# MINUTES

## Texas A&M Track & Field Officials Association

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*Date | time* **12/12/2015 10:00 AM** | *Location* **Gilliam Stadium/Press Box**

TAMTFOA BOARD

✓ **President:** Frank Orsak **Vice President:** Yancy Beavers

✓ **Secretary:** Robert Ligon ✓ **Treasurer:** Mark Zoran

**Members:**

✓ Eve Golden ✓ Shannon Lewis Sheryl Stuckly Julie Vaccaro

✓ Jody Griggs ✓ Kevin McGinnis ✓ Doug Tremaine

**Additional attendees/guests:** Pat Henry Jeremy Kenny Angela Rosel

✓ *indicates members in attendance*

## Order of Business

Coach Pat Henry

☐ **Coaches Clinic** – to better promote A&M and the track & field program, Coaches Clinics will begin being held. The clinics will be held on scheduled Track Meet days.

The target audience is any/all Junior High and High School coaches interested in learning and going through every aspect of track & field. The cost is $20/per coach and each attending coach will be provided free admission to the scheduled track meet held that day

☐ **New assistant** – Angela Rosel. She has been brought on board to team with Jeremy and eventually be the track & field officials contact person. As a former track & field coach, she is well-versed in the area of track and field and will bring the female perspective to a predominate male team of individuals at A&M.

☐ **Recruiting ideas/suggestions** – all officials will be asked to recruit at least one person to serve as an official. In addition, officials are asked to give thought to the following:
a) what do you enjoy?
b) what do you dislike?

c) what would you like to see happen?
d) what other ideas/suggestions do you have for the TAMTFOA?

- ☐ **USOC Safe Sport video** – Pat Henry has planned to coordinate showing of the Safe Sport video for all interested officials. The plan is to show the video either January 8 & 9, 2016, before the High School track meet. This is a video that all certified track & field officials must view; as required by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The session entails watching a 90 minute video, as a group, and completing the necessary paperwork provided by USATF. The officials who attend this session will not be required to complete the written test for the video, BUT **current USATF membership is REQUIRED for all officials who plan to attend.**

- ☐ **Recertification Clinic** – Plans to have a recertification clinic were discussed. The deadline for recertification is December 31, 2015 at 11:59pm. Therefore, the chance of this happening is slim; considering the short time between today and the deadline date.

- ☐ **Appreciation gifts for officials** (Nike) – beginning the first meet of the 2015-16 season, held today, all officials will received the following Nike items, bearing the new A&M track & field logo: black bag, maroon jacket, white short-sleeved shirt.

- ☐ **Medallions** - when the top three athletes receive awards they are issued a medallion. The medallion is the new TAMU track & field logo. New medallions will be issued beginning the High School meet on January 8 & 9, 2016. There was discussion regarding using the new logo on decals. The idea was favorable by all Board members in attendance.

- ☐ **NCAA Indoor Championships** (2016-17 & 2017-18) TAMU will host these championship meets for the next two indoor track & field seasons. Officials' attendance at these meets tend to increase considerably. Before opening the opportunity for outside officials, Angela and Jeremy will begin to secure officials who regularly officiate and would like to commit to officiating at these meets. Pat discussed the 'possible' attire for officials who officiate at the Indoor Championship meets as: blazer/sports jackets (men & women) with a tie. If black jackets are chosen, pants would have to be khaki or gray. If maroon jackets are chosen, black or khaki pants would be required. More information coming later in the season.

- ☐ **Meet Lodging/Housing** – plans are being made to modify, change, readjust where and how housing is determined and conducted.

Frank Orsak (President)

- ☐ **Hall of Honor** – there was a discussion regarding what specific criteria should be used. Pat and Eve referenced some of the A&M Letterman's Association Hall of Fame criteria. It was suggested to use this and other organizations' criteria as a starting point, but the Board should consider creating a committee to develop the criteria used to recognize officials. Eve Golden, Jody Griggs and Kevin McGinnis agreed to formulate the Hall of Honor Committee and establish criteria for nominating future officials.

  Pat suggested naming it: TAMU Officials Hall of Honor. Board members present agreed that the name was appropriate and everyone agreed nominations and inductees should be limited to A&M officials who are actively in and a part of the Officials Association. Pat indicated that he would like to see the Hall of Honor displayed in Gilliam Stadium.

- ☐ **Service Banquet for 2015-16** – Pat Henry indicated that he's in the process of securing the Miramont Country Club. He will provide additional information at the next meeting. Two other locations Pat suggested were: in the Hall of Champions (Kyle Field) or in the large hall/area in Gilliam that seats 300+ people.

- ☐ **Recognition of Honor** – Shirley Crowe. All in attendance agreed that Shirley would be the ideal candidate as the first recipient to receive recognition in the Hall of Honor. Pat indicated that he speaks to Shirley periodically and has continued to invite him to track meets. To avoid letting him know that he is the TAMTFOA first inductee, Frank said when he speaks to Shirley again, he'll check with him to see if he's available to attend. Discussion was also made to name future awards: Shirley Crowe Hall of Honor

**Other discussions:**

~ Officials check-in at meets
a) each area/venue leader will be asked again to check with every official in their crew to ensure that they sign in
b) Eve suggested the use a bar code. Officials would scan it with their phone when they arrive. Further discussion may occur later but it was considered as an idea.

~ Corps of cadets – Kevin asked if cadets from the Corp would still be allowed to assist. Everyone agreed the idea was great but in areas like the jumps, it would decrease the jobs/duties that some officials are normally scheduled to do. Kevin encouraged the idea of them assisting with the throws because of their agility. He and Pat will coordinate their assistance and Pat agreed to make Kevin the contact person.

## OLD Business/Reminders

~ On January 11, 2014 the Board of Directors voted. Jody Griggs and Julie Vaccaro will replace Mike Wohlfarth and Kelli Campbell on the TAMTFOA Board of Directors.

~ ALL officials must check-in at every meet.

~ Officials attire –
a) no hat/cap rule – this will continue to be enforced when officials are officiating
b) when officiating at a meet hosted by TAMU, regardless to whether it is a Track & Field or Cross Country meet, no other school's attire should be worn by the officials who are working at the meet. If any officials are observed wearing the attire of other schools, please notify Pat, Jeremy or Angela immediately.

## TO DO List/ Other Information/

~ *Hall of Honor* – Eve Golden, Jody Griggs and Kevin McGinnis will coordinate, meet, call, Skype, discuss and possibly establish the criteria for nominations into the TAMU Officials Hall of Honor. They plan to coordinate and have some criteria to present at the next Board meeting.

~ *2015-16 Service Banquet* - Pat Henry will work to secure the Miramont Country Club as the location. Date: January 23, 2016

~ *Next Board meeting* (date/time/location): January 23, 2016, Gilliam Stadium, Press Box