

USATF - New England Annual Meeting 2020

Via Zoom Video Conference

Sunday, September 20, 2020

The meeting was held virtually via Zoom

Prior to the meeting being opened, President Chris Pasko asked Secretary Peckiconis if we had a quorum. The secretary noted that 54 people were logged in, not considering possible duplicates. He also noted that 20 board members were there and he could easily identify another five unique members, thus meeting the requirement of 25 members for a quorum. Final count attending the meeting was 56 members and 1 non-renewed member.

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm

President's Opening Remarks

Chris Pasko reviewed basic Zoom tips and recommended that everyone use Mute when not talking. Press the Blue Hand icon if you want to speak. Chris reviewed the meeting agenda. This is Chris Pasko's last annual meeting as President as he is term-limited out of office. He noted that the state of the sport one year ago is quite different than it is today. We started the year off with record participation in our Indoor Track & Field Championship and record individual membership numbers. Since March we have had to cancel all our regular annual series. But Chris has never been more optimistic about our sport. Things are starting to look better in September and we have our first association event next week, the Codfish Bowl XC meet at Franklin Park and virtually.

Chris thanked the departing board members: Laurie Boemker, Scott Mindel, John Oleski, Jack Wozek, Barbara Hamilton, and Larry Libow.

Managing Director's Report – Steve Vaitones spoke at length. He noted that our membership in mid-March was close to 4600 and our sanctions were in line with the previous year. We met all our accreditation goals in 2019 and expect to meet any modified goals in 2020. Link to Steve's report is below under Reports.

Treasurer's Report – Financial statement and detailed written report available on the meeting web page

Dave Lapierre spoke as the Treasurer. We saw a significant loss of about \$60K for the past 12 months through August 2020 versus a small loss the previous year. Biggest hits were from lower memberships and sanction revenue. We will save some money by not having the large budgeted expenses for the USATF annual meeting. We were able to take advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program, applying for a loan to cover 2 months of payroll and office expenses. We expect that loan to be forgiven as we have properly documented our expenses during that time. Dave asks for questions in lieu of continuing. Chris notes that we were on record pace for memberships at the start of March, he thinks we would have been on target for break-even without COVID-19.

Q: Mark McDermott, what does a \$60K loss mean in the grand scheme of things, can you provide context? Dave responds that we could sustain this loss for another year and probably beyond. Chris asked Dave to tell us our cash balance. Our cash balance in the bank is \$10K Checking plus \$55K Savings account plus \$422K in our investment account. Mark asks what a typical year looks like. Chris answers it is between \$0 and \$20K in the black (the latter if we are holding a major championship).

There was no Unfinished Business from last year's meeting.

Bylaws amendments

In 2016 we had 31 changes, and in 2017 an additional 5 changes. We formed a small governance committee to review four additional amendments. They are small cleanup, by nature, either required by the USATF office, or to memorialize a current practice that we have. We will review and then conduct a Zoom poll to vote on each.

1. Article 6.b.4. Modification to allow secret ballots electronically. Insert “, either on paper and/or electronic form,”
2. Article 6.b.6. Delegates for USATF annual meeting. Insert “Should they be available, President, Treasurer, Secretary, Managing Director shall be automatic selections for the delegation.”
3. Required Change. Article 10E. Add “including being SafeSport certified,”
4. Article 16D: Change “Auditor and Audit Report.” To “Auditor Report” as we get a review, not an audit.

Mike Travers motions to update the bylaws based on these 4 proposals. Seconded. Discussion opens. No one raises their hands. Motion to close discussion, Seconded. Justin will post a Zoom poll, vote Yes/No on EACH proposal. Poll will be open for 2 minutes. Poll is closed. Chris Pasko read the voting results. All amendments are approved. Votes counts are:

Proposal #1, 98%; Proposal #2, 94%; Proposal #3, 96%; Proposal #4, 96%

New Business.

Chris Wargo gave an update on Cross Country. We are hoping to hold a major event in the fall, looking at southern New Hampshire area. We can only do it if we meet USATF, state, and local guidelines. The rules change week to week so nothing set, conditions may change going forward. Would be chip-timed, seeded start, 5-8K in distance, same for everyone, Men's, Women's, and possibly open race for non-members. Target dates are Nov 14, 21, or 22.

Relating to the annual meeting, Pasko putting forward a motion specific to this year's USATF Annual Meeting, originally scheduled to be held in Reno, NV prior to COVID-19 restrictions. He reviewed the rationale for the motion, then presented the motion: That the USATF-NE President, subject to approval by the USATF-NE board, is authorized to select USATF-NE voting delegates to the 2020 National Annual Meeting to be held virtually in December.

