

**TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK OFFICIALS CLINIC
SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 2021-GATEWAY CENTER-AMES, IOWA**

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Stanley at 8:45 am. Introduction of Vice President, Mark Tigges, Bill Neal, Sec. / Treasurer and IATO Board of Directors.

Approval was given for the Board of Directors meeting held on November 7, 2021. (MM-Timm Lamb, SM-John Zietlow).

Treasurer's Report was given by Bill Neal. Currently the IATO has \$18,545.11 in checking account. Outstanding bills are banquet tickets, banquet flowers, plaques, clinic room and shells. (MM-Dell Wagner, SM-Frank Wood)

Membership Report-No Honorary members for 2021. Two new members include Tim Squires (Belle Plaine) and B.J. Koch (Sioux City). We still have a few members who haven't renewed their membership for 2022. Bill Neal will contact them again.

OLD BUSINESS:

Volunteer certificates were distributed to those officials wanting to give out at local track meets this spring. Intended to recognize volunteers working high school track and field meets.

Hall of Fame Inductees were introduced for 2021: Carolyn Hill, Jon Turner and John Wolff. They will be inducted at the Hall of Fame banquet later in the day.

Lowry-Wassink Distinguished Service Award for 2021: Denny White.

All IATO members are encouraged to visit the IATO website- www.iowarunjumpthrow.com This website will be update by Jan. 1st, 2022.

IATO Calendars-Discussion was held on the publishing of the next IATO calendar. Mike Stanley is working on finding a vendor who can publish the calendar for 2024-2027. The biggest concern that the IATO has with this project is finding a printing vendor who is affordable. More information will be shared at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

50 Year Official Award-The Board of Directors voted in November of 2021 to add an additional IATO Award. Starting in 2022 the IATO will award members with 50 years of service to track and field a plaque recognizing this accomplishment on Saturday at the State Track and Field meet in May. 50 year officials will be recognized each year starting with those with the most years of service. The first five members to be recognized will be: Bill Keck, Darrell Brand, Dwaine Gooding, Richard Leutzinger and Charles Liston. Congratulations !!

Blank Shells-IATO members were brought up to date about blank shells. All member orders were filled in 2021. Tim Sanderson has ordered shells for the 2022 clinic. In the past shells were ordered and the

IATO received them in 3 to 4 weeks. The IATO now places their order and it takes 6 to 8 months before we receive shells. While there is a shortage of blank shells thru out the United States the IATO works very hard to supply its members with .32 and .22 Winchester blanks at a discounted price. In addition, Bill Neal works with a couple of vendors as we can't always depend on one vendor to meet all our orders. That's the good news !! Now for the bad news.....shell prices will be going up significantly in 2022. Its mostly supply and demand, some hoarding, etc. Anyway, we will have shells in 2022 for starters to purchase.

Keeping that thought in mind before you sign contracts for future meets be sure to visit with athletic directors and explain that shell prices are rising and that starters fees need to be reviewed. It was suggested that starter minimum fees for 7-12 meets should be in the \$150 to \$175 range. Obviously, starters are the only sport officials with an expendable expense at events. I have provided an example for you to use.

Athletic Director,

We had our Iowa Association of Track Officials annual meeting last December and the fees for officiating track meets was discussed. A minimum of \$150 for JH meets and \$175 for High School meets was acknowledged as a fair starter fee so this will hopefully become state wide. The cost of shells will be the biggest factor going forward in '22-'23. Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Bill

IATO Procedure Manual-Will be updated by Mike Stanley and Bill Neal going forward. In the past Corrie Wassink was the editor of the IATO Procedure Manual. Updates will be sent out to all IATO members in January 2022.

Outgoing IATO Board members Clarence Dawson, Kevin Long and Ray Wilden were presented plaques for their service to the IATO. Thank-You..... New members to the IATO Board for 2022 will be Terry Fischer-NE, John Zietlow-NE, Jeff Cook-At Large and Fran Long-At Large.

IATO President, Mike Stanley adjourned the IATO business meeting. (MM-Curt Anderson, SM-David Suntken)

High School Track and Field Update-Jared Chizek, IHSAA

Several items were discussed:

- *Rule 4-3-1b5: Logos on waist band are legal regardless of number and size
- *Rule 4-3-1b8: Clarifies that religious headwear is not considered a hair device
- *Indoor meets(Rule 5-3-3) Exchanges in lanes(30 M), No lanes(20M).
- *Rule 6-9-9: In Long Jump-If athlete is wearing Hat or Sunglasses and they fall off and land in the pit. Ignore-measure where the body lands.
- *Rule 6-2-7: Clarifies during warm-up the running direction. Prohibited except for High Jump
- *Rule 8-1-1a: Clarifies cross country course markings
- *Rule 9-3-2b,c: Clarifies when to measure for record attempts in vertical jumps

New rule books will be sent out in 2022. Also, hoping to return to normal State track and field meet. Three days with Saturday having all 4 classes in one session.

Starter Positions for track events-Terry Thompson was the presenter. He provided a handout to IATO officials and answered questions at the end.

Common High Jump Officiating Mistakes to Avoid-Jay Gruenwald was the presenter. He provided a handout to IATO officials and answered questions at the end.

Drake Relays Update-Emily McKibben, Asst. Director for Drake Relays talked to the IATO members. Hopefully, we will be back at full capacity. Waiting on NCAA protocols at this time. Hoping to have three full days of the Relays with High School, College and Elite events. This is the 112th running of the Drake Relays. Emily will be working very close with officials. If you know of officials who want to work the Drake Relays get in touch with Emily. Email: emily.mckibben@drake.edu Drake Relays schedule has not been posted so please be patient. It will eventually be posted later this spring on the Drake Relays website. Rick Hall (Waverly) will be the High School Starter for this years Relays. David Anderson (Boone) and Bill Neal (Iowa City) will be the High School Meet Referees.

Recruiting Track Officials-Jay Gruenwald was the presenter. He provided information techniques that he uses to engage new officials to our sport.

IATC-IATO Hall of Fame Banquet & Awards at 12:00 noon today.

IATO President, Mike Stanley adjourned the IATO Clinic at 11:30.