

MINUTES OF 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
REC POOL LODGE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS
SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

Welcome remarks by Byron Talley, UCD track and field coach.

Awards were presented by the Awards Chair, Dr. Leon Glover before the beginning of the official meeting as follows:

Major: Barbour: Dick Iwamiya (Note from John Barbour – son of Dick Barbour)
Newlon (T) Jeannie White
Crow (F) John Shirey

National: Katherine Berman
Richard Berman
Derwent "Deri" Bowen
Anthony Camargo
Susan Murray
Ted Waldo

Association: Deanna Bowen
Maria Castillo
Diego "Dino" Certa
James Hart
John Pretto
Roger Quimby
Cherie Sherrard
Michael Shimansky
Susan Siegel
Allan Smith
Karen Williams

Special Presentation Award by Chairman Bruce Colman:
Dr. Leon Glover

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Colman @ 1:15 PM

52 members, including Emeritus Officials, signed into the meeting.

A moment of silence in memory of Mike Clinkenbeard

Recognition of Emeritus Officials who were present:
Certificates presented by Jim Hume
John Bodley

John Luppes

New Emeritus Officials:

Lorri Coppolla (Not present)

Gail Wetzork (Present)

Remarks by John Luppes re: Gail Wetzork

Chairman Colman asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the 2007 annual meeting.

Bob Podkaminer moved and Gail Wetzork seconded adoption of the minutes.

John Shirey said correction should be that the code of ethics referred to by George Kleeman was only a draft and not adopted. No vote was taken on the correction.

In Favor of the minutes as written: All

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Colman introduced all members of the Executive Committee:

Jim Hume: Certification Chair – appointed position

George Kleeman: Training Chair – appointed position

Mike Leonard: At Large – elected position

John Murray: At Large – elected position

Jon Siegel: Secretary – elected position

Phil Watkins: Vice Chair – elected position

Dick Connors: Past Chairman

Chairman Colman outlined some of the highlights of the past year:

There was a great improvement in the committee's web site thanks to the hard work of John Lilygren.

A training committee was set up to work with George Kleeman.

Registration for clinics and book sales was done mostly online.

"Turns and Distances" is trying to be more electronic and less paper centric.

Committee Reports:

Training: Dennis Boyle.

During 2008 we had 25 different clinics in various cities. University of California @ Davis and American River College were the most popular but they were also given in San Francisco, San Mateo and Redding.

45% of those that answered the surveys indicated that they wanted more hands on practicums. Possibly hosted by a mentor official which will count as a clinic credit.

Certification: Jim Hume.

Jim indicates that he is one of only three officials in the country that is certified to certify other officials on electronic equipment such as electronic recording operator, AKA Field Lynx, or electronic measurement judge AKA laser measurement and one of them was addressing them now. He indicates that anyone who wants training through clinics or hands on work should contact him.

National wants all field officials to be certified in field lynx but that is not going to

happen, practically.

To work at national meets, national wants officials to have some experience outside their own associations such as USATF meets and Junior Olympics besides all other qualifications needed for such officiating. Also umpires are greatly needed so experience in that area will help you get chosen to work a USATF or NCAA meet.

Jim is planning a masters review for re-certification sometime in mid December and national certified officials are welcome as well as the present master officials. Association members that want to become national certified are invited to the national review. All certification clinics for this new Olympiad are being designed for the participants to work as a group.

Al Minturn wanted to remind everyone making application for national meets to put their name on the application and be truthful because CV's are being checked for accuracy of experience. Pat Randall reminded everyone that applications for meets should never be written with a pencil because pencil does not copy well and copies are made of the applications which often then look blank.

Current email address is crucial to Jim's work and he implored the members to keep him up to date on any change of address.

Mentoring: John Shirey

John Shirey is taking over the mentoring program from Dennis Boyle. He stated that retaining new officials is what spurred on the creation of the mentoring program, first suggested by Chairman Bruce Colman. Simply stated, the program is designed with only one goal: to improve the skills of new officials and encourage them to continue officiating.

This past year the new officials were asked if they wanted a mentor. Many wanted one. Those that asked for a mentor got one and those that did not were allowed that choice. John is proposing that in this next year he would like to institute on field training clinics to enhance the skills of the new officials. John recognizes that there is a problem in communication between officials. It seems that some members just don't respond to emails and he doesn't know why. He is suggesting that some of the communication may be accomplished through some conference call meetings so the same information gets out to all the mentors.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Volunteers for the nominating committee for officers of the officials committee starting in 2009 were solicited.

The nominating committee for the 2009 election of officers is:

Dennis Boyle, Phil Leake, Pat Randall, Jim Hume, and Karen Williams.

The annual meeting committee for 2009 is:

Phil Watkins, Gail Decatur, Phil Leake, Steve Crowe, and Jay Abbott

Additional Business and announcements:

Maria Castillo requested help in youth meets.

John Luppes requested help in cross country meets at Hidden Valley Park in Martinez.

Phil Watkins said weights and measures equipment is available for rent @ \$100/day to certified officials.

Wilson Soohoo said the Rio Vista group has moved to the Port of Stockton and is now known as Tri Valley Athletics but will be changed in the near future to something like "Stockton Track Club."

Mark Youmans put in a pitch for help with the Junior Olympics.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Colman announced that he will not be seeking a third term as Chairman of the Officials Committee.

Chairman Colman wished to thank some select people who helped him accomplish the goals he set out to do. In order to make his point, he presented unsharpened pencils to:

Sonny Maynard – for advice

Joe Keever – for advice

John Lilygren – for work on the web site

Pat Randall – Calistoga hot tub advice

Rory Osbourne – directions to the annual meeting

Steve Crowe – diary preparation

Jay Abbott – implementing active.com

Dennis Boyle – developing the mentoring program

Maria Castillo – for her work with youth meets

In Memoriam, Lori Maynard

Chairman Colman emphasized that we need to keep looking for new officials to keep the sport vibrant. He said we are the stewards of this sport. He said we are the keeper of proper and fair behavior on the field and he was extremely proud to be part of this organization that ensures fair competition. He wanted to emphasize that we need to keep it all safe.

Gail Wetzork move to adjourn. Jim Hart seconded the motion.

In Favor: All

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 PM