

**USA Track & Field - New England Association
Board of Governors Meeting
Association Offices, Brighton, MA
February 4, 2019**

Present: Chris Pasko, Justin Kuo, Mike Travers, Stephen Peckiconis, Barbara Hamilton, Alexander Engel, David Lapierre, Sarah Thornton, Amanda Watters, Maggie Fox

Conference Call: Katie Adams, Larry Libow, Paul Kirsch, Amanda Watters, Chris Wargo, