

Report on USATF National Convention 2013

Officials Executive Committee 11/29/12

Committee Reports

Treasurer: - 5% cut in funds from National Office

Chair:

- Olympic Trials very well run. Nearly protest free.
- Junior Olympics and National Championships - many cancellations by officials.
- Selections for National Meets will be done by email, saving postage expense.
- Thanks to Rich Schornstein for videos of officiating.
- Thanks to George Kleeman for his many years of work.

Training:

- Initiatives to move evaluations online.

Rules:

- Rules review well-accepted.

Awards:

- More nominations than ever.
- Committee is going to be enlarged.
- More aggressive leader to be appointed.

Paralympic Officials from International Olympic Committee announce online course to become officials for Paralympics.

Committee is trying to get USATF National Office to buy EMD.

Association Executive Committee Meeting 11/29/12

Workshop will be in Indianapolis, IN in 2013.

Presentation will be made on 'How to Write a USATF Grant'.

Communications

- Will be using a barcode scanner.
- Supports move from 19 standards to 10 for Association standing. Standards online.

Bill Roe was presented with award for outstanding service.

Max Siegle (USATF CEO) reported the following:

- Set SMART goals to align with organization structure.
- National Office needs help from Association Committee to understand the Association Committee's problems.
- COO will be holding monthly conference calls.
- Insurance for officials will be investigated by a small task force.
- Nationwide Insurance is offering discounts to USATF members.

Committee Business

- Committee Budget will be cut 5%.
- Some associations will have more "pain" with new online sanction forms.
- CFO will set up a webinar to explain new national report form.
- New Associations Manual will be an online "working" document.
- Budget Committee will be added.
- Naming conventions will be established for archival purposes.
- Association representatives need to be on more committees.
- A Dispute Coordinator will be named to head-off problems before they become grievances.

Officials Committee Meeting 11/30/12

Elections were held and I voted in Karen Krsak's place.

- Len Krsak re-elected by acclamation.

- Tom Hott elected Secretary.
- Mark Kostek elected Vice-Chair Rules.
- Rob Buzaitis elected Vice-Chair Training.

Candidates for Officials Awards were mentioned.

President's Report is online.

Application Process for National Meets will remain online.

- Contact Delores Murray if you have a problem with selections for National Meets.

Associations Workshop #1 11/30/12

Dispute Resolution - USATF Legal Council

- Grievances - Regulation 21 is followed from USATF By-laws.
- Resolution process was explained.
- National is committed to helping Associations as much as possible within the system.
- Risk Management presented by Mike Price.
- Esix is the Risk Management Group for USATF.
- Next big claim will likely be from a concussion incident.
- Reviewed "Do's and Don'ts"; pointed to "Safe Sports Handbook" as a good source of information.
- Meet management and associations will complete and retain indefinitely injury reports.
- Meet management and associations will complete Waivers/Releases.

Presidential Forum 11/30/12

Heard plans from candidates.

Associations Workshop #2 12/1/12

Questions and Answers on Communication (Delivery System).

Jim McKee put workshop info online.

Send out 2 paragraph email blasts per month.

Association General Meeting 12/1/12

Association Grant Primer - Proposals to better your Association.

If we don't use the money, we lose it.

Information is online for writing grants.

Coaching Education Report (online).

- Matt Lydum is contact for Level 1 coaching school.

Rules Committee Report

Over 100 changes submitted.

Last chance meets will come under closer scrutiny.