

USA Track & Field - New England Board Meeting

USATF-NE Office

Monday, October 2, 2017

6:35 President's Opening Remarks - Overview of agenda. Quick review of annual meeting last week. We need to start planning next year's banquet. Asked board members to put this year's board meeting dates in their calendars. New board members introduced themselves.

Board members present: Katie Adams, Shaun Dever, Alex Engel, Maggie Fox, Alex Ivanov, Justin Kuo, Gordon MacFarland, Mike McGrane, Jenn Mortimer, Chris Pasko, Stephen Peckiconis, Jeff Rockwood, Sarah Thornton, Mike Travers, Amanda Wright.

Present via conference call: Laurie Boemker, Tom Derderian, Paul Kirsh.

Employees Present: Sarah May & Steve Vaitones.

- Motion was presented by Shaun Dever
September Meeting Minutes to be approved.
- Motion Seconded by Justin Kuo
- **Motion Passed** with 1 abstention.

Treasurer's Report Stephen Peckiconis

See financial report. We received one more payment from the New England Track and Field Championship in July. He will update financials based on this.

Managing Directors' Report Steve Vaitones

See Report. Membership is at 5,907 so odds to reach 6,000 are slim.

Marketing Coordinator's Report Sarah May

We have Trigger-pin sponsoring us for the Master's XC Championship. They will be giving us \$250. Sarah suggested Apryl Sabadosa for Athlete of the Month. She runs barefoot and she has 92/100 for 5 events and she just won her first 10k at Lone Gull. Unanimous approval for Apryl to be September's Athlete of the Month.

Coaching Education Update Katie Adams

14 people registered for November Level I school. Some people are waiting to register until their November membership deadline. Still waiting on 2018 approvals or denials.

Officials Update Laurie Boemker

Discussed application deadline for officials to officiate National meets and NCAA meets (November 6). There are a lot of meets coming up and she and Steve have been reaching out to people to make sure there are enough people to cover them all.

2017-2018 Board Year Expectations Chris Pasko

Overview of the USATF-NE Board of Governors Best Practices: go to meetings, volunteer, prepare for meetings, understanding the responsibilities of the board, spreading out board meetings

geographically, avoiding conflict of interest. If you miss a board meeting, you must submit a written report detailing your previous month's USATF-NE activities prior to the board meeting.

Awards Banquet Jenn Mortimer

In the past it occurs in January in Waltham. Typically 100 people attend. There is a cocktail hour, guest speaker, awards, dinner, and last year there was dancing. A lot goes into the planning and execution of this event. Discussion of whether we should continue this. This event is typically LDR-centric. What is our target audience? Some people want a traditional formal awards banquet and some people want more of a party feel. We will consider the date for this and potentially a new venue. Committee was formed: Gordon, Jason, Sarah, Amanda.

Masters Cross Country Update Nicole Hamilton

Shirts are all set. Sarah will be coordinating the sponsors the day-off. Volunteers are the next big thing to finalize. A time-line for required volunteer time slots has been created and she will send that out this week to the board. One last call this Thursday to tie up any loose ends. Board members can also email her with their availability to volunteer. Packet pick-up and a technical meeting will be on Saturday so she will need volunteers from roughly 1pm-8pm and then Sunday she is looking for help from roughly 7am-2:30pm. Steve Vaitones will act as Race Director.

USATF Annual Meeting Steve Vaitones & Chris Pasko

Reimbursement proposal of \$800 - flight, hotel, registration. To get reimbursed you must send Stephen a pdf with your airline and hotel reservations. Chris would like to add a stipulation that to be reimbursed you must submit a report of your time at the annual meeting summarizing the meetings you attended and what you learned. He would also request that you must attend the full length of the meeting, especially to vote on Sunday.

- Motion was presented by Maggie Fox

That the reimbursement share for the 2017 Annual Meeting is up to \$800 to be reimbursed upon the presentation of receipts and a 1-page summary of their activities by December 31, 2017.

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

- Motion was presented by Gordon MacFarland

That full Annual Meeting reimbursement shares will be awarded to the 17 voted-upon delegates and the Open Track & Field Chairs and Cross Country Chair, and that half shares will be awarded to the Coaching Education Chair and the Vice President.

- Motion Seconded by Sarah Thornton
- **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Other Items

Paul Kirsh speaks about ATR Series. Concept is great, but it has not caught on. He asked Sarah if we could do some sort of survey to determine if people know about it and if they're interested in it. Right now there is a lot of prize money delegated to it and he wonders if it is worth it without more participation. Sarah will follow up with Paul about creating a survey. Chris comments that less is more concerning survey questions.

Closing Remarks Chris Pasko

He wants to come up with a way to survey growth and proposes a night to brainstorm outside of a board meeting.

8:00 Meeting adjourned.