



PAUSATF Officials

Executive Committee Meeting 2/17/13

Attendees: John Murray- Chair, Phil Leake- Vice Chair, George Kleeman-Member at Large, Jim Hume Certification, Shirley Connors- Training , Leon Glover- Awards, Bruce Colman- Past Chair

Absent: John Lilygren- Secretary, Steve Green - At Large

1 pm -1:25 pm Closed Session

1:25 Open Session- Opened by John Murray, Chair

- Previous minutes reviewed and approved. Motion to approve made by George Kleeman, seconded by Phil Leake
- George discussed the need for methods to approve minutes faster and in getting them posted on the PAUSATF Officials Page in a timely manner. 36 hours post comments were mentioned as being an optimal time period. Other discussion was made for use of social media such as Facebook notification or email notification to the membership.

1:35 Chairman Report-

- John discussed the USATF Annual meeting in Daytona Beach FLA. He discussed concerns on liability insurance for officials at meets. A dispute over fees paid to the National Association was of concern. What will result most likely is a fee structure. This will be addressed by Stephanie Hightower and the Executive Staff at USATF. Someone from the liability insurance industry should be involved in that discussion. Topics of concern over this liability issue were covering certified officials vs. non-certified officials. John's feeling was that they should be certified in order to be covered. There is a need by the associations to be kept up to date on this issue. Questions were brought up regarding Nationwide Insurance's participation on this issue since they are now a national sponsor. In addition, the question of event sanctioning fees should be used to help cover the liability insurance costs. Current policy indicates that potential waivers that may affect us on this. Issue.
- John discussed the need for a new Mentoring Coordinator as Dennis Boyle has resigned this position. Names discussed were Ajay Padgoankar and Rob Thompson who declined when offered. Other names were mentioned to help lead this charge. Currently we now have 60 Apprentice Officials needing mentoring (47 Track and Field, 13 LDR (For Mark Winitz). Discussion was made that we make it a condition of Master's Classification that it be mandatory that they avail themselves to be mentors. It was decided that John M. will talk with several officials to be part of this subcommittee with 1 official coordinating.



1:45 Awards Report

- Dr. Glover asks for continued help in bringing forth awareness of these awards and for identifying such officials deserving of these awards. Shirley stated that awareness of the awards given with the description and criteria for each award is put into the next Turns and Distances Newsletter. Dr. Glover will draft these descriptions and submit the draft to the executive committee for review.

2:00 Training Report

Shirley gave a report stating that the Stats may not be accurate due to the non-return of roll sheets from some of the seminars given.

- ARC Clinics-Shirley worked with Rick Anderson to get this setup. The use of Davies Hall was good and all audiovisuals were working and adequate. Access for registration was longer and more difficult causing a 5 minute delay (60 participants). The weakest clinic was the Fundamentals of Track with 3 people. Marshaling, Lap Counting and Umpiring are becoming more important. In addition Referee Soft Skills was suggested as a class to combine with the Rule Review as we are increasingly dealing with coaches and athletes in this area.
- The Prices and Bowens (Officials in the Reno Area) brought up the notion of holding short informational seminars prior to high school meets for non-certified personnel to disseminate and correct mis/dis information for all those assisting with each event. Small discussion was given to this topic.
- Shirley appreciated and expressed thanks for being allowed to help with these training clinics.
- Bruce asked about accounting for these clinics. Was it burdensome at all? Shirley responded by saying that Baird Lloyd handled it and did OK. All monies were accounted for. There was also discussion on moving classes and rulebook sales.
- Below are Shirley's notes :
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE- I need to keep in continual contact. Started in October- Jeanette always initial contact, but rarely there in January. Rick Anderson was the main person this year. Rick is good at getting equipment out, if needed. Classrooms are modern with computer, projectors, screens and seat 20+. All in one wing (Davies Hall). Disadvantage is construction between rooms and the track- Should be better next year.

