

USA Track & Field - New England Board Meeting

USATF-NE Office

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:40 President's Opening Remarks - Overview of agenda.

Board members present: Tom Derderian, Shaun Dever, Alex Engel, Maggie Fox, Justin Kuo, Gordon MacFarland, Sasha Mindel, Scott Mindel, Jenn Mortimer, Chris Pasko, Stephen Peckiconis, Jeff Rockwood, Sarah Thornton, Mike Travers, Amanda Wright.

Present via conference call: Katie Adams, Alex Ivanov, Paul Kirsh.

Employees Present: Sarah May & Steve Vaitones.

Maggie will put Annual Meeting minutes on Google Drive

Treasurer's Report Stephen Peckiconis

See financial report. Net equity is still right around half a million. Total Assets are \$493,252.89. Our Net Income is negative \$14,289.95 this year. Entry Fees Income has increased this year, but USATF Sanctions Income has decreased. The decrease in Sanctions income is the most concerning. Discussion on how to fix this number from continuing to decrease. National does not have a sales kit for selling race sanctions. This will be put on the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting.

Managing Directors' Report Steve Vaitones

As of 1/1/18 we have 2,253 members. We have 80 clubs fully renewed, which is about half of our total. We have 65 sanctions. We never found a site for the 4x1600 Lou's relay we've hosted in the past. We couldn't get into BU and The Reggie Lewis Center was closed. The Eastern Mass track community is generally spoiled, in that most will not race on a flat track. We also have not been able to find a site for the Weight Throw Clinic. But we confirmed Fitchburg for JO's on 6/16. Steve has reached out to Holy Cross, they are waiting to have dates for their summer camps first before committing to a date for us. Met with Joe Walsh from Mass...He is looking to hold para-olympic meets between late May and July. (is this correct?)

Coaching Education Update Katie Adams

Level I courses scheduled at Wellesley College this year in June and November. The coaching recertification guidelines were sent out today with a list of options to complete to maintain USATF Coach certification before 2020. Discussion about locating a site for a mini Level II. 95 people have signed up for the Level II this year so assumption is that it would be well attended.

Marketing Coordinator's Report Sarah May

See Report. Still looking for sponsors for the Indoor Points Chase. Set 2018 goals concerning sponsorships and social media. The December Athletes of the Month are [John Barber](#).

Awards Banquet Sarah May

Saturday March 3 for Boston Harbor Cruise from 1-3pm would be \$55/person. Minimum of 110 people guaranteed. This might be too high of a price point. \$20/person is a better price point. All

Athlete of the Month awards will be given as well as all LDR awards. Discussion about adding a track and field award, a throwers award, etc. Early evening on March 3 for around \$25 that would include possible drink tickets and hors d'oeuvres. Looking for a place that can hold 100 people. Maybe somewhere in Assembly Row.

Grant Committee Mike Travers

Gave a coach \$100 for a Level I school. One Grant proposal was very vague so Mike gave more specific directions to get the grant and he has not heard from him since.

Indoor Track Update Jeff Rockwood

Ocean State and Heartbreakers have said that their higher caliber athletes will wait until the bigger BU meets to submit better performances. Top 2 athletes in Indoor Points Chase are separated by 1 point and there are 2 women in the top 6 currently. Jeff will reach out directly to the greater Boston area clubs to get them involved in the Points Chase. He could use some help recruiting athletes at the GBTC Invite.

MUT Budget Paul Kirsch

The Ragged 50km, which was our 2017 USATF-NE 50km Trail Champs, will serve as the National 50KM Trail Championships in 2018. The Loon Mountain Race has been named the US Mountain Running Championship and will also serve as the NACAC Mountain Championship as well. Mountain Championships have about 550 entries. Ultra Championships have about 125-150 entries. Proposal to give \$3,500 in prize money to each championship. Trail Sisters partnership for Loon and there is a 50% off for any 1st time female competitors this year.

- Motion was presented by Stephen Peckiconis

To approve the MUT Budget as presented in Paul Kirsch's document.

- Motion Seconded by Amanda Wright
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

ATR Series

Does this want to be a participation series as opposed to a prize money series? In that case maybe we give out jackets or something of the like instead of awarding prize money. There are questions on the membership survey about why members participate in the series. Those answers will dictate where we go from here.

Racewalking Budget

Asking for \$1,500 for total Racewalking budget. \$700 for national championship that we are hosting in June. Looking to secure site in Framingham. \$200 for a Judges Seminar/Clinic. \$270 to bring judges into the area to help judge competitions. There are about 50 local race walkers who regularly compete.

- Motion was presented by Jenn Mortimer

To approve the Racewalking Budget as presented in Justin Kuo's proposal.

- Motion Seconded by Tom Derderian
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Officials Budget

Asking for \$1,600 for total Officials budget. \$400 towards specialty event clinics, ie: pole vault, timing systems, youth officials training, and Once per career award to help in travel costs for officials under \$35 who have been an official for at least 3 years.

Motion was presented by Mike Travers

To approve the Officials Budget as presented in Laurie's proposal.

- Motion Seconded by Justin Kuo.
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

LDR Budget

LDR Race Director's lunch will be at the Bonefish Cafe in Waltham on 2/2 at 12:30. Looking to come up with a new system to choose LDR Grand Prix races.

- Motion was presented by Jenn Mortimer

To approve the Cross Country Budget as presented in Gordon's proposal.

- Motion Seconded by Amanda Wright
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Steve had a conversation with the President of the Adirondack Association. Their bubble over their track popped and is still not fixed. They would like to designate our East Region Master's Championships and our Open New England Championships as their Adirondack championships. This is fine with the board.

- Motion was presented by Amanda Wright

November Meeting Minutes to be approved.

- Motion Seconded by Jenn Mortimer
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

8:17 Meeting adjourned.