Mike Travers moved the motion. It was seconded. Discussion. Motion to close discussion, moved and seconded. Justin Kuo requested that this vote be taken using the Yes/No buttons at the bottom of the meeting's participant list (Next to the Go slower / Go faster buttons). To vote, go to Participant screen, find the Yes/No button, click the button that matches your vote. Polling was opened for 60s. Totals are: 43 Yes, 1 No, 13 did not vote.

Elections started at 5:14pm

This is an even-numbered year so all positions are contested. 17 officers nominated. For any contested offices, each person will get two minutes to speak. New President David Teszler will also speak. For contested offices we will vote via Zoom. Chris Pasko read the list of candidates nominated prior to the meeting.

- President – Dave Teszler, Heartbreak Hill Striders (current Youth chair)
- Vice President – Matt Castriotta Unattached; Tommy Mazza, Greater Boston TC (current Athlete Rep); Maggie Fox, Greater Boston TC (Incumbent)
- Secretary – Stephen Peckiconis, Cambridge Sports Union (Incumbent)
- Treasurer – David Lapierre, Central Mass Striders (Incumbent)
- Men's Long Distance Running – Alex Predhome, Tracksmith Hare AC
- Women's Long Distance Running- Amanda Watters, BAA (Incumbent)
- Masters Long Distance Running - Stephen Viegas, NE 65+ RC (Incumbent)
- Masters Track & Field - Mike Travers, Unattached (Incumbent)
- Open Track & Field – Jeffrey Rockwood, Boston-North TC

- Cross Country - Chris Wargo, HFC Striders (Incumbent)
- Mountain / Ultra / Trail - Paul Kirsch, acidotic RACING (Incumbent)
- Race Walking - Justin Kuo, NE Walkers (Incumbent)
- Youth Athletics – Peter Crapsey, New England Elite TC
- Athlete Reps – Ben Bosworth, Western Mass Distance Project; Rich Hartnett, Mass Velocity TC; Amanda Pasko, Boston-North TC

For those candidates nominated before the meeting, Chris asked for a motion for those as a group. Motioned and seconded. They are on the floor.

Chris received a nomination via email for Tim Morse as an Athlete Rep. Travers motions to nominate him. Steve Viegas seconds it.

Floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none. Chris requested a motion to close nominations. So moved and seconded. Chris then introduced Dave Teszler to speak for a bit as the incoming President.

Chris opened a vote by acclamation for the slate of all uncontested officers and sports committee chairs as noted in the nominations above. Vote by pressing Yes or No via the button at bottom of the Participants list. Voting is open for 1 minute. At close of voting, Justin announced the totals are: 48 Yes, 1 No, 8 did not vote.

Voting for three (3) Athlete Representatives (Athlete Rep)

There are four candidates for Athlete Rep and three open positions. Each candidate will get up to 2 minutes to talk.

Ben Bosworth spoke. Rich Hartnett – not in attendance. Tim Morse – not in attendance. Jim Burgoyne spoke for Tim. Since Jim spoke for Tim, Chris opened the floor for someone to speak for Rich. Steve Viegas spoke briefly for Rich. Amanda Pasko (Boston North TC) spoke.

A Zoom poll will be used to select three out of the four candidates. Voters were instructed to not pick more than three. Voting remained open for two minutes. Justin emailed results to three former board members to review as poll watchers. We waited for all three to approve.

Justin announced poll results for the top three. Bosworth 79%, A. Pasko 81%, Morse 57%

That concludes all scheduled business for the 2020 annual meeting. Chris Pasko ended by making some goodbye remarks. Chris thanked all the board members individually with special thanks to Mike Travers, Justin Kuo, and Steve Vaitones for their extra help during his two terms. Chris will remain on the board for one year as the Past President. He will take a break until December and then return to board meetings.

Chris motioned to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn. Made. Seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.**

Reports by Officers and Sports Committee Chairs

All documents relevant to the Annual Meeting will be available here: <https://newengland.usatf.org/about/meetings>

This includes reports by Dave Lapierre, Treasurer; Amanda Watters, Women's LDR; Scott Mindel, Men's LDR; Justin Kuo, Race Walking; Dave Teszler, Youth Chair; Chris Wargo, Cross Country, Steve Vaitones, Managing Director

