

USA Track & Field New England
Annual Meeting
Brandeis University
September 27, 2015

Athlete of The Month Presentation: The program began at 4:05 PM. It adjourned until 4:30 PM for food and refreshment.

Quorum: President Tom Derderian called the meeting to order. He asked Secretary Steve Viegas if a quorum was established. The secretary responded in the affirmative, that a quorum had been established.

Treasurer's Report: Annual reporting was available in written form. We continue to amass assets. We are close to a break even. Prior to this year we ran surpluses. The treasurer advises that we hire an advertising/marketing person to supplement Steve's operational side.

Nick Kanaracus brought up the need for a marketing person/lobbyist.

Ron Boemker asked that if there is a proposal to spend money on such a thing that we obtain a report like that of the Office of Personnel and Management to project what benefits would accrue to the association.

Managing Director Report: Managing Director Steve Vaitones explained that the trust at Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center is to keep the facility current. For a more complete report, Steve referred to his written report which was available to members. The association has 156 clubs. Sanctions are now down slightly. He reviewed all the events, association and national. We will have a Level 1 Coaching School in 2016. Outdoor facilities are scarce – as are indoor facilities. We are fortunate to have Fitchburg State and Holy Cross.

Our association has full accreditation from the national organization.

At this point Steve Vaitones unexpectedly collapsed.

After emergency services arrived, provided services to Steve and removed him to the hospital, the meeting reconvened at 5:20 PM .

Elections:

Sports Chairs: Candidates: Zach Emerson, for Track and Field Alex Ivanov for Youth, John Barbour for Men's Long Distance Running, Mike Travers for Masters Track and Field, Jan Holmquist for Masters Long Distance Running, Lisa Doucett for Women's Long Distance Running, Paul Kirsch for Mountain Ultra Trail, George Braun for Cross Country and Justin Kuo for Racewalking. All candidates were nominated and seconded. George Braun gave a short address from George Braun?.

Athletes Representative: Candidates: Richard Hartnett, Kevin Chu, Jenn Mortimer. All candidates were nominated and seconded. Richard Hartnett and Kevin Chu, a sprint specialist, each made a short address.

Moved that the Secretary cast one vote for each of the two slates. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Delegates: Candidates Listed on the Ballot: John Babington, Ron Boemker, Laurie Boemker, Carla Coffey, Tom Derderian, Lisa Doucett, Zach Emerson, Jim Garcia, Bob Gidari, Sidney Henthorne, David Kerin, Justin Kuo, Jennifer Mortimer, Kathy Nary, John Oleski, Chris Pasko, Gary Snyder, Steve Vaitones and Stephen Viegas. It was moved, seconded and voted to add Richard Hartnett to the ballot. Paul Kirsch and Jim Burgoyne counted the ballots. All but the following were elected who are listed in the order of their vote Gary Snyder (1st alternate), David Kerin, Bob Gidari and Amanda Pasko (who was listed on the ballot as an alternate).

Long Range Process: President Tom Derderian explained the long range process we are going through. He introduced the chairs of the Marketing, Governance/Culture and Operations.

Marketing: Track and Field Chair Zach Emerson discussed Marketing's efforts. 5 point plan. The website will be updated. The association will hire an additional person to handle championship events and marketing (a sports information management person). The target is to hire by January 1, 2016.

Governance and Culture: Vice-President Chris Pasko explained the process. He reviewed the culture document regarding board meeting practice and etiquette. Chris addressed a lot of the cultural issues.

Law and Legislation Committee: A committee will review by-laws. Term limits will be studied. Former President Ron Boemker expressed an interest in serving on the committee.

Operations Committee: Vice President Jim Garcia explained the process of assembling an operations manual.

Breakout Groups: Breakout groups were not held due to the earlier emergency.

Grant Program: Amanda Wright was recognized to make a proposal regarding a grant program. The initial proposal was for \$200,000 proportioned according to clubs which grants could be used to put on a track meet, an all-women's event or a youth track event.

A debate was held about withdrawing the proposal and having a committee look into expanding the current grant proposal.

Amanda withdrew her proposal and it was:

Moved: That an "opportunity initiative grant" proposal process be brought to the board by members for large annual and semiannual grants and that the board report back to the membership in 90 days. The motion passed on a voice vote.

It was unanimously moved to adjourn. The motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen G. Viegas, Secretary

Attendance Sheet

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>USATFNE Position</u>
Stephen	Peckiconis	Cambridge Sports Union	Treasurer
Steve	Vaitones	Somerville Road Runners	Managing Director
Rick	Stetson	NE65+	
John	Barbour	GLRR	Men's LDR
Stephen	Viegas	MassVelocity	Secretary
Rebecca	Connolly	MassVelocity	
Rich	Hartnett	GBTC	Athlete Rep
George	Braun	HFC	XC Chair
Laurie	Boemker	RITFOG	Officials Chair
Ron	Boemker	RITFOG	
Amos	Sang		
John	Babington	North Medford Club	
Mike	Travers		Masters TF
Paul	Kirsch	Acidotic Racing	MUT
Jan	Holmquist	NE65+	Masters LDR
Chris	Pasko	WYTFC	Vice President
Bob	Cedrone	Twilight Throwers	
Jean	Cann		Program Assistant
Jennifer	Mortimer	Millennium	Athlete Rep
Doug	Dietz	Emerging Elites	
John	Oleski	MassVelocity	Vice President
Nich	Haber	NE Distance	
Peter	Stasz	Greater Springfield Harriers	
Iwona	Boruch	Greater Springfield Harriers	
Amanda	Wright	SISU	
Ian	Wright	SISU	
Anthony	DiPaolo	SISU	
MacKenzie			
	Gray	SMAC	
Zach	Emerson	WRT	TF Chair
Justin	Kuo	NE Walkers	RW Chair
Michael	McGrane	BAA	
Adam	Pacheck	GBTC	
Greg	Knott	HFC	
Nick	Kanaracus	GLRR	
Jim	Burgoyne	Twilight Throwers	
Flo	Meiler	MassVelocity	
Jim	Garcia	GLRR	Vice President
Joe	Tranchita	Waltham Track Club	
Colin	Norgaard	Waltham Track Club	
Eric	Narcisi	CMS	

William	Clark	Non-voting eligible member	
Ned	Rich	Twilight Throwers	
Cynthia	Hastings	GBTC	
Kacey	Hill	SISU	
Austin	Susmann	SISU	
Dan	Hall	GBTC	
Caleb	Evanter	GBTC	
	MacFarlan		
Gordon	d	Cambridge Sports Union	
Luca	Caira	Waltham Track Club	
Andrew	Chalmers	GBTC	
Kevin	Chu	Sprinticity	
Lisa	Doucett	Cambridge Sports Union	
Matt	Lynch	HFC	
Matthew	Germain	SISU	
Jason	Cakouros	HFC	
Tom	Derderian	GBTC	President
John	Oleski	MassVelocity	Vice President