

Minutes of the Executive Board
Officials Committee Meeting
Pacific Association United States Track & Field Association
January 19, 2008
American River College, Room 166
Sacramento, California

Members of Committee present:

Bruce Colman – Chairman
Jon Siegel – Secretary
John Murray – at large
Mike Leonard – at large
Phil Watkins – Vice Chair
Jim Hume – Certification
George Kleeman – Training
Dick Connors – past chair

Non committee members present:

Shirley Connors
Jerry Colman
Jonathan Price
Beth Price
Tom Jugata
Phil Leake
Bill Edgar

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Colman at 4:30 PM. There were no personnel matters so there was no closed session.

Corrections to the minutes of the last meeting: George Kleeman had some corrections which he had forwarded to Secretary Siegel and will be incorporated in the final version of the minutes. George Kleeman moved to approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Motion seconded by John Murray. In favor: ALL

Dick Connors requested to add an item about scheduling to the agenda. It was added to the new business section and will be reflected there.

Chairman's Report:

Bruce Colman reported that we have received \$1,500 from Stanford University. We did not meet our projected donation income for 2007. We will get \$1,500 from the University of California, Berkeley that should have been for 2007. Edrick Floreal, Stanford University, told Chairman Colman and Dick Connors that Stanford will probably double its contribution in 2008. Save Mart from the Modesto Relays only gave us one half of what was projected for 2007, but they have promised to raise it this year.

The calendar that Bill Hawkes compiled of meets for 2008 is now on pausatf.org but it has caused some confusion as athletes are trying to use it to sign up for meets from

it and can't tell which meets are sanctioned and which are not. PAUSATF communications committee is working on a calendar for both athletes and officials to be on the web site.

Chairman Colman has been working with Fred Baer to publicize our level one clinics. It did make it into the peninsula edition of the San Francisco Examiner.

Dick Connors reminded us that the College of San Mateo paid for the postage on the last *Turns & Distances* and will do the same for the next issue.

Chairman Colman thanked Bill Edgar for again Hosting the clinics at ARC and providing the space for the classes. There was a round of applause for Mr. Edgar.

Committee Reports:

Awards: Chairman is not present so no presentation.

Training: George Kleeman

78 – 79 people signed up online for clinics and books. The first three signups had some problems because of errors but they got worked out. Big problem is clinic instructors and others want numbers (as in how many in a specific clinic) and that information is not accurate until the last minute because of late signups. Mr. Kleeman is going to discuss the issue with the chairman and see about allowing greater access to the database because it is a waste of Mr. Kleeman's time to field these questions when the information becomes obsolete so quickly. The problem became exacerbated because we went from 16 instructors to 40 instructors this year.

There were about 45 students for today's clinics and there are about 45 signed up for the clinics tomorrow at Serra High School. The clinics today had many fewer last minute signups than last year. The test will be tomorrow when the last minute signups were about 20 last year.

Mike Leonard reported that he received 4 checks representing 7 people for clinics and books. He pointed out that this is a really negligible number and that consideration should be given to eliminating mail in registration altogether for next year. Mr. Kleeman pointed out that he received some checks and registrations through the mail and that eliminating that method is not appropriate.

Signups for level 1 clinics for today and tomorrow are about one half of what we had last year. However, the overall number of participants in all clinics offered is about the same as last year. We also have many more clinics offered this year versus last year. More rule books were sold this year.

Tom Jugata asked why the members couldn't be questioned at the end of the summer about what clinics they wanted. Mr. Kleeman said the main reason is that when he has done that, of about 300 questionnaires sent out, he only received about 10 or 15 back so the information gleaned is almost useless. Chairman Colman asked that since this is the first year of an active training committee, was Mr. Kleeman considering gathering the members after the clinics are over and having a post mortem? Mr. Kleeman deferred that decision to Dennis Boyle.

Mr. Colman asked Jon Siegel to discuss the changes in the mentoring program that were made this year. Mr. Siegel pointed out that because there were many people who were assigned a mentor who did not actually want a mentor and because many mentors and the people they were mentoring were geographically too far apart, the method of assigning mentors would be changed. This year the students at the level 1

clinics would be asked if they wanted a mentor. If they did, then a mentor in their geographic area would be assigned so there would be some face-to-face contact rather than just phone or internet. Jim Hume reported that about one half of the new students today signed up for a mentor.

Dick Connors brought up the subject of the difficulty of teaching clinics two days in a row at different schools. Mr. Kleeman hinted that Shirley Connors may have had something to do with that. Mr. Kleeman said they will work on that for next year.

Certification: Jim Hume

We have 9 new officials and now have over 300 officials in the association. He reported that we had wonderful representation at the convention in Hawaii. Jim Flanik has indicated that all new certifications from this year are certified for next year. Jim Hume believes that EVERYBODY who has gotten their certification this year, as well as those with earlier certifications, will still have to become recertified after the Olympics in Beijing.

New Business:

Scheduling: Dick Connors

Problem was that Stanford was going to run the Payton Jordan on May 3 which was the same day as the Modesto Relays. Stanford magnanimously agreed to move its meet to May 4. Last week, Modesto decided to move its meet to May 10. The Northern California JC is moving their meet to May 9 at Modesto. Because more money is now available (from Pepsi), Modesto will feed the officials right, house the officials Friday night, feed the officials on Saturday and each official will receive a \$25 check. Mr. Miller will also make a donation to the association. It is also possible that officials will also receive a \$25 check from the Nor Cal JC's.

Mr. Connors got a check for \$500 from the Board of Athletics to sponsor a breakfast of the D-1 coaches at the Western Regional NCAA meet at Northridge this May. Also invited will be Greg Miller from Modesto and the JC coaches. The purpose of this meeting will be to work out scheduling problems between the schools. Jim Hume questioned the location of the meeting and the limitation of representatives. He felt that there were High Schools and others that sponsor meets that should be included. Mr. Colman pointed out that Mr. Hume's concern was brought up at the Board of Athletics meeting. Mr. Kleeman pointed out that the coaches should get their schedules made up for the following year around May of the year before and submit them to a central place which would allow ample time to rearrange schedules with serious conflicts. He also pointed out that the job was too big for us and it is outside of our responsibilities.

Mr. Connors pointed out that he would like to get the next edition of *Turns & Distances* out by the 15th of March. Articles should be to him by March 1.

Jerry Colman, President of the PAUSATF addressed the meeting: There will be the Western Regional Meet at Northridge on May 25 and there is the Pacific Association Championships at San Mateo on the same day.

George Kleeman pointed out that the first Pacific Association induction to its Hall of Fame will be January 29, 2008 @ 6:30 at the recreation hall in Foster City. All the inductees will be officials this year.

John Murray moved and Phil Watkins seconded that the next meeting of the Executive Committee will be at the home of George Kleeman in Martinez on Sunday, March 9, 2008 @ 2PM Pacific Daylight Savings time.

In Favor: All

Mr. Colman pointed out that he was invited to be on the nominating committee of the national officials committee at the convention just past. He requests some input on people to fill whatever offices are becoming available.

Mr. Kleeman pointed out that nominations for the National Officials Hall of Fame are needed. Mr. Colman said that the subject would be on the agenda of the next meeting on March 9.

Phil Watkins moved to adjourn and Mike Leonard seconded the motion.

In Favor: All

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.