Numerous people arrived in last 5 minutes (went to wrong building even though signage was posted). We had to use a classroom for registration and hospitality. Bathrooms were far away (PE Building). Attendance was good (60+), but several no shows. Had only 2 people walk-ins.. Fundamentals of track had to borrow from Recert Class to make a class (Jim allowed the Fundamental class to act as a re-certification class. Fundamentals of Field had a couple of no pays, because the re-cert (paperwork not covered \$\$). Introduction to officiating had 9-11 people. Teachers performed at a high professional level and did an excellent job. Most started



on time, but we had a large number of participants sign in at the last moment. Very few went to the track-cold and dry weather factored in along with it being very hard to get to due to the construction. Rick suggested a finish-lynx class. Another suggested class was Referee-softskills, possibly combined with the Annual Rules Review.

CHICO 1/26/13

This clinic was organized by Dennis Boyle. Others that helped in the Introduction to Officiating Clinic were Bruce Makinson, Mark Youmans, Chuck Shelley, and Dick Hotchkiss. John Murray and Pat Randall put on the Associate Re-Certification Clinic. Good Attendance (20).

RENO 1/26/13

This clinic was organized by Jon and Beth Price with the help of the Bowens. They held the Introduction to Officiating (2) Fundamentals of Track and Fundamentals of Field including Recertification (5). Fair Attendance.

UC DAVIS 2/2/13

This clinic was held in conjunction with the UC Davis All Comers Meet. Joe Harper held a Starting Practicum. Lloyd Stephenson put on a Re-Certification class for Association Level LDR, while Jim Hume held an Association Level Re-Certification Class. Well Attended. Rooms were OK. No refreshments, Difficulty in maintaining contact with UC Davis Coaches in preparation for the clinic.

UC Berkeley 2/2/13

This Clinic was held in conjunction with the UC Berkeley All Comers Meet (qualifier for high school Indoor championships). A Practicum for Umpires (1) was held along with Implement Inspection Re-Certification and Practicum (8) before and during the meet.

Signing UP - Used Google. All information went to Jim Hume. Some had trouble signing up. Jim was the only one with knowledge of attendance numbers. PAUSATE site did not work well. How else do we advertise? I handed out flyers at PAUSATF Executive Board Meetings (Youth not active or interested until January Did not answer emails until January). I sent out information to coaches via Dave Shrock. Newsletter not working. A survey and Informative Emails were sent out starting in late October, but not much response. I found it helpful to have a recertification class in November, so we could have teachers for the clinics in January.

SERRA HS

Great Site! We needed 10 rooms for all Re-certification classes (5) and clinics (5). We had 80+ people show up (not counting LDR). Some were signed up, some no-shows and some showed up that day. Hospitality was always superior. Jim Marheinecke does a great job. He arrives early



and stays late to open all rooms and make sure all instructors are able to use rooms properly (computers, projector, and screen connections). Great white boards. Bathrooms readily available. Access to track fairly easy and all event sites were available and set up if needed. Serra needs to hold clinics on Sunday.

SANTA CRUZ HS 2/9/13

John Rembao contacted me for a clinic for his high school track and field helpers. They are having an n Invitational meet and want knowledgeable people running their events. Clinic was held at Santa Cruz High School from 9am-4 pm. We changed the introduction to Officiating curriculum to include a quick overview of organization, policy, ethics, and professionalism. We included scoring, and a full hour at each venue with individuals who will be running that event. All (15) attendees became members of USATF and attained Apprentice Level official status. WE have been asked to return next year. UCSC track coaches were in attendance as were local high school coaches. Teachers: Dick Connors- ethics, professionalism, track, lines: Jim Hume- Throws, scoring, forms, organizational structure, officials levels pictures: Mike Bower –uniforms, clerking; Shirley Connors Horizontal jumps; Mike Aro; Vertical jumps (practice for future).

FUTURE: Area high school clinics – Sacramento, East Bay, South Bay- Work with CIF high school Sections.

