

IATO Board Meeting
June 2, 2024 – 9:30 am
Iowa City West H.S., 2901 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, IA

Meeting called to order: Mark Tigges, IATO President called the meeting to order at 9:40 am.

Board members present: Jim Nichols, Randy Baker, Randy Wilson, Timm Lamb, John Zietlow, Fran Long, Jeff Cook, Mark Tigges and Bill Neal.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Dec. 2, 2023 MM-Timm Lamb SM-Jeff Cook

Membership Report-Bill Neal, IATO Secretary reported that the IATO has added five new members since the clinic.

Travis Chizek (Ida Grove), Kyle Fischer (Sidney), Brian Rodemeyer (Algona), Dan Schknecht (Garner), Jared Walker (Mt. Pleasant).

At the present time five members have not renewed their membership for 2024. IATO has two retiring members for 2024. The IATO has no honorary members.
MM-John Zietlow SM-Timm Lamb

Treasurer's Report-Bill Neal, IATO Treasurer reported the IATO has \$10,295.46 in checking account. One outstanding bill to pay in September is for 200 boxes of .32 blanks. (\$8,800) MM- Jeff Cook SM-Fran Long

Old Business-

1-Track & Field Advisory Committee report was given by Jim Nichols. Next meeting will be June 5th. Issues discussed by IATO to take to Track & Field advisory committee were: 8 lb. shot puts at meets (illegal), intentional hurdle slamming with lead foot (illegal), move to metric system for field events, use of cones on curves at SQM, filming finish line at SQM, distance races in heat of day at state meet and runners feet outside exchange zone.

2-Cross Country Advisory Committee report was given by Fran Long. Coaches discussed team rankings, wanting more awards, course markings, course needs to be wider in places at state meet and opening course the day before the state meet. These were topics of discussion as no action was taken at the meeting. Ft. Dodge will host the 2025 State Cross Country meet.

3-Ammo Report was given by Bill Neal. As everyone should know at this time Winchester .32 and .22 blanks are no longer being made by Winchester. The IATO will have the following ammo available at the clinic this December.

*.32 S & W blanks from Boland company in Florida. \$46 per box/50 shells per box. Starters will be able to purchase 8 boxes at the clinic. Boland .32 blanks work only in the Alpha .32 starting pistol. Boland .32 blanks will not work in Gun-X, NEF, S & W or H & R starting pistols. Don't order unless you have an Alpha .32 starting pistol.

*.22 CCI blanks. \$18 per box/100 shells per box. Starters will be able to purchase 4 boxes at the clinic. These blanks are a short crimp and will work in all .22 starting pistols.

*.22 Winchester blanks. \$12 per box/50 shells per box. Starters will be able to buy 8 boxes at the clinic. This is the last year that these will be available for sale from the IATO. We have several boxes left over from last season. Selling at a reduced price to sell out. Please be aware that each box may have some soft shells when fired. Will work in all .22 starting pistols. Last year for these !!!

*9 mm Maxx Tech blanks. \$18 per box/50 shells per box. Starters will be able to buy 10 boxes at the clinic. The 9 mm blanks work in Zoraki R1 (2.5" barrel) and the Zoraki R2 (2" barrel). These 9 mm pistols cost around \$100. You can find the Zoraki starting pistol on the internet.

Bill Neal will be sending out attachments to IATO members which will go into further detail on ammo and availability.

4-Discussion of legal implements and legal long jump pits. Consensus of the IATO Board was that more schools weighed in implements and had more sand in long jump pits. Still finding illegal 8 lb. shot puts at meets and long jump pits 6" below the take off board. Need to make this a major emphasis for next year again.

5-IATO Board of Directors-Terms ending at 2024 December clinic. Each will be recognized and receive a plaque at the clinic.

NW-Curt Anderson and Jim Nichols

SW-Josh Rasmusen and Rollie Wiebers

Central-Randy Baker and Larry Parker

SE-Timm Lamb and Randy Wilson

New IATO Board of Directors for 2025. Each will be recognized at clinic. Will begin their three year term on Jan. 1st, 2025.

