

San Francisco, California – December 3-7, 1996

Minutes of Masters LDR Committee Meetings

Tues. Dec. 3, 9 a.m., Executive Committee
 Chuck DesJardins, Chairman, reported on the 1997 Masters Road Circuit to be sponsored by Indianapolis Life, a company interested in supporting masters. So far there are eight races on the circuit; one or two more may be added. Chuck will be circuit administrator.

Chuck reported on the USATF Executive Committee meeting. Later today, the Board of Directors will vote whether to renew Olan Cassell's contract. Other concerns are that USATF has a current budget deficit of \$825,000, and the projected budget for 1997 may be reduced from \$9 million to \$7.6 million if certain revenues don't materialize. We all need to spend carefully in the first quarter.

Carole distributed the first draft of our committee's operating procedures, a document which needs to be completed by the end of 1997. Basically, it's Article 14 (Sport Committees) of USATF's By-laws, with modifications. We must build upon this first draft. It was noted that Masters T&F used USATF's main bylaws as the basis for their first draft of operating procedures.

Ruth reported on two upcoming veterans events: the IAU 100K Veterans Championships in Rodenbach, Germany, on April 12, 1997; and the 1998 Oceania Veteran Games on January 18-25, 1988, in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Liaisons were named for our 1997 Championships: One mile road, Jan. 12, and 5K road on April 13: Chuck; Half-marathon, Feb. 9: Jerry; 12K on Feb. 22: Mick; 8K road on March 23: Norm; 8K X-C on Sept. 1: Carole. Events with liaisons still to be named: 100K, 10K, marathon and 15K.

Chuck reported on the investigations into possible cheating by masters runners. The results from Carlsbad have been revised, but the Pittsburgh Marathon incident has not yet been resolved.

Several members reported on the late arrival of their ballots for the Masters Hall of Fame.

We approved all proposed rule changes except those which would require automatic timing for all championships, and would require competition numbers on front and back.

Tues. Dec. 3, 6 p.m.

Board of Directors: Jerry reported the vote was 52 to 34 to not renew Olan Cassell's contract as Executive Director in March, 1998. The main reason cited was USATF's lack of marketing success and the subsequent lack of athlete support for Mr. Cassell.

1997 Road Circuit: Chuck introduced Indy Life's Director of Marketing, Kurt Jaenicke, who detailed his company's interest in representing healthy choices for living, such as running. The CEO for Indy Life is also a runner. A program has been instituted called "Runners Edge" which is a life insurance for runners. The criteria for choosing circuit events is to target certain population areas and to choose good existing masters events that give prize money of \$1000 or more to masters. The amount being donated by Indy Life for the 1997 circuit is \$85,000 with \$50,000 of that going for cash awards in the final scoring.

Wed. Dec. 4, 8 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Jerry Crockett was appointed in October to fill the vacancy of George Vernosky, who had been our treasurer since 1979. Thank you for all those years of service to Masters, George. Jerry reported from the original \$11.5 million requested from USATF's committees, the budget was pared down to \$7.6 million. The amount of revenue in the "for sure" column is \$4 million, but the optimistic figure for 1997 is \$9.1 million, which the Budget and Finance Committee finally settled on. Our committee was granted \$36,000, but we may lose 10% of it. Places to cut back include reduced assistance to championships (liaison travel) and fewer executive committee meetings. (Note: by election, our executive committee was later reduced from

eight to six members.) To date we have spent \$31,752 of our 1996 budget of \$34,500.

Awards: John Boyle and Ruth Anderson conducted the voting for our Outstanding Athletes of 1996. (See separate story).

It was suggested that someday we name an award after long-time masters administrator, Bob Boal.

Elections: As there were no additional nominations, the slate recommended by the nominations committee was accepted by acclamation: Chairman: Jerry Crockett; Vice-Chairman, women: Ruth Anderson; vice-chairman, men: John Boyle; secretary: Norm Green; Treasurer: Chuck DesJardins.

WAVA delegates elected were Ruth Anderson and Norm Green, with Chuck DesJardins as an alternate. For our representative to USATF's Board of Directors, we elected John Boyle. Our chairman will automatically be a member, as will the U.S. member of the IAAF Veterans Committee (Chuck). Norm Green announced his candidacy for treasurer of WAVA; a motion passed that we support his candidacy.

Item 134: Madeline Bost presented her new wording for the rule proposal which would allow masters LDR teams to be composed of any runner from an Association, not just from the same club. A motion passed, 12-7 that the item be rejected as amended.

Thur. Dec. 5, Joint Masters T&F and LDR, 2:30 p.m.

WAVA Report: Norm said there will be postal vote next year re the decision to hold a 25K road run instead of a half-marathon at Non-Stadia Championships. The Non-Stadia events at the NCCWAVA Regional T&F Championships in Eugene this past August were poorly attended.

IAAF Veterans Committee: Chuck explained the makeup of this 13-member committee, 10 of whom were elected by the IAAF Council (including Chuck, elected in August, 1995), and two of whom were appointed because two regions were not represented. The chair, Cesar Moreno Bravo, makes the 13th member. This is the first time the committee has been composed of elected members. The committee met in Monaco on June 27 and expects to meet only once a year. Chuck's goals for the committee are: 1) to improve the exchange of information among member countries; 2) to increase the WAVA membership of our region's 32 IAAF member countries (only 13 currently belong to WAVA), and to increase the number of countries which have programs for masters, and 3) to interface with other masters sports organizations which hold "world championships." Chuck is already on a veterans sub-committee to work on better communications among these other masters organizations. A meeting was held in Milan in September with the Executive Director of the International Masters Games Association, and future meetings are being planned. The important question is how can all these groups work together for better competition for masters.