2:30 pm Certification – Jim Hume

PA/USATF “Certified” Officials the numbers game

- At the end of the last Olympiad, there were 313 Certified Officials (58 Master, 46 National, 169 Association Level, 40 Apprentice, 20 Emeritus)
- At the Start of this Olympiad , there are 295 Certified Officials (69 Master, 32 National, 110 Association , 90 Apprentice (13 Race walk, 62 LDR))
- Outstanding are 69 Potential, Additional Officials with “Problems”

Of those “problem” Officials:

- 16 Apprentices with no 2013 USATF membership #
- 3New Officials with NO 2013 USATF Membership #
- 11 Pending with 2013 USATF Membership # - RE-certified
- 6 Pending w/o 2013 USATF Membership # (Note: NO Phil Watkins)



- 30 NO re-cert, but have 2013 USATF membership #
- 1 New Official coming in for 2014

Of those Apprentice Officials:

- 2012: 23 were T+F, 2 LDR, 13 "Lost Souls- no USATF #
- 2013: 43 were T+F, 11 LDR, 1 Race Walk, 3 "Lost Souls" – no 2013 USATF #

Jim expressed some difficulty with Google Docs for communication and with people signing up for each clinic, but resolved it with emails. As of 3/1 unless there is a change in status, there will be 69 previously certified officials who will be suspended until they pay their dues and submit their resumes from the last Olympiad to Jim for re-certification.

Jim's Observations

1. Most Master and National official have books.
2. Best Practices: For resumes, Scott Kostka sent his in an Excel formatted document that looks well and delineates the date, meet, event, chore, event head and comments. Jim passed out around a template of what he'd like to see for a resume that all could follow and that could easily be adapted and appended into a database. He also presented another version for Apprentice officials.
3. @ Re-certification, there were a lot of positive comments regarding the re-certification certificates. These recognize individuals at the level of their certification. All will be sent out after re-certification is complete (Early March).
4. Thanks for all who taught or participated in re-certification will be printed in Turns and Distances
5. It was pointed out that George Kleeman must have a teaching gene as he is very good at it.
6. The group commended both Jim and Shirley for receiving their awards at the National USATF meeting in Daytona Beach last December.

3:10 Unfinished Business

Costs of Training and Re-certification Classes – Shirley will compile these costs to include mileage, motels, food, miscellaneous costs, etc. It was reminded that all instructors should submit their receipts for reimbursement. Discussion was made by Jim on printing (should be reimbursed as well @ 7 cents/page. Envelopes and postage are under the training budget. Total budget for Instructor mileage and motel was \$1500. Instructors who travelled greater than 50 miles should be reimbursed for their gas as well.

Turns and Distances



Jim stated that some material for articles has been sent in. Phil pointed out that a lot of information could be pulled from Dave Shrock's coaches' newsletter for information on schools within the association. It was suggested to highlight some coaches such as Coach Webb from Logan HS. His resume is very large and varied. It was noted that if anyone has any news to report to please pass it to Jim for publication.

Websites Update

Bruce- Can we place the officials' database in an encrypted fashion online? This would be a password protected document that would be available only to officials. In this database listed only name and contact email would be provided. Bruce will talk with the site webmaster and get back to us at the next meeting.

3:30 New Business

PA Open and Masters Championships

Open will be held at San Jose City College and Masters Meet will be held at Chabot College. Dates to be announced later.

Nomination Committee: No movement currently. Formerly this committee was headed up by Dennis Boyle. He has since resigned this position. We will begin taking nominations in March with election in June. Bruce Makinson, George Kleeman and Phil Leake now comprise this committee. They will review the policy and operating procedure from the bylaws. Offices now up for election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Delegates to PA and at-Large positions.

Annual Meeting Committee

Phil reports no movement currently. August 25th was selected as the date for the annual meeting to be held at UC Davis. Phil will contact the UC Davis coaches to get this date onto their calendar. Susie van Buskirk is on the committee as well as several others. Their participation will increase as time draws near. Phil will get back to everyone on the progress of preparations at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm. Motion was made by Bruce, seconded by George and vote was by acclaim.