NW-Joel Grabinoski and Dan Kruse

SW-David Huff and Tom Hartigan

Central-Dave Tapps and Randy Thoren

SE-Mike Gruver and Ray Wilden

Approved- MM-Fran Long SM-Timm Lamb

New Business-

1-2024 SQM & State Track and Field meet review by Jared Chizek (IHSA) and Madison Melchert (IGHSAU).

*Expressed appreciation for those starters who stepped up and did Mike Stanley's track meets this spring. All meets were covered.

*Great weather at the State track and field meet.

*Discussed schools using four throws versus three prelim/three final throws

*Still have illegal implements showing up at SQM and State meet. 8 lb. shot puts and implements with major indentations.

*Considering webinar prior to season to help educate officials and coaches.

*Discussion of media between starters and lane 1 prior to starting races near the finish line area (Can't see the runners in lane 1)-State meet concern

*Discussion of 800 meter run at SQM-1T or Waterfall-putting fastest out front

*Discussion of 9 mm starting pistols at State in future-2026

*Pay increase at SQM and State Meet was much appreciated. Thank you to Jared and Madison for addressing this topic.

2-Appoint Ammo Chair for IATO. Fran Long was approved to become the IATO ammo chair starting in 2025. MM- John Zietlow SM-Jim Nichols

3-Discussion of Wheelchair & Ambulatory athletes during the season and at State meet. Things went smoothly and no concerns.

4-Reminder of the Hall of Fame Banquet & Clinic- December 7, 2024-Gateway Center in Ames. More details in the fall.

5-Discussion of clinic favor ideas-IATO koozie and IATO patch

6-Clinic Speaker and topics: Jim Nichols mentioned three topics for clinic. More details in the fall. *Clerking *High Jump Situations *Starters Situations

7-25 & 50 Year Official Service Awards for 2025 will be recognized at the State track & field meet in May. More details next spring.

*25 year service awards: Terry Fischer-Cascade, Doug Johanson-Johnston, Gerald Lowry-Iowa City, Ron Maxson-West Liberty Rollie Wiebers-Dunlap

*50 year service awards: Curt Anderson-Paullina, Ron Baack-Spirit Lake, Randy Baker-LeGrand, Howard Johnson-Altoona, Kent Lyon-Indianola, Jeff Richards-Polk City

8-IATO Award Selections:

*Hall of Fame-Timm Lamb-Ft. Madison, Tim Thomas-Ames and Richard Leutzinger-Urbandale

*Lowry-Wassink Distinguish Award-John Casebolt-Marion

*High School Starters of the Year -

Boys-Tim Bell-Marshalltown Girls-Mike Gruver-Pella

*Junior High Starter of the Year-Kyle Peters-Waverly

*Field Event Official of the Year-Al Geiger-Des Moines

*Track Official of the Year-Duane Harding-Alden

*Regional track starters of the year:

NW-Ron Baack-Spirit Lake

NE-Kevin Long-LaPorte City

Central-Mike Bengen-Reinbeck

SW-Tom Hartigan-Treynor

SE-Al Ling-Tiffin

*Friends of Track-Announced-Dick & Sharon Plants

9-IATC Indoor Track Meet (Ames) -March 13 & 14-Reminder

10-Misc-

*IATO officials should wear IATO name badge at regular season meets, SQM and State meet. (Recommendation)

*SQM issues/situations-wrong start lines, wrong exchange zones, wrong uniform rule. Officials need to have better grasp of rules to prevent these situations. (Reading NFHS rule book, reading IATO Procedure Manual and walking track prior to meet can eliminate many of these situations.)

*Double waterfalls-fastest out front for distance races

*Following proper procedure for field event athlete to leave for running event.

*57 DQ at state; 43 boys and 14 girls. Over 20 in SHR. (Preventative officiating is needed at all levels of track and field)

Mark Tigges, IATO President called for adjournment of the IATO Board of Directors meeting at 12:00 noon. MM-John Zietlow SM-Jeff Cook

Submitted by

Bill Neal

IATO Sec. / Treasurer