

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK OFFICIALS CLINIC
Saturday, December 4, 2022-Gateway Center-Ames, Iowa

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

Mike Jay-Track Guy Foundation gave a short presentation on what his foundation is doing for track & field athletes throughout the State of Iowa. 400 pair of shoes and 12 scholarships were given out in 2022.

Approval of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 6, 2022 at NW Waukee High School.

(MM-Dell Wagner, SM-Ray Armel)

Treasurer's Report-Currently the IATO has \$22,853.33 in checking account. Outstanding bills are banquet tickets, banquet flowers, IATO plaques and clinic room. Majority of money in checking account will be used to purchase shells for 2023. (MM-Gary O'Daniels, SM-John Wolff)

Membership Report-Three new Honorary members (Dwayne Gooding, Chuck Liston and Tim Sanderson). Each has retired from officiating and provided 45 years or more of service to track & field athletes in Iowa. Had two members who have retired from officiating and added six new members for 2022. We have 18 officials who haven't renewed their membership. They have been contacted twice thru email.

OLD BUSINESS:

Volunteer certificates were distributed to those officials wanting to recognize local volunteers working high school track & field and cross country meets.

Hall of Fame Inductees were introduced for 2022. Jay Gruenwald, Cindy Nelson and Ron Werling. They will be inducted at the Hall of Fame banquet today.

Lowry-Wassink Distinguished Service Award for 2022: Terry Thompson

Friend of Track for 2022: Rick Kuhlman

Track & Field Officials of the Year

Mike Dick-Boys Starter of the Year
Tim Thomas-Girls Starter of the Year
Mike Hale-Cross Country Starter of the Year
Mike Gruver-Junior High Starter of the Year
Dave Tapps-Field Event Official of the Year
Bill Pinckney-Track Official of the Year

Regional Starters

SW-Gary O'Daniels
SE-Bob Bowen
Central-Adam Tjeerdsma
NE-Clarence Dawson
NW-Dale Pash

Reminder that the IATO has a website for officials to review. It will be updated soon.
www.iowarunjumpthrow.com Look under the Officials menu and scroll down.

New IATO calendars for the years 2024-2027 were passed out. If you didn't attend the clinic you will get yours in the mail. Valuable asset for officials.

NEW BUSINESS:

50/25 Year Official Awards will be recognized at the State Meet in the Spring.

50 Years:

55 years-James Patterson-Cedar Rapids
55 years-Mike Dick-Urbandale
54 years-David Anderson-Boone
53 years-Carl Cochran-Minden
53 years-Stan Kirchhoff-Newton
53 years-David Lee-Conrad

25 Years:

Carolyn Hill-W. Des Moines
Don Olson-Story City

Blank Shells (2023) & Starter Pistols-Discussion was held on the availability and cost of .32 & .22 blanks. Due to the shortage of blanks starters were able to order fewer boxes of blanks for the upcoming season. There was a significant increase in the cost of blanks. At this time were not sure what will be available for purchase at the clinic next year or the cost. The IATO will do their best to secure starter blanks at a low cost to IATO members.

IATO Procedures Manual-Mike Stanley & Bill Neal will be working on updating this manual and getting a copy of updates only sent out to IATO members. This manual provides track & field and cross country officials with lots of information for working meets.

IATO has appointed a committee to look at updating the IATO By-Laws.

An election for the office of Vice President was conducted. Jim Nichols was voted in by his peers and will serve in this position for the next three years.

Adjournment of the Business meeting at 9:15 am. (MM-John Zietlow, SM-Keith Comfort)

High School Cross Country Update-Madison Melchert-IGHSAU

Madison is the new administrator for Cross Country and Track & Field going forward. She takes all the credit for the awesome weather at the State Meet held in Ft. Dodge. Regular season and State meet had few concerns this year other than dogs at meets.

SQM starters saw an increase in the starting fee this past fall. State meet will continue to rotate with 4A & 1A on Friday and 2A & 3A on Saturday in 2023. This has been well received by coaches and teams. Very few parking issues at State meet.

High School Track & Field Update-Jared Chizek-IHSAA

Jared gave out a handout of the new rule changes for 2023. I've attached an attachment with this email to cover the new changes.

3-4-3 Reruns-Gives a set of criteria for when to have a rerun for Referee.

4-2-2 Individual Entries

5-7-2 The Start

5-10-2 Relay Cards

Rule 9 (New) Indoor rules section

10-3-2b High Jump bar

Iowa Changes: Girls shuttle now before Boys Shuttle Hurdle Relay in Co-Ed meets

Other items:

What can be protested and can't. Coaches can't protest a "Start"

Coaches will be allowed into the infield for SQM. Up to host school during the regular season.

No video review-Only finish line video provided by the timer.

Only 4 or 5 states have went to electronic devices for starting meets. At this time State Associations support the use of starting pistols.

Two excellent presentations were given at the clinic. We are fortunate to have outstanding lead officials who can share with clinic attendees. 81 officials were present for the clinic.

Jim Nichols presented Umpiring around the Track

Jan Grenko-Lehman presented common Long Jump situations and how to correct them
Emily McKibben, Assistant Director for Drake Relays gave an update to clinic attendees.

*Tom Hartigan will be this years guest starter for the High School division.

*David Anderson (Boys) & Bill Neal (Girls) will be High School Referees for Drake Relays.

*Jim Duncan relays will consist of more schools from the CIML and other surrounding conferences.

*Road races, Multi-events and Grand Blue Mile will take place ahead of the Relays

*Blue Oval Standards for High School will be released in the Spring.

*Drake Relays will continue to provide officials with gear to work the Relays.

*D1, D2, D3 will compete for separate Relay division championships.

Ben Duea, NW Waukee girls coach gave a short presentation to the IATO officials about the 2023 IATC Indoor Track & Field Championships. Any officials desiring to work this meet should email Ben Duea. All officials will be paid \$75.00 per day and a polo will be provided. Be sure to include your polo size. bduea@waukeeschool.org

2023 IATC Indoor Championships

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023 (girls) and Friday, March 10, 2023 (boys).

Time: Small schools (1A/2A) will compete at the AM session (9:00AM – 2:30PM). Large schools (3A/4A) will compete at the PM session (3:15-9:30PM).

Site: Iowa State University's Lied Athletic Recreation Center, 518 Beach Road

Presentation of a plaque and kind remarks to outgoing IATO President, Mike Stanley from Harlan was made by Vice President Mark Tigges. Mike has served as IATO President twice.

Mike Stanley, IATO President closed the 2022 IATO Clinic by banging the gavel at 11:34. Everyone was dismissed to attend the IATC-IATO Hall of Fame Banquet.

Submitted by
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