

USA Track & Field - New England Board Meeting

USATF-NE Office
Monday, May 7, 2018

Board members present: Shaun Dever, Alex Engel, Maggie Fox, Justin Kuo, Chris Pasko, Stephen Peckiconis, Mike Travers.

Present via conference call: Katie Adams, Laurie Boemker, Paul Kirsch, Sasha Mindel, Scott Mindel, Jen Mortimer, Jeff Rockwood, Sarah Thornton, Gordon MacFarland, Amanda Wright
Employees Present: Sarah May & Steve Vaitones.

6:32 President's Opening Remarks - Overview of agenda.

- Motion was presented by Justin Kuo
April Meeting Minutes to be approved.
- Motion Seconded by Shaun Dever
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Treasurer's Report Stephen Peckiconis

This is a quiet time of year; he wrote over 100 checks in December and only 0-3 this past month. In December he estimated that we were down \$28,000 in operating budget and that is pretty accurate.

Managing Directors' Report Steve Vaitones

See emailed report. He spoke with someone from Pacific Northwest and their association agreed to carry the grievance concerning Vin's suspension forward. A main part of the grievance asks for clarification of what is going to be done and what can be done, including that an interim president cannot undo something that a past president put in place. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of filing a grievance, but without more information or a different interpretation of the bylaws, the Board feels that we should stay out of this especially since we have so many other things on our plate. We will reconsider if new information comes about. We do not want our ability to receive resources from National to be impacted.

Marketing Coordinator's Report Sarah May

See emailed report. She started Member of the Month. The first recipient this month was Soul Sister. Project Repat is interested in sponsoring the ATR Series. Sarah is waiting for a quote for Athlete of the Month Plaques for 2017. Discussion on April Athlete of the Month nominees: Rachel Hyland and Bill Dixon. Hyland placed fourth in the Boston Marathon with a time of 2:44:29. Dixon broke the US M70-74 record by over 30 seconds, however Gene Dykes from Philadelphia beat Dixon taking the record. Dixon was 3rd age graded male, 5th overall. Rachel Hyland won Athlete of the Month with a majority vote.

Coaching Education Update Katie Adams

Regis College is booked for the Level I school on June 9-10. She may have to cap registration at 70, which has been typical for the last several schools. A third Level II school is being added in

August and December this year. She is looking for a site for a Level I school after Thanksgiving in New York City.

Officials Committee Update Laurie Boemker

She was in Indianapolis at an Officials Committee meeting, overall numbers of officials are down 30% (she believes it is probably closer to 50%). Tom believes we will have a problem getting young people becoming officials in the future. Laurie believes the younger officials exist in our association, they are just not being inviting to officiate at some of the bigger Boston area events. Steve notes that the NCAA Div III Nationals are going to be at the Reggie Lewis Center in 2020 and 2021. This will draw some new people that want to be involved in bigger meets.

Track Update Jeff Rockwood

We have 3 big meets coming up.

1. Relay Meet at Wellesley College on Saturday June 30. The entry form has not been posted yet (goal for next week). We do have a contract from Wellesley. Chris will send out 2 options for event schedule and get Board recommendation. We have 3-4 officials already.
2. USATF-NE Masters Track Championship at Holy Cross on Saturday July 7. Paper entry and schedule is finalized. Steve will have online portion finalized by tomorrow. Entry fees are \$20 for first event and all subsequent events are \$10. He also doubled the day of meet entry fee to \$20. Mike suspects he will need to hire more officials this year due to SafeSport so this will help cover that since typically get 20 day of entrants. Looking for volunteers.
3. USATF-NE Open Track Championship at Holy Cross on Saturday July 28. Steve has some interest from Western Mass officials to come to both Holy Cross meets.

LDR Update Gordon MacFarland

Working on a living document for LDR race selection. The key to the LDR selection process is having quality races to choose from. LDR chairs are responsible for the overall management of the LDR races not just the selection process. Goal to reach out to XC and MUT to see what their schedule looks like to have more data points to keep in mind. They will send the rest of the board their final document. Next race is Ribfest in June. They will start promoting the Bridge of Flowers race as a Joint-Association Championship: Adirondack, New England, and Connecticut.

ATR Update Steve Vaitones

Sarah will be at the first race at Wachusett Mountain to be a USATF-NE presence with a table, banner, etc. She will also put ATR pamphlets in the race "bags"...she will find out if they have bags. Sarah will send an Upcoming Events Exact Target about the ATR Series this week.

Grant Committee Update Mike Travers

4 applications were received and 2 Grants were awarded:

1. Panthers Running Club in Lowell \$100/athlete to go to the USATF JO Nationals in Greensboro, NC up to 15 athletes. They had applied for up to 10 athletes so they were ecstatic. They are going to do fundraising on their own to make up the rest of the money.
2. Elizabeth Pellegrini, a post collegiate hurdler. We gave her \$486 to get to the Oxy Invite in LA. She will be providing a report and she will be awarded the money after the report is received.

USATF-NE Annual Meet Stephen Peckiconis

Site selection. The earlier we pick a site, the better deal we get. Sundays September 23 and 30 are tentative dates. We should expect 100-175 people. We will look into the Waltham Marriott again. Last year cost us \$3,600 to rent the space.

SafeSport Update Steve Vaitones

We will have to make sure that we have more officials. There are still a number of board members/ employees who have not taken the certification. Please take the course by the next board meeting. National has sent out 3 separate SafeSport related emails but they were sent to 3 separate groups of people, one just to presidents and secretaries, one to event directors. Lack of communication and miscommunication from National. No standardized forms or examples, no consequences have been outlined, database is unclear and not updated frequently. SafeSport is now separate from the USOC and they will adjudicate issues.

Other Items

Tom gifted his book, Boston Marathon to the USATF-NE library.

8:03 Meeting adjourned.