



Wheelchair Track and Field, USA 2012 Annual Report

The 2012 WTFUSA Board

Board Terms

(term ends in 2012)**

Philip Galli	Chairman	**	2009-2012
Pam Carey	Vice-Chair		2010-2013
Charlie Sheppard	Treasurer		2012-2015
Jessica Galli	Secretary		2011-2014
Kelli Kellen	Track Chair	**	2009-2012
Larry Hughes	Field Chair	**	2009-2012
Parke Rublee	MAL- Records		2011-2014
Pat Redden	Long Distance Racing Chair		2010-2013
Vacant (J. Galli Temp.)	Athlete Representative	**	2009-2012
Teresa Skinner	Member-At-Large (MAL) –High School		2012-2015
Tom Southall	MAL- Masters		2011-2014
Jerry Clayton	MAL- Officials/Junior		2010-2013

2013-2016 Election Candidates

CANDIDATE

Larry Hughes – Member at Large

Paul Johnson – Chairman

Phil Galli – Chairman

Aaron Pike – Athlete Rep

We have four board positions up for this election but we only have three positions with candidates. The board will decide at the direction of the chair how or if to fill the second member-at-large position.

Results will be announced at the board meeting on October 12-14, 2012.

Kelli Kellen is not running for re-election. The board would like to thank her for her service as Track Chair the past 4 years.

2012 Report

WTFUSA is the National Governing Body for Wheelchair/Disabled Athletics and Wheelchair Long Distance Running in the United States for Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports, USA (WASUSA). WTFUSA's focus is to promote Disabled Track, Field and Wheelchair Road Racing in the US for individuals with a disability.

2012 General Focus Areas

1. To support the Arizona 2012 LOC to run a successful WASUSA National Junior Disability Championships (NJDC).
2. To support the GLASA LOC to run WTFUSA's Adult Championships in Chicago, IL.
3. To bring all USA WTFUSA Junior Age Groups and implement weights in line with the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) rules.
4. To continue to offer members information and to support them in the area of inclusion of athletes with a disability in high school athletics.
5. To increase the number and quality of track and field officials with knowledge of Paralympic track as well as to influence the number and quality of track and field classifiers in the US.
6. To maintain records in track and field for athletes with a disability.
7. Work with national road races to incorporate wheelchair divisions
8. To maintain WTFUSA's 501c3 status.
9. To improve regional track and field competitions by increasing the quality of IPC sanctioned events with US Paralympics.
10. To begin to transform the track and field portion of the NJDC so in the future it will be capable of hosting 500+ athletes.
11. To establish US rules for disabled track and field areas not covered by the IPC.

2012 Detailed Focus Areas

1. To support the Arizona 2012 LOC to run a successful WASUSA National Junior Disability Championships (NJDC).
 - a. WTFUSA continued to support WASUSA at its NJDC, which took place in Mesa, Arizona.
 - b. WTFUSA supported NJDC by:
 - i. Providing officials,
 - ii. Running the track and field portions of the meet
 1. WTFUSA wishes to acknowledge the work of our board members:
 - a. Jerry Clayton,
 - b. Pam Carey,
 - c. Pat Redden,
 - d. Charlie Sheppard,
 - e. Tom Southall
2. To continue to offer members information and support in the area of inclusion of athletes with a disability in high school athletics.
 - a. WTFUSA (Pam Carey, Phil Galli and Teresa Skinner) continued to work with states and local high school officials to assist in the inclusion of our junior members in high school athletics.
 - b. WTFUSA worked with Illinois the most this year to allow athletes with a disability to compete in T&F and Swimming. Phil Galli testified in the lawsuit and our team gave the local team information on standards for T&F and support for swimming.
3. To increase the number and quality of IPC trained track and field officials in the US.

