

**TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL**  
**Iowa Association of Track Officials Clinic**  
**Saturday, December 2, 2023-Gateway Center-Ames, Iowa**

***Welcome and Introductions-Mark Tigges, IATO President called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.***

IATO Board Members-2023 and IATO Officers-2023 were introduced.

**Annual Business Meeting**

**\*\*Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2023- MM-Gary O'Daniels SM-David Tapps**

**\*\*Treasurer's Report-\$22,122.34 in checking account. Larger amount in checking since IATO didn't purchase .32 blanks for the clinic. Still have a banquet bill, flower bill and misc. clinic bills. MM-Jeff Cook SM-Charles Walker**

**\*\*Membership Update-Honorary members (none), New members (14 new members), Retiring (2 members) and 34 members still haven't paid their 2024 IATO membership. They will get a third reminder before being considered inactive member. Appreciate everyone send new officials to Bill Neal, IATO Sec. / Treasurer as he will follow up and get them information on how to become an official.**

**Old Business**

**\*\*Volunteer Certificates-Available during the break to recognize local track & field officials. See Mark Tigges.**

**\*\*Hall of Fame-2023-Inductees-Marv Allen, Bill Neal and Randy Wilson will be recognized at the banquet today.**

**\*\*Lowry-Wassink Distinguished Service Award-Randy Baker will be recognized at the banquet.**

**\*\*Track Officials of the Year/Regional Starters:**

Boys Starter of the Year-Mark Tigges

Girls Starter of the Year-Kevin Long

Junior High Starter of the Year-Josh Hildebrand

Field Event Official of the Year-Steve DeSerano

Track Official of the Year-Ray Armel

Regional Starters of the Year:

NW-Dan Kruse, NE-Rick Hall, Central-Tim Bell, SW-David Huff, SE-Kevin Pederson

**\*\*IATO Website-www.iowarunjumpthrow.com-Check for updates for IATO Officials**

**\*\*IATO Calendars (2024-2027)-Any official needing one should pick up during the break**

**New Business**

**\*\*25/50 Year Official Awards-Will be presented at the State meet on Saturday around 1:00 pm approx..**

25 year-Nick Gaul Chet Reinking, Greg Yoko

50 year-Scott Gonzales, Timm Lamb, Paul Lorber, Dale Sandquist, Joe Toot, Robert Witzenburg, Ron Werling.

**\*\*Blank Shells (2023) & Starter Pistols-Bill Neal gave an update on the state of .32 blanks and .22 blanks. The IATO has secured a new vendor for next year and we should have .32 & .22 blanks available at the Dec. 2024 clinic.**

**\*\*2023 Procedures Manual Updates-The NFHS Track & Field rules committee has published the changes for the upcoming 2024 track and field season. Mike Stanley and Bill Neal will be working on updates and all IATO members who have paid their dues should get new updates prior to the high school indoor season.**

\*\*IATO By-Laws revisions-Mark Tigges, Jim Nichols, John Zietlow and Bill Neal have updated the IATO By-Laws. Last update was in 2012. Most of the work was in reducing the number of committees that the IATO actually has and moving some duties on to the Vice President. Also, the eliminating of Winchester as supplier of .32 & .22 blanks. MM-Tom Hartigan SM-Ray Armel

\*\*Adjournment of the business meeting.

***H.S. Boys & H.S. Girls Track & Field Rules-Overview by Jared Chizek-IHSAA, Madison Melchert-IGHSAU***

**\*\*Officials will be getting new rule books for 2024. They will be mailed out prior to the track & field test.**

**A complete list of the 2024 NFHS Track & Field rule changes will be attached to this email. Just a few updates:**

**4-2-1 Note-Permits state associations to set participation limits within their state. Iowa will stay at 4 events for high school athletes and not new NFHS rule.**

**5-7-4 c, d, 8-4-4 Note 2-New False Start rule. Read the attachment.**

**5-14-1,2 Clarifies that displacement of any hurdle by hand is an infraction. Touching the top of the hurdle with the hand is not a DQ unless the hurdler lowers the height by pushing the hurdle downward.**

**6-2-2d Clarifies that when a competitor enters a vertical jump for the first time, at any height, no matter how many competitors are left in the competition they are permitted one minute for their first attempt.**

**6-3-2b-Added language in vertical jumps when breaking ties and competitors withdraw from the competition. Any athlete withdrawing from a jump-off concedes the higher place but retains their performance.**

**6-4-1, 6-5-1, 6-6-1 Permits athletes in the throws to apply tape to their fingers as long as the fingers are not taped together and all fingers move independently.**

**Iowa specific notes:**

**\*Shuttle hurdle relay exchange still requires outgoing hurdlers to be motionless. (#2,3,4)**

**\*NO adaptation regarding headband/hair devices. It's been eliminated.**

**\*Follow NFHS rule on undergarments. Iowa adaptation has been eliminated.**

**\*\*Starters Panel-Pre-Season letter & Pre-Meet duties-Fran Long, Ray Wilden and Jeff Cook**

**\*\*Safety around the throws & Weigh-Ins-Doug Johanson, John Zietlow**

**\*\*Gun Safety for Track/XC-Terry Thompson**

**\*\*Drake Relay Updates-Jay Gruenwald**

Drake Relays is in the process of taking applications to fill Assistant Drake Relay positions vacated by Tanner and Noah who have accepted new positions outside of the Drake Relays. Elite events will again be present at Drake Relays. Tim Thomas & Joe Toot will be the 2024 High School starters at the Drake Relays. Jim Nichols and Bill Neal will be the 2024 High School meet referees at the Drake Relays. A special thanks to Dave Anderson who has retired as the Boys High School meet referee. If you would like to work the Drake Relays in 2024 you should contact Jim Walczyk.

**\*\*IATC Indoor High School Championships (IATC)-Jim Nichols gave an update on the 2024 IATC meet. Biggest difference will be changing the days that the boys and girls will compete. Also, the 200 dash will be added.**

Mark Tigges adjourned the meeting at 11:20. MM-Timm Lamb SM-Tim Thomas

IATC-IATO Hall of Fame Banquet and Awards are in the convention center banquet room.

