

**Inland Northwest Track & Field Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 18, 2016**  
**Gladish Community Center**

Meeting was called to order by Secretary Chris Lowe at 4:00PM

In attendance: Chris Lowe, Mike Hinz, Bessie Kolva, David Kolva, Kim Kutsch, Steve Kutsch, Ashley Blake (Spokane Sports Commission), Jim Peterson, Cecil Jackson, Jill McCluskey, Drew Lopez, Jeff Schaller, Jamie Cotton (Tri City Thunder), Heather Cotton (Tri City Thunder), Robyn Dououghan

Steve Kutsch presided over the meeting, being Shane Sorey stepped down from being the association president.

Steve asked for an approval and second of previous meeting minutes. Approved and seconded by voting body.

**President report-** Shane reported that when stepped down, we were financially solvent.

**Officials-** Steve reported that Shane provided a report stating we have 73 certified officials. Shane also reported that all officials have to renew and test before December 2016.

**Secretary-**Chris stated he is stepping down as secretary in order to be president. He asked the group to think about who would like to run.

**Treasurer-** Don has stepped down, but provided financial reports, as of the date of this meeting. We currently have \$17,065.61 in checking account and \$23,573.96 in savings. Mike stated that the financial person does not necessarily need to have a financial background, but financially knowledgeable. Robin stated she has some people she knows that could possibly do this job pro bono. Being this is the meeting where we vote on this person, it was stated we will vote on this via email once we have a name and a confirmation from the person that they would like to take the position. Mike moved and was seconded by Chris to approve the treasurer report. Motion passed.

**Regional Coordinator- There** are 57 total associations in USATF. Mike Hinz went over what his job is for USATF as the regional coordinator. He oversees 7 associations. Mike is a part of the association's executive committee. He met in Columbus, OH for this meeting this year. Starting next year, there will be association accreditation awards. Each association has to meet a certain criteria to get their accreditation from the national office. The top 15 associations that meet the accreditation will be given money out of a \$25,000 pool of money. He also stated there is another pool of money to help associations to get people to the national meeting and this usually is directed at the small associations. Mike said they moved the associations' workshop to tie in with the national convention. He said this workshop has now been voted and approved to have this permanently at the convention. Mike mentioned that sanction fees at the national level will be going up.

**Racewalking-** David Kolva reported very little participation. One girl did look up the information on how to do it and she did quite well.

**Mens & Women's LDR-** Jim Peterson said very active racing scene throughout our association area. He stated it has been very tough trying to get results from meets that have been sanctioned through our association.

**Substance Abuse-** This has been an issue at the master's level, more specifically testosterone enhancements.

**Men's & Women's Masters track-** Jeff asked about his title. It was labeled master's track and field for some time. He asked to change the name to Master's Track and Field. Not too much to report. Any participation in masters is on an individual basis. Jeff said it is losing athletes over the course of years. He asked if there was a way to get our information out to colleges and schools. Jeff did mention that the good meets that use to be good is no longer good.

**Youth Athletics-**

**Para Athletics-** Teresa Skinner is in Rio for the Olympics.

**Records-** It was great year for records. Jill mentioned with regards to open and master athletes, she cannot determine who is open and who are master athletes. We had 17 J.O. records and 6 age group records broke this year.

**Sports Medicine- Drew** reported that he got a call from the national office. They are offering liability insurance. Its approx \$55 per meet and \$20 per individual provider. This is above and beyond the sanction fee. This would cover the medical doctor at the meet for liability or malpractice. It was recommended that this be purchased for each meet. Meet directors would need to work Drew to get the paperwork filled out. Meet expenses would need to purchase this, not the association.

**Marketing-** Chris went over the website as there has been some question as to why I can and cannot fix certain items. He explained that he has control over certain areas of the website. The national office controls the other portions of the website.

**Sanctions-** Kim mentioned that sanction fees have not gone up in over 20 years. Kim said she was going to notify event directors of sanction events to let them know if they get their sanction in now that they will pay this year's fee and not the new fee to be sanctioned next year. Kim said she reviewed what Pacific Northwest and Oregon was doing and Pacific Northwest still charges member and non-member prices, where as Oregon charges one fee, regardless member or non member. Kim also mentioned that she would be contacting all groups that sanctioned a meet in 2016 to let them know if they sanction their event before November 1 that they will pay 2016 prices. Kim mentioned that Pacific Northwest Association only charges one fee, not a separate fee (member vs. non-member). Mike Hinz moved to accept the fee schedule and leave it having member and non-member fees and seconded. Motion passed. Kim was also given the go ahead to drop the prices to match what Oregon has if they are lower than we are, if they need to be dropped. A motion was made, seconded and approved to continue having member vs. non-member fees.

**Membership-** Kim said we have 1005 total members (670 youth and 335 adult members) and this is the best number of athletes we have had since 2000. Our association has never had numbers above 1000. We currently also have 22 clubs/organizations in our association, of which 7 clubs have already renewed for 2017, but will need background checks done in order to have their club remain in good standing.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

Spokane Sports Commission gave a presentation on what they can do for our association and clubs. Ashley Blake mentioned they are bidding on national club cross country and also open and master cross country nationals.

**Purchase Approvals-** Chris asked for the board to approve the purchase of a better tripod for our disto machine that used in the electronic measuring of field events. He stated the one we currently have is pretty flimsy and causes distances to be distorted because it is too flimsy. Robyn inquired if we rent that equipment out and Chris stated yes, it is used for state track, as well as rented to district and regional high school track. Robyn mentioned then the cost of the tri-pod would be re-couped in the rental of the equipment. Motion was made to allow the purchase of the tri-pod and seconded. Motion carried.

**Budget Approval-** A budget was developed by Don Houser, treasurer. The budget was developed off of 2016's numbers. Motion to accept budget was made and seconded. Motion passed

**Master Athlete Nomination-** A motion came from floor to nominate Kate Samuelson and Bessie Kolva as our master athletes of the year. A motion was made to make both co-athletes of the year and seconded. Motion carried.

**Awarding of Meets-** Chris mentioned he had 2 meets that needed clubs to run the meet. Valley Athletics had already been awarded the J.O. association and regional meets. The 2 meets open for bid were the association track championships and cross country championships.

He first discussed track and field. Tri City thunder put a bid in to host the association championship meet. A motion was made to have Tri City Thunder host the meet, was seconded and passed.

The association/JO cross country championship meet received 2 club bids: Tri City Thunder and Sun City. A motion was to approve Sun City as the host club and was seconded. Motion passed to have Sun City host the association cross country in 2017 and 2018.

**Contract Approval-** Chris handed out 3 different contracts: One for T-Shirts, one for association JO and regional JO and one for 2016 cross country. A question came up from the floor about the contract for T-Shirts and whether it had been looked over by a lawyer. Chris said it had not been. It was recommended that the T-Shirt contract was looked over by a lawyer before it was approved. The contract for the association and regional JO track meet was asked to have verbiage added to the contract that the host club (Valley Athletics) be a current member of the association in good standing. Chris said he would re-word the contract and have all 3 contracts available for the next meeting in February.

**Review purchase process-** Chris said in the bylaws, there is no verbiage about what the process is for purchasing items. One person could say cut a check and that's all it takes. He asked to have verbiage added to the bylaws that addresses this. Mike Hinz said that the budget falls completely on the association president and treasurer's shoulders. It is the president's job to approve purchases. It was

recommended that once all elected officials have settled into their positions that the board person come up with a process. It was motioned and passed to table this item for next meeting.

**Elections-** The following applied and were nominated, motioned, seconded and approved to the board by the voting body in attendance

**Secretary-** Heather Cotton

**Treasurer:** Robyn Doloughan

**Youth Chair:** Heather Cotton and Ivan Alfaro

**President:** Chris Lowe

**Cross Country:** Jamie Cotton

**Vice President:** Ashley Blake

**Going to Nationals:**

Chris Lowe

Mike Hinz

Jim Murphy

Linda Lanker

Theresa Skinner

Jim Peterson

Jeff Schaller

Drew Lopez

Heather Cotton

Jamie Cotton

Robyn Doloughan

Next meeting will be February 12 , 2017 at the Spokane Sports Commission at 1:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10PM

Respectfully Submitted- Chris Lowe, Secretary