- a. Due to our national level officials comments, WTFUSA working with US Paralympics has developed a formal Power Point Officials Course and Test to establish:
 - i. Official recognition,
 - ii. Track certified officials in the next Paralympic cycle.
 - iii. Offering refresher training as necessary either in person or via WEB to local and remote officials groups.
 - iv. Promote official advancement through training and mentorship.
 - v. Establish the number of local/regional and national level meets for officials to work in 2 years.
 - vi. Work with USAT&F to adopt our course for Apprentice and National level Officials.
4. To ensure the continuation of the Adult National Track and Field Meet.
 - a. WTFUSA worked with GLASA to offer our adult members a non-elite national level event.
 - b. WTFUSA worked with WASUSA regional teams to support activities in order to increase the number of adults competing at Regional Games.
5. To maintain records in Track and Field for wheelchair athletes.
 - a. This year was the second year Junior athletes could set records at Level 3 Regional events.
 - b. This year was a year to transition to IPC age groups and implement weights which meant many more records.
 - c. WTFUSA grandfathered many records in the old age groups.
6. To maintain WTFUSA's 501c3 status.
 - a. WTFUSA has filed the mandatory postcard with the US Internal Revenue Service for 2011.
 - b. WTFUSA has maintained its Corporate Address as: 14900 Ranch Road 12, Wimberly, TX 78676 (residence of Wendy Gumbert).
7. To improve regional Track and Field competitions and to increase the number of IPC sanctioned events via discussions with US Paralympics.
 - a. WTFUSA and WASUSA worked with US Paralympics to maintain seven regional events as IPC or USATF sanctioned Level III events. These meets did not have to pay sanctioning fees and received a \$1000 US Paralympic grant to help pay the IPC official's travel expenses.
 - b. WTFUSA tried to hold a meet in California but the work fell short. WTFUSA will try again in 2013.
 - c. In 2013 we will continue to work closely with the regions to improve the quality of the T&F portions of the Regional Games so all athletes will be offered fair and balanced competition.
 - i. Work to ensure we retain and certify new officials using the new Para T&F training materials and test.
 - ii. Encourage our Para only officials to gain more experience by working able-bodied meets.
 - d. WTFUSA would like to thank certain individuals for traveling and supporting our meets:
 - i. Jerry Clayton for working meets as the IPC official
 1. ITO 2012 Paralympic Games; London, England

2. ITO 2011 ParaPanAmerican Games; Guadalajara, Mexico
 3. TD 2012: Endeavor Games; Edmund, Oklahoma USA, Tristate Games; Jersey City, New Jersey USA. SouthEast Wheelchair athletic Association Regional Wheelchair Games; North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina USA
 4. NTO 2012: US Paralympic Team Trials, Indianapolis Indiana-Protest Committee , Dixie Games; Tampa Florida- Referee, NJDC; Mesa, AZ- WTFUSA representative and organizer for Track and field, Seated Throws official,
 - ii. Debbie and Ralph Armento for going to West Virginia and Ohio for their Regional meets
 - iii. Pam Carey to support Midwest meets when she was not acting in her classification role.
 - iv. Phil Galli, Debbie Armento and Jessica Galli who went to Chicago to support the GLASA Regional meet and Adult Nationals.
 - v. Phil Galli, and Pat Redden for working the Tri-State Regional meet.
 - vi. Tom Southall for working the Warrior Games, the Endeavor Games, US Paralympics Trials and NJDC
8. The Board will evaluate the following changes in the rulebook for 2013:
- a. To review the rule changes from 2012 and determine if all went well
 - b. Complete Pentathlon grids and tables for all classes.
 - c. Review the IPC July 2012/13 rule changes and make changes if necessary.
 - d. Review the issue of drafting a lead vehicle in road races and begin communications with major road races to discuss the issue and any new rules we put into place.
 - e. Discuss adding a Grand Master and Senior Division to its records for athletes 50 and over and 60 and over respectively.
 - f. Discuss the starting rule comment changes written in March of 2012.

This report is respectfully submitted by

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WTFUSA, Chairman