

17th Annual Convention

Atlanta, Ga. — November 28

Summary of Masters Track and Field Committee Meetings

BARBARA KOUSKY, Chair, Presiding Active Athletes

The following were elected as "active athletes" under the new Committee by-laws enacted at the 1994 convention, which gives each the right to vote during Committee meetings: Hugh Cobb, John Head, Suzy Hess, Sy Higgins, Willy Jones, Bev LaVeck, Phil Mulkey, Pete Mundle, Steve Podajay, Phil Raschker, Al Sheahan, Joni Shirley, Becky Sisley, Marti Skaer, John Snaden, Fred Thomas, Scott Thornsley, Sharon Warren, Jerry Wojcik. Sisley was selected as the athlete representative on the Masters T&F Executive Committee.



Roland Ranson of the Maine group bidding for the 1998 masters outdoor championships. His picture of a possible sight on the University of Maine's campus helped persuade the masters voters to award Maine the championships.

Photo by Suzy Hess

All-American

Jerry Donley gave some history on the All-American Certificate program, indicating that at its inception, it was under the auspices of the *National Masters News* because it was viewed as an additional revenue source for the paper.

Awards

The final sub-committee consisted of Don Austin (Chairman), Suzy Hess, Phil Mulkey, Marti Skaer, and Jerry Wojcik. (See separate story and charts.)

The Committee supported the concept but rejected a proposal to establish an *official* throwers' award, where awardees would be selected from the national weight throwers contests on an age-graded basis.

Budget

USATF allocated \$34,800 to the Committee for 1996, a 2% increase over the \$34,000 1995 grant (see separate chart). Overall 1996 USATF revenues are projected at \$12 million, a 29% increase over 1995's \$9.3 million, due mainly to the Olympics.

By-Laws

The Committee rejected proposals that the joint Masters T&F and LDR committees make WAVA nominations and IAAF Veterans Committee recommendations.

Championship Sites

Boston (Roxbury, Mass.) was the sole and successful bidder for the 1998 National Indoor Championships. Orono (Bangor), Maine (29 votes) was chosen to host the 1998 outdoor nationals over Knoxville, Tenn. (15), and Gainesville, Fla. (3). Many Maine supporters felt the cooler weather, small-town atmosphere, and lower entry fees were the deciding factors. (See separate chart below.)

1996 Indoor Championships

The meet is set for Greensboro, N.C., March 29-31.

1996 Outdoor Championships

The meet will be held in Spokane, Wash., Aug. 15-18. Neither the Organizing Committee nor the travel agency will receive rebates from Spokane hotels. Athletes should arrange their own accommodations with the hotels. There will be a Friday evening banquet and dance at the Ridpath Hotel, the meet headquarters. There will be no free transportation from the airport to the hotels. There will be limited transport from several designated hotels to the competition site.

1996 Decathlon/Heptathlon

Rex Harvey, Multi-Event Coordinator, proposed holding this event in Joplin, Mo., Oct. 26-27, instead of in early autumn in Thomasville, N.C. The change was requested by some U.S. athletes to accommodate visiting British athletes, who could not easily come earlier. And Thomasville could not accommodate their numbers. Several potential summer dates were not possible, because no U.S. championships can be held during the Olympics. Harvey's motion was defeated, 12-16. Harvey was asked to submit a new proposed date/site to the Executive Committee at its next meeting in Greensboro, March 29.

1996 Weight Pentathlon

Set for Sept. 14 in Bozeman, Mont.

1996 Weight Throw

Set for Aug. 31 in Seattle.

Championship Rights Fees

Since there are now several cities annually bidding for the Outdoor National Championships, a motion to charge a rights fee was made but defeated with only one yes vote.

Communications

John Cosgrove reported the USATF Communications Committee has disbanded.

Guests

Guests at the meetings included Foster Dorsett, Bahamas; Stanley Douglas, Bahamas; John Powell, Canada; Don Farquharson, Canada.

Hall of Fame

It was decided no one could serve on the Hall of Fame Committee who had been nominated for the Hall. The deadline for nominations for the inaugural class is Dec. 31, 1995. The deadline for nominations for the first regular class is March 31, 1996.