Durban

Sandy Pashkin, U.S. team manager, will be sending our entries to Durban, and all U.S. entries MUST go through her, despite what any previous information may have said. She cautioned athletes to read the entry information carefully (e.g. no "personal" checks will be accepted, only bank drafts/checks or Visa/Mastercard). The deadline for Sandy to receive U.S. entries is April 10, so she has time to verify all information, especially date of birth, citizenship, and valid USATF membership. Payment for housing does go directly to Durban, not to Sandy.

Potential relay members must compete as an individual at that distance, either in the event per se or as part of a multi-event.

Sandy announced that entries for any other international event must also go through her as team manager (e.g. Birmingham).

Barbara Kousky explained that all uniforms in the relays must be identical. A motion was passed that the U.S.A. team uniform currently in use be the team uniform for Durban.

Masters Road Circuit: Newly elected LDR chair Jerry Crockett gave an overview of the 1997 Masters Road Circuit to be sponsored by Indy Life Insurance Co. See National Masters News, December 1996 for complete details. The point to note is that Chuck DesJardins, not the USATF staff, procured the sponsor. He is interested in getting input on improving the circuit and is already looking ahead to 1998 events.

Trust Funds: Bob Fine made a presentation on the Masters Sports Association, a group formed in New York City in the mid 1970s to sponsor events. Prior to the WAVA Championships in Eugene in 1989, donations were collected through the MSA to aid the championships. After \$70,000 was turned over to the Eugene event, the remaining funds (about \$250) were held in trust in the MSA. Bob suggested that if our committees want to set up any kind of a trust fund at this time, we could use the MSA by modifying its bylaws, which currently do not restrict its activities to just track and field or long distance running. Peter Stasz suggested that we use our own organization, USATF, for collection of trust monies. This was reinforced by Chuck DesJardins who explained that Masters LDR has been receiving a donation from Otto Essig for the last several years, routed through USATF's books but deposited directly into our account. Bob Fine made a motion that our joint masters committee establish a trust fund with the mechanics to be worked out later (by the executive committees). Nate White suggested that the executive committees should discuss this further and bring a recommendation to the joint committee at a future time. After discussion of the options for setting up a trust fund (either through the MBA or USATF), the motion passed (31 to 13).

Hall of Fame: Marilyn Mitchell reported on

the procedures set up two years ago by our committees and approved by USATF in June of 1995. Because of complications of data collecting and ballot distribution for the inaugural hall of fame class, most of the ballots were mailed to voters in late November, with a return due-date of November 30. Since many ballots had not been received in time for calculation at this convention, Barbara Kousky appointed an ad hoc committee which met yesterday to discuss the next step. A motion passed to accept the recommendations of that ad hoc committee which are as follows: 1) The tabulation deadline for the current class will be extended to January 1, 1997, 2) The current class will be selected under the procedures voted on by our committees at the 1994 and 1995 conventions, 3) A Successful candidate must receive a minimum of 50% of the ballots cast, and 4) There will be no run-off for male track and field athlete for this inaugural class (candidates must receive 50% of the ballots cast).

Barbara further explained that the ad hoc committee met a second time (without LDR, Kousky, or Mitchell) and came up with additional suggestions. Bob Fine presented those suggestions, and after discussion and amendments, a motion was passed (31 to 5) to accept the new plan for the 1997 class. The main points are as follows: 1) Masters T&F and LDR should have separate halls of fame, 2) There should be a nominating committee to help collect data and nominate worthy candidates, 3) June 1 will be the deadline for nominations with voting to be done in September, and 4) The 1997 class will have a maximum of 28 inductees with no distinction between athlete and administrator.

National Masters News: Al Sheahan gave a written report on the newspaper with details on ownership, circulation, revenues, staff, etc. Al asked for more LDR participation regarding results and articles. The question came up about

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The Tentative Schedule for the 1997 Indy Life Circuit:

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| February 9 | Las Vegas Half-Marathon | Las Vegas, Nevada |
| March 8 | Gate River Run 15K | Jacksonville, Florida |
| May 2 | Indianapolis Life 500 | |
| | Festival Mini-Marathon | Indianapolis, Indiana |
| May 31 | Freihofer's Run for Women 5K (women only) | Albany, New York |
| July 20 | Chicago Distance Festival 5K (men only) | Chicago, Illinois |
| October 5 | Twin Cities Marathon | Minneapolis/St. Paul |
| October 25 | Tulsa Run 15K | Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| March 22 | Azalea Trail 10K | Mobile, Alabama |
| July 12 | Bastille Day 8K | Newport, California |

USATF NATIONAL MASTERS LDR CHAMPIONSHIPS – 1997

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| 1997: | | |
| January 12 | One Mile Road | Santee, CA |
| February 9 | Half-Marathon | Las Vegas, NV |
| February 22 | 12 km Road | Tomball, TX |
| March 23 | 8 km Road | Chicago, IL |
| April 12 | 10 km Road | Plainview, NY |
| April 12 | 100 km Road | Pittsburgh, PA |
| April 13 | 5 km Road | Carlsbad, CA |
| September 1 | 8 km X-C | Pasco, WA |
| October 5 | Marathon | Minneapolis, MN |
| October 25 | 15 km Road | Tulsa, OK |