Also available are: 2020-proposed-bylaw-amendments.pdf

Submitted by Stephen Peckiconis, USATF-NE Association Secretary

Line	Name	Orig Name	Club#	ClubName	Status	Count
11	Amanda Watters	Amanda	1	Boston Athletic Association	Board	1
50	Jack Fleming	fleming (Jack)	1	Boston Athletic Association		2
33	Michael McGrane	Michael McGrane	1	Boston Athletic Association	ex-Board	3
2	Stephen Peckiconis	Stephen Peckiconis	6	Cambridge Sports Union	Board	4
14	Dave Lapierre	Lapierre	9	Central Mass Striders	Board	5
21	Scott Mindel	Mindel	9	Central Mass Striders	Board	6
32	Laurie Boemker	laurie boemker	15	RI TFOG	Board	7
57	Cynthia Hastings	Cynthia Hastings	16	Greater Boston TC		8
46	David Callum	David Callum	16	Greater Boston TC	ex-Board	9
3	Maggie Fox	Maggie	16	Greater Boston TC	Board	10
37	Rod Hemingway	Rod Hemingway	16	Greater Boston TC		11
39	Tom Derderian	Tom Derderian	16	Greater Boston TC	ex-Board	12
22	Tommy Mazza	Mazza	16	Greater Boston TC	Board	13
64	yNick Aleles	Nick Aleles	16	Greater Boston TC	18 minutes	14
63	yRichard Derosas	Richard Derosas	16	Greater Boston TC	28 minutes	15
26	Joseph Abelon	Joseph A (Abelon)	28	Mass T&FOA	Official	16
34	Nicole Bullock	Nicole Bullock	28	Mass T&FOA	Official	17
59	Sydney Henthorn	sydneyhenthorn	52	Sugarloaf Mt. Athletic Club		18
15	Joe Tranchita	Joe Tranchita	55	Waltham Track Club		19
7	Gary Circosta	Circosta	65	NE65+	ex-Board	20
12	Stephen Viegas	Stephen Viegas	65	NE65+	Board	21
8	Gordon MacFarland	MacFarland	79	Green Mountain AA	ex-Board	22
29	Kasie Enman	Kasie Enman	79	Green Mountain AA		23
60	Silas Talbot	Silas Talbot	79	Green Mountain AA	Non-renewed	24
4	David Teszler	Teszler	87	Heartbreak Hill Striders	Board	25
24	Jack Wozek	Wozek	87	Heartbreak Hill Striders	Board	26
45	Chris Canning	Chrisopher's iPhone	111	HFC Striders	ex-Board	27
25	Chris Wargo	Wargo	111	HFC Striders	Board	28
48	Edward Groden	Edward Groden	111	HFC Striders		29
49	Emily Larson	Emily Larson	111	HFC Striders	ex-Board	30
54	Harvey Blonder	Harvey	111	HFC Striders		31
19	Keelin Brennan	Keelin Brennan	111	HFC Striders		32
30	Mark McDermott	Mark McD	111	HFC Striders		33
31	Mary McNulty	Mary McNulty	111	HFC Striders		34
61	Joe O'Leary	jmoleary	131	Somerville Road Runners		35
9	Steve Vaitones	Vaitones	131	Somerville Road Runners	Employee	36
1	Justin Kuo	Justin	137	New England Walkers	Board	37
20	Mark Capparella	Mark Capparella	168	Tri-Valley Front Runners		38
58	Bethany Pasko	Bethany Pasko	173	Wellesley Youth Track and Field		39
47	Dona Nicholas	Dona Nicholas	176	Parkway Running Club		40
13	Amanda Pasko	Amanda Pasko	256	Boston-North Track Club	Board	41
56	Jeffrey Rockwood	Jeffrey Rockwood	256	Boston-North Track Club	Board	42
10	Jim Burgoyne	Burgoyne	294	Twilight Throwers	ex-Board	43
51	Fred Treseler	Frederick Treseler	295	Emerging Elites		44
43	Bob Gidari	Bob Gidari	307	New Hampshire Track Officials	Board	45
42	Ben Bosworth	Ben Bosworth	366	Western Mass Distance Project	new Board	46
16	Peter Crapsey	Peter Crapsey	374	New England Elite TC	new Board	47
18	Paul Kirsch	Kirsch	385	acidotic Racing	Board	48
23	Alex Predhome	Predhome	474	Tracksmith Hare AC	new Board	49
55	Jeff Seelaus	Jeff Seelaus	474	Tracksmith Hare AC		50
38	Sam Fazioli	Sam Fazioli	474	Tracksmith Hare AC		51
44	Bryan Cahoon	Bryan Cahoon	599	Unattached	Official	52
6	Chris Pasko	Pasko	599	Unattached	Board	53
32	Matt Castriotta	Matt C	599	Unattached	new Board	54
5	Mike Travers	Travers	599	Unattached	Board	55
17	Rebecca Breslow	Breslow	599	Unattached		56
40	William (Jake) McNeill	William (Jake) McNeill	599	Unattached	Intern	57
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