project. Ten young officials were awarded a \$500 grant to assist with expenses connected with officiating selected national meets. The project was successful overall.

Motion and second to charge the Executive Board with developing a program to provide a grant to newer officials similar to the Ludus Project using NOC funds. Motion carried.

Motion and second to recess at 11:25 until December 5, 2015 at 2:00 pm.. Motion carried.

Motion and second to come out of recess at 2:06 pm December 5, 2016. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports (Continued)

Law & Legislation

John Bahakel, NOC representative to the Law and Legislation committee, reported that the L&L package is almost ready for presentation to the membership. The items that most affected officials have been approved by the L&L committee.

Rules

Vice Chair Kostek reported that 69 of the 83 proposed rules changes were approved or approved as amended by the Rules committee. The package will be presented at the closing session on Sunday.

New Business

Election of representatives to the USATF Board of Directors

The following were nominated from the floor for the position of the NOC representative to the USATF Board of Directors: Len Krsak, Laurie Boemker, Robert Hooper, Id Koch, Bob Podkaminer, Gloria Louis, Mary Onken, John Shirey, Dee Jensen, Shelby Sharpe, Tom McTaggart, Perry Jenkins.

Motion and second to close the nominations. Motion carried.

The three that received the most votes were Lauri Boemker, Dee Jensen, and Len Krsak. (alphabetical order)

Motion and second to submit the names to Organizational Services Committee as the bases of nominations. Other names may be added later. Motion carried.

Motion and second to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Guest/Topics/Discussion

Shelby Sharpe summarized a paper he crafted for meet directors concerning the liability meet directors face.

Bob Podkaminer, NCAA Rules Editor, announced his resignation as NCAA Rules Editor. He announced the NCAA rule book will be totally reorganized in the next edition which will be available next November. He thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to continuing working with the officials committee.

Steve Miller, USATF Board Chair, brought greetings and thanked the officials for the work they do in providing excellent meets for all athletes.

Max Siegal, USATF CEO, brought greetings from the USATF office and briefly spoke about the goals for 2016.

Stephanie Hightower, President of USATF, brought greetings, spoke of opportunities in 2016, and thanked the officials for their hard work.

Rene Washington, USATF COO, brought greetings and spoke of the ongoing work of the USATF office.

Vin Lananna, President of Tracktown USA, provided an update on the events sponsored by Tracktown USA. He included comments about the 2016 USATF Indoor Championship, the 2016 IAAF Indoor Championship, the 2016 USATF Olympic Trials, and the 2021 IAAF Outdoor Championship.

Norm Wain, USATF Attorney, provided an update on legal issues including the distinction between payments and reimbursements for tax purposes. He also spoke about the background checks and the SafeSport program.

Ken Taylor, NOC Board Member and Treasurer, reported on the financial status of USATF which is very good at this time.

Chelsey Chang, USATF marketing, spoke concerning the change in the logo and change in the name to USATF. She emphasized that all use of the logo and name must be the new name and logo.

Neil Chin Aleong, a Level 5 Canadian official who has recently moved to the US, spoke of the differences in certification in Canada and his anticipation of officiating in the US.

Jack Wickens, USATF Foundation representative, provided a report on the foundation. He introduced Athlete Biz, a website that may be used by athletes to develop their own website.

David Katz, IAAF Technical Committee member, talked about the IAAF indoor meet to be held in Portland, OR in 2016. He emphasized it would be much different from the World Junior meet held in Eugene. There will be much more television, and a high level of professional athletes.

Lou Andreadis, 2016 Master's LOC Championships Representative, encouraged officials to apply for the meet. He outlined the housing, transportation, and meals to be provided.

Sub-committee reports

Rich Schornstein, Best Practices Sub-committee Chair, reported on the reorganization of the Best Practices page on the website. He also encouraged officials to submit additional best practices to the subcommittee.

Irene Herman provided an update and clarification of the insurance each official has as part of the USATF membership.

Lauri Boemker, NTO Sub-Committee chair, reported there are presently 66 Technical Officials including NTO's, ATO's, and ITO's. Five officials attended and the ATO course and passed the ATO exam. All five are named to the ATO panel.

Delores Murray, Appeals Sub-Committee Chair, reported there were no appeals for the selections for the 2015 national meets.

Motion and second to adjourn at 3:20 pm. Motion carried.