Law and Legislation

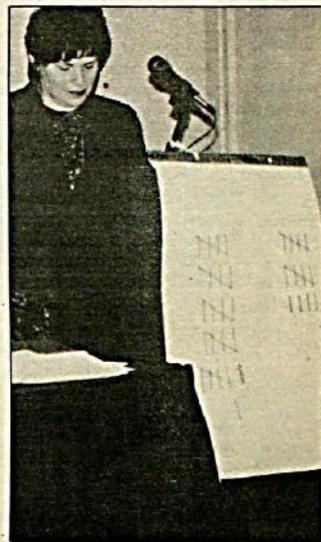
A motion that only delegates from USATF associations which had staged masters championships could vote in the Committee was rejected in a straw vote.

Market Research

A demographic study of the national championships was presented (see separate story and chart on page 24).

Masters Sports Association Trust

A tax-exempt fund, under the auspices of the Masters Sports Association, still exists but is inactive. It was argued it could be an ideal way to raise funds for the Committee's programs. Bob Fine will write an article for NMN on the subject.



Barbara Kousky, Chairperson of the USATF Masters Track & Field Committee at the USATF Convention in Atlanta, presides over the site selection vote for the 1998 National Outdoor Championships. Orono, Maine, with 29 votes, was selected over Knoxville (15) and Gainesville (3). Photo by Suzy Hess

Membership

In the future, the Committee must process all U.S. entries to the WAVA World Championships, verifying age, citizenship, and USATF membership. Thus, the Committee will maintain a data base.

Officers

A nomination committee will be chosen at the 1996 Indoor Championships to propose a slate for the four elected officers (chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer) whose two-year terms expire in Dec., 1996.

Officials

The Committee agreed to issue a commendation to the many officials who did excellent work at the national championships in 1995. Sandy Pashkin said the 1997 WAVA meet in Durban, South Africa will be recruiting U.S. officials.

Racewalking

Bev LaVeck announced 1995 award winners (see separate chart).

Rankings

Jerry Wojcik said the 1995 indoor rankings were all published in the July issue of NMN and are available for \$1.50 (see page 13). The 1995 outdoor rankings book will be available in early March.

Records

It was clarified that only U.S. citizens are entitled to U.S. records. Resident aliens are ineligible. The Committee approved all records set in the 1991 WAVA meet in Turku, even though the paperwork was not received from Turku. The Committee accepted the list of submitted records, with the addition of the 1992 Central Park TC sprint medley relay mark.

SITES OF USATF NATIONAL MASTERS T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS

1996		
Meet	Site	Date
Indoor	Greensboro NC	March 29-31
Outdoor	Spokane WA	August 15-18
Decathlon/Heptathlon	TBA	TBA
Indoor Pentathlon	Greensboro NC	March 29-31
Outdoor Pentathlon	Spokane WA	August 15-18
Weight Pentathlon	Bozeman MT	Sept. 14
Weight Throw	Seattle	August 31
5K Road Racewalk	Kingsport TN	Sept. 14
Racewalks: 5000 track, 20K road (men), 10K road (women)	Spokane WA	August 15-18
10K Racewalk (men)	Niagara Falls NY	May 19
15K Racewalk	Elk Grove Village IL	Sept. 22
25K Racewalk (men)	Albany NY	May 5
20K Racewalk (women)	Ft Monmouth NJ	Sept. 8
40K Racewalk	Cambridge MA	Oct. 13
1-hour Racewalk		
1997		
Indoor	Columbia MO	TBA
Outdoor	San Jose CA	TBA
Weight Throw	Seattle	TBA
Racewalks: 5000, 20K (men), 10K (women)	San Jose CA	TBA
1998		
Indoor	Roston	March 26-28
Outdoor	Orono ME	TBA
Racewalks: 5000, 20K (men), 10K (women)	"	"

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Minutes of Masters LDR Committee Meetings

Tues. Nov. 28, 9 a.m., Executive Committee

Chuck DesJardins, Chairman, reported on general business of the USATF Executive Committee. Two U.S. cities are bidding for the 1999 World T&F Championships, San Jose/Stanford and Seattle. The Executive Committee will decide which city to submit at the March meeting. Bids are due April, 1996.

Chuck was confirmed as a member of the IAAF Veterans Committee at the IAAF meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden, this past summer. An informal meeting of select committee members will be held later this week at this convention.

Chuck has included an additional amount in our budget to help defray costs incurred by the new Masters Hall of Fame. This will be a topic at the joint meeting of the masters committees on Thursday.

Information on another masters organization's track program was mistakenly promoted by USATF recently without authorization from either of the masters committees. This has been called to the attention of USATF, and a promise has been made to get authorization for any such future press releases.

The agenda for this convention was discussed and listed, making note that at next year's convention in San Francisco, our regular Saturday morning session will not be held because of the 10K National Cross-Country Championships, slated for Golden Gate Park. A Wednesday afternoon session will be added instead.

Tue. Nov. 28, 6 p.m.

Awards: Ruth Anderson and John Boyle presented the women's and men's nominees for Outstanding Athletes of 1995. In keeping with last year's decision to give a separate award, we also nominated male and female ultra-runners. Nominees for the Otto Essig Award for Meritorious Service to Masters LDR were John Boyle and the Honikmans. Voting will take place on Thursday morning.

Statistics: Norm Green distributed and explained his statistical report of the winners of 1995 masters LDR championships to date. This information can be used in selecting outstanding athletes of 1995.

WAVA: Norm announced that the next WAVA World Road Racing Championships will be held in Brugge, Belgium, June 29-30, 1996. Runners will do 10K or 25K and racewalkers will do 20K (women) and 30K (men).

General LDR Issues: Chuck briefly reviewed his new membership on the IAAF Veterans Committee, which was formed eight years ago. Bob Boal was Chuck's predecessor and served two four-year terms.

As a result of the LDR Balmoral Group, which met several times three years ago, a road circuit for Americans was established, beginning with a men's circuit in 1995. A women's circuit will be added in 1996, and a masters circuit will be added in 1997. Chuck appointed a committee of Norm Green, Jerry Crockett, and Carol McLatchie to suggest criteria for that circuit.

Another recommendation of the Balmoral Group was for USATF to add an LDR Commissioner to the staff. Because of the priority commitments of the Olympic Trials marathon, the three LDR chairmen have postponed work on this project until spring. There is space at the national office for this staff person, so it looks like a com-

mitment by USATF.

Chairman's Report: Chuck outlined five challenges he sees for our committee and the ways these challenges are being addressed: 1) an active masters LDR chairman in each Association, 2) a national sponsor, 3) full committee status for the ultra subcommittee, 4) an LDR administrator in the national office, and 5) a masters road circuit by 1997.

Law & Legislation: Mick Midkiff, our new representative to L&L, highlighted the proposed bylaws/operating items which would interest or affect us. We gave him general input but did not pass any specific motions.

Thu. Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m.

Athletes of the Year: Ruth and John conducted the voting (see separate chart).

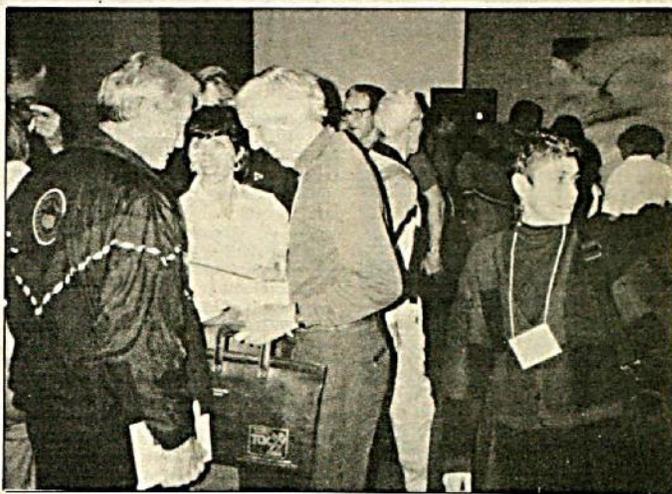
Thu. Nov. 30 Joint Session With Masters T&F, 2:30 p.m.

National Masters News: Al Sheehan reviewed recent changes in the magazine. In 1995 the office moved to Eugene, OR, with Suzy Hess as office manager. Al continues as publishing editor, and Jerry Wojcik is Senior Editor. NMN is printed in Los Angeles. *Runners World* bought the magazine in 1995 with the plan to keep most things the same; some changes are an increase in color photos/ads and larger circulation. Al is currently employed on a three-year contract. Any sustaining funds which come in are used for enlarging the publication, adding more photos, and other enhancements.

WAVA T&F Championships in Buffalo: Team managers Sandy Pashkin and Phil Greenwald listed the U.S. medal count, and urged athletes to keep in better touch with the managers for assistance during the event. There were 58 drug tests in Buffalo, all of them negative.

Masters T&F Chairman, Barbara Kousky, announced that the team uniform for the 1997 WAVA Championships in South Africa will be the same as the one in Buffalo. Team uniforms are required for the World Road Championships in Brugge, Belgium, in June. Since so many clothing changes are required during a meet that covers several days, a suggestion was made that there be a generic emblem or patch with the USATF logo that can be transferred from one garment to another.

Masters Hall of Fame: Marilyn Mitchell distributed the Masters Hall of Fame Guidelines and Nomination Forms which were approved at the convention last year.



Masters delegates relax after adjournment of the Masters Committees, 1995 USATF Convention, Atlanta, Ga. Photo by Jerry Wojcik

Marilyn read a list of those nominated so far, and after much discussion, it was agreed that a name submitted would not be a "real" nomination until documentation was also received. The nomination will remain in the database for five years.

For the inaugural year, there will be three each of male and female LDR, T&F, and RW plus two "other" (coach, administrator, etc.) for each of those three sports. Each regular class thereafter will consist of only one of each of these categories. Some concerns were expressed regarding the high numbers of each category for the inaugural year. After discussion, a motion was passed that Marilyn continue with the inaugural plan we voted on last year. Separate forms should be used when someone is being nominated for two different categories.

The original plan to present the awardees at the National Indoor Championships in March was scrapped, and a motion was passed that the inaugural year's winners and the first year's regular class (1996) both be awarded at the 1996 USATF convention in San Francisco.

Since funding from the original sponsor for this project is no longer available, Marilyn has paid for the expenses herself in order to follow through. A motion was made that she be reimbursed for all expenses out of this year's budget or next year's budget. After much discussion, Marilyn asked three things: that the motion be withdrawn, that Bob Fine (maker of the motion) serve on a Hall of Fame subcommittee, and that the members of our committee consider carefully before voting on a motion (this was in reference to the earlier complaints regarding the entire plan which was approved last year). The motion was withdrawn.

A motion was made that there be a single cycle of awardees with an adjustable class size, and that if there is an inordinate amount of nominees, the executive committee

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USATF NATIONAL MASTERS LDR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Year	Date	Event	Location
1996:	February 11	Half marathon	Las Vegas, NV
	March 31	5 km road	Carlsbad, CA
	April 13	10 km road	Plainview, NY
	Sept. 15	48 Hr (or 24 Hr)	Sylvania, OH
	October 6	Marathon	Minneapolis, MN
	October 19	100 km road	Duluth, MN
	October 27	8 km x-c	Louisville, KY
	November 3	5 km x-c	Columbus, OH
	December 7	10 km x-c	San Francisco, CA
	1997:	April 6	5 km road
April		10 km road	Plainview, NY
Sept.		8 km x-c	Pasco, WA
October 5		Marathon	St. Paul, MN
October 12		10 Mile	Wash. D.C. TENTATIVE

SITES OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Year	Location
TAC:	
1 1979	Las Vegas
2 1980	Atlanta
3 1981	Reno
4 1982	Philadelphia
5 1983	Indianapolis
6 1984	San Diego
7 1985	Houston
8 1986	Tampa
9 1987	Honolulu
10 1988	Phoenix
11 1989	Washington, D.C.
12 1990	Seattle
13 1991	New Orleans
14 1992	Louisville
USATF:	
15 1993	Las Vegas
16 1994	St. Louis
17 1995	Atlanta
18 1996	San Francisco
19 1997	Dallas