

2018 USATF Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH

Synopsis of meeting attended by Carolee Stephens

Thursday, 11/29

Officials – Junior Officials Subcommittee New program being promoted because persons under 18 years of age can no longer be certified as USATF officials. This is a way to incorporate those individuals that are 14-17 years old and have been and want to continue working USATF track and field meets.

Ethics – USATF Ethics Committee This was a question and answers learning module for those interested in what an ethics complaint entails. The moderators stressed that there is a difference between an ethics complaint (which is free) and an official grievance (\$250.00). The Ethics Committee investigates then makes recommendations to the USATF Board. The Board has the final decision

Friday, 11/30

Diversity and Inclusion Workshop This was an open forum about specific instances of exclusion and potential chauvinism. Note: two instances were of interest to me, (1) a master official complained about “old white male” demographic for selection to the National Championships and the Trials. The group thought that not requiring a two week commitment from ALL officials might improve this. Most younger officials have limited vacation time and families - who they would like to spend part of their vacation time with. (2) an issue was the exclusion of the para athletic youth from the JO’s. NO discussion on this...

Para Athletics – General Session #1 Discussion on various Games to be held this coming year - hope to attend the Dixie Games in Tampa, FL, this year – and outlining changes in classification by disability, upgrades in prosthetics, chairs, etc.

Officials – Paralympic Officials Course Training I completed the course and have since passed the on-line test. Hope to receive my credential soon.

Saturday, 12/01

Race walking, Awards and working groups, The Masters Committee has decided to make a Masters RW Rule that would eliminate the pit lane.