

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Officials Committee  
Pacific Association United States Track & Field Association  
November 16, 2008  
Home of George Kleeman, 5104 Alhambra Valley Rd  
Martinez, CA

Members of Committee present:

Bruce Colman – Chairman  
Phil Watkins – Vice Chairman  
Jon Siegel – Secretary  
Dr. Leon Glover – Awards  
George Kleeman – Training  
Jim Hume – Certification  
John Murray – At large  
Dick Connors – Past Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Colman at 1:40 PM. There was no personnel items so no closed session. The committee observed a moment of silence in memory of Lorri Coppola and Dr. Charles Harmon Brown, members of our officiating family who passed away recently.

George Kleeman moved the approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2008 meeting. Dr. Leon Glover seconded. In favor: All

Chairman Colman added Membership Development under New business on the agenda. George Kleeman added Mandatory Training under New business on the agenda.

Chairman's Report:

The check from Save Mart that was missing as of the last meeting is still missing and we are asking Save Mart to check and determine if the check has been cashed.

Stanford University donated \$1,500 for our work at the Stanford Cross Country Invitational.

The clinic schedule for 2009 will be on Active.com soon.

We have received a list of 80 non certified officials in our organization. Chairman Colman plans to write a note to each of them and try to coax them to become certified for the upcoming Olympiad.

There will be a conference call tomorrow evening regarding the Mentoring program, hosted by Dennis Boyle and John Shirey.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Dr. Leon Glover

George Kleeman passed around a handout on the criteria for each of our major awards giving some history and what they stand for.

Dr. Glover reported that the number of people who physically were present to accept their award this year was about the same as in the past.

He indicated that he tries to contact each recipient by phone before the annual meeting.

#### Training: George Kleeman

There is a lot of information online about clinics and books. George is trying to generalize the information so there will not be a need to update the information each year.

We still need an official to teach track referee at Cal. There will be an article in *Turns & Distances* encouraging officials to become a referee. The training committee is analyzing the data it has to determine the cost of the clinics and frequency that each clinic should be offered. The training committee is working on a curriculum guide for the officials teaching the clinics. Dick Connors reminded us that he has already written a curriculum guide for the introductory clinic.

#### Certification: Jim Hume

Biggest worry is that officials will not become recertified. *Turns & Distances* will have all the information that officials will need to know how to recertify. In addition, George Kleeman indicated that he would be emailing something to all officials about recertifying.

Jim Hume pointed out that it is possible to become recertified without attending a recertification clinic.

There is still a \$10 late fee for anyone signing up for a clinic after the Wednesday before the clinic or at the door. Jay Abbott is the person in charge of books this year.

NCAA book is now a two year book – 2009-2010 for \$9.00. High school book is \$9.00. USATF book is \$13.00. These prices include postal delivery.

The Laser Lynx clinic will not be offered this year.

#### Annual Meeting: Phil Watkins

Possible dates for the next Annual meeting are August 23, 2009 or August 30, 2009. The 30<sup>th</sup> would be the preferable date. The determination of the date is tabled until the next meeting.

#### Old Business:

Consideration of the Awards Program: Newlon is the track award. Crow is the field award. Chairman Colman broached the question of whether we wanted to keep all three awards and/or change their focus? Criteria for each major award was written in 1992. General discussion of the awards was had. One problem regarding giving an award is that the recipient must meet minimum requirements such as level of officiating achieved and length of service as an official. It was agreed by all that: the Dick Barbour award will require the recipient to have achieved the masters level and have had 10 years experience as an official, the George Newlon and Horace Crow awards would require the recipient to have achieved national

or masters level and have 7 years experience as an official, the Lori Maynard award would be a special recognition award not limited to official but open to anyone in the track and field community and that none of these awards need be given in any given year if the committee feels that there is no recipient who meets all of the criteria for the award. The issue was tabled to the next meeting so that the foregoing could be written up as a formal motion to be voted upon at that time.

A break was taken at 2:35 PM.

The meeting resumed at 2:50 PM.

New business:

National Officials Committee Annual Meeting and Election.

Delegates: Rick Milam, John Murray and Bruce Colman.

Jim Hume is a delegate by reason of his office as certification chair. Dick Connors is an at large member of the national officials committee and George Kleeman is on the NOC board of directors.

Nominees for National Officials Committee: Dick Connors will be nominated. Len Krsak is the only person nominated for Chair.

George only nominee for vice chair for rules. Single nominee for vice chair for training is Rex Harvey. There are three nominees for secretary. The consensus of the committee is to support Sue Polansky.

USATF Convention: Restructuring proposal discussed.

Membership Development Grant: Irene Herman wrote to Chairman Colman suggesting that we apply for a grant to help with recruitment from the association committee. The deadline is in May 2009. Chairman Colman appointed John Murray to head up a subcommittee to look into what we could do with any grant money so obtained. Other people named as possible members of that subcommittee were Dennis Boyle and Joe Keever.

Mandatory Training: Question is, how many people are not going to clinics. 50% have gone to clinics every year. 60% have gone to a clinic during the Olympiad. Considering these numbers, should we require our members to attend clinics? George Kleeman wanted and got an open discussion of the subject. A sample resume' will be published in *Turns & Distances* since recertification will require each member to also provide a resume' at the recertification clinic.

Next Meeting: Dick Connors moved and John Murray seconded a motion that the next meeting be held on January 18, 2009. Favor = All

Motion to adjourn made by Dick Connors and seconded by John Murray. Favor = All

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

