

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL
Iowa Association Of Track Official's Clinic
Saturday, December 2, 2017--Gateway Center-Ames, Iowa

Rick Hall, IATO President called the 18th Annual Iowa Association of Track Officials clinic to order at 8:30 am.

*Approval of IATO minutes from November 5, 2017. (MM-Curt Anderson, SM-Roger Poage)

*Treasurer's Report-Bill Neal, IATO Sec. / Treasurer reported that the IATO has \$17,154.23 in checking account. (MM-Charles McDonough, SM-Ron Maxson)

*Membership Update-IATO has 133 active members and 29 Honorary Members. Still haven't heard from approx. 30 members.

*New Board Members for 2018 are Randy Baker (Central), Timm Lamb (SE) and Randy Wilson (SE). Going off the IATO Board of Directors is Fran Long (Central) and Ron Maxson (SE).

Old Business:

*IATO President, Rick Hall explained that the IATO has Volunteer Certificates for IATO members to hand out at local track and field meets in 2018. Officials were to pick up certificates during the break.

*IATO Officials of the Year, John Lowry Distinguished Award winner and Hall of Fame Inductees were introduced.

New Business:

*IATO will send a Memorial check to the family of Paul Morrison. Paul was the Drake Relays historian and has been a vital part of 80 Drake Relays and was 100 years old. (MM-Cornie Wassink, SM-Cindy Nelson) It was also noted that Kyle Marquard of Greene passed away this fall. A Memorial check was sent to the family.

*Blank Shells-Tim Sanderson reported that the IATO has received their backorder of .32 Winchester shells for 2017. The IATO has ordered another 300 boxes of .32 Winchester shells for 2018 clinic. The IATO will no longer purchase .22 Winchester shells as they aren't dependable. We will purchase .22 Maxx Tech shells. Discussion was held on guns, shells, ear protection and electronic starting devices. Contact Bill Neal if in need of shells. (.32's & .22's)

*2018 Recommended Procedures Manual Update-Cornie Wassink is making the necessary changes to the Manual and will have IGHSAU and IHSAA approve them prior to placing them on their websites. Officials should review the manual prior to the High School season and inform Athletic Directors and Coaches to use the Manual as a guide to running track and field meets.

*IATO Website Updates-Bill Neal is working with the IATC web editor and changes on the website should appear by the middle of January. There is a vast amount of information on the website for IATO officials. The website address is: www.iowarunjumpthrow.com

*Recruitment of Track and Field officials was another discussion topic as we are seeing fewer young officials enter officiating. It's been a concern for several years. Help us recruit new officials.

*Adjournment of the IATO Business Meeting. (MM-Roger Poage, SM-Dave Suntken)

H.S. Boys & H.S. Girls Track and Field Rules Overview-(Jared Chizek-IHSAA and Gary Ross-IGHSAU) A handout was distributed to IATO members with the three rule changes for the 2018 Track and Field season. These will be included in the upcoming rules presentation by the IHSAA and IGHSAU. Gary Ross is the newest member of the IGHSAU and is replacing John Overton. Jared and Gary fielded several questions from IATO members. Very important to understand that their door is always open to IATO members.

Drake Relays Update-Asst. Relays Director-(Dan Hostager) Dan will be working with both Blake and Carolyn in conjunction with the Drake Relays. Drake University is looking for officials for both the Jim Duncan Relays and Drake Relays. One only needs to contact Carolyn if interested. Dan noted that Drake has a new track coaching staff for 2018. Drake is looking for ways to build a new indoor facility in the future. Be prepared for "Sunshine" at 2018 Relays.

Long Jump-Veronica Daniels-Excellent presentation from Veronica on procedures to be used in the Long Jump and setting up the venue. Veronica has been a lead official at the Kansas Relays and Drake Relays as well as several National Track and Field meets. Lots of good information was shared.

Panel on NCAA and High School Rule Change Process (David Anderson & Cornie Wassink) David and Cornie explained to the membership how the process works for a rule to become a rule. Also, information was explained as to apps for officials to load on their cell phones or computers. In addition Pre-Meet notes should be reviewed prior to the track and field season.

Closing and Presentation of Plaques-Rick Hall, IATO President presented Fran Long and Ron Maxson plaques of Appreciation for serving on the IATO Board. President Hall closed the meeting at 11:32 am.

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

Submitted
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IATO Sec. / Treasurer

