

**USA Track & Field - New England Association
Board of Governors Meeting
Association Office, Brighton, MA
October 7, 2019**

Present: Chris Pasko, Justin Kuo, Dave Lapierre, Larry Libow, Mike Travers, Stephen Peckiconis, Tommy Mazza, Dave Teszler, Maggie Fox, John Oleski, Jack Wozek, Steve Viegas, Chris Wargo

Phone: Laurie Boemker, Paul Kirsch, Amanda Watters, Scott Mindel, Barbara Hamilton

Employee: Steve Vaitones

Guests: Bob Gidari (officials chair candidate), Chevanese Wray (guest of Larry)

The meeting was called to order at 18:32 with a quorum of 11 board members in the office and 5 on the phone. Final total of voting members was 18

Open Discussion: We did introductions of the new board members. John Oleski, Tommy Mazza, Jack Wozek.

Secretary's Report: We have both the August and September minutes to review.

Motioned: To approve the August minutes. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Motioned: To approve the September minutes. Seconded. Passed unanimously with Wargo abstention

Treasurer's Report: Dave Lapierre said that his major upcoming project is the Form 990 for 2018, working on that with our CPA firm and Stephen Peckiconis. He would like to work with the sports chairs to highlight issues in their specific sports' financial reports. We are also looking for a new board member to be on the Audit & Investments Finance committee.

Managing Director's Report: Steve Vaitones sent out his monthly report as a PDF.

Marketing Report: Handled by Dave Teszler. Note that our intern Alex Kneuppel decided not to continue in the new position.

Athlete of the Month (AOM): There are no candidates yet for AOM award. Carrie Parsi is suggested as deserving. Considered a few others but settled on Carrie. Dave & Tommy will work on the announcement.

Coaching: Katie Adams not in attendance. We reaffirmed that we want to host a XC Coaching specialist school and are working to secure that for the summer of 2020.

Officials: Laurie is on the phone, Bob Gidari here. Bob is the candidate to take over from Laurie as officials chair but they haven't had a chance to talk yet. Announcement on this will be coming out soon. The idea is to get Bob's contact info broadcast widely and have him start certifying officials in January 2020. We switch into a new Olympiad (4-year cycle) in January 2021. We have 146 certified officials, a 40% reduction, but consistent with the rest of the country. The website has an open invitation for apprentice and association sign ups for new officials.

Cross Country: XC Grand Prix season. Last weekend was the Brown Invitational with 225 finishers and 90 USATF members. We hope to locate the race closer to RI or Southern MA next year.

Re the Cross Country bus to Bethlehem, PA, we have two quotes with lowest at \$4,800 for a 55-seat bus. It was agreed we would make a Facebook post to announce our intentions and gauge interest for a higher cost ticket as compared to five years ago.

MUT: Paul not in attendance but sent a MUT report on the national championship Waterville Mountain Race which took place recently. Mountain Goat numbers were down a little but overall participation was good. The female ratio is up to 37% which is a major improvement. There were 2501 finishers among all the races.

LDR: Cape Cod Marathon is the only race left in the GP series. We are being more proactive this year on Ironrunners in the hope to give out most jackets at the season-ending marathon race. There are 78 runners who've run the first six races, and 50+ expected to finish the marathon.

Last year we announced next year's series before Thanksgiving. Bid packets will be sent out to the past races among others. We will come up with a voting mechanism based on the selection of races that bid. We have more time to do promotion if we get it announced before Thanksgiving.

Chris Pasko requested that if there are good races that get left out of the series, to pass them along to him for consideration in the ATR series. Road mile races have been growing, we are looking at adding one as a standalone event aside from the Grand Prix series.

Social Media intern: Alex resigned and returned the camera. We have two more college student candidates for the intern position. High-end graphics skills should be prioritized. The first 1-5 hours per week are critical benefits for us, the next five hours are additive, but we can live without.

Sponsorship: We have 18 inbound resumes to start a new search. Dave renewed our indeed.com subscription. Pictures to post on Instagram are the easiest way to help, simply email them to Dave.

Annual Meeting: Travel expense reimbursement was the main topic of discussion. Chris outlined the reimbursement proposal via email on October 5. Big three items are Airfare \$400, Hotel \$243/3d or \$324/4days, and Registration \$210. Total of \$875 or \$956. We are going to ask for everyone to write meeting notes about their convention experience by Dec 31 as a requirement to be reimbursed.

Motioned: Justin moved to approve the proposal as outlined above. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Track & Field: We have no T&F chair and a search is on for one. This is a vital position. The end of January, mid-February meets will be here soon. Jeff Rockwood said he would continue to handle the scoring for the Indoor Points Chase. We will follow the model we used successfully to find a new Treasurer: Send out a notice via email to members, and post on Facebook and Twitter.

New Business: Mike Travers said that we received a travel grant request between normal deadlines from a mountain running athlete appointed as a last minute replacement to a national team. It was decided to award \$500 (out of \$770 flight costs) for travel help contingent on a written post-race report. It was reported that the travel grant was hard to find on the website. Paul mentioned that we need SEO help to find the grant information on our new website.

Dave Teszler wants to assemble a FAQ for attending the USATF National meeting. Steve has all the Law & Legislation submissions for the national meeting available for review.

The meeting adjourned at 19:55.

2020 Board Meeting schedule. First Monday of each month except September, excluding July **November 4**, December in Reno NV, January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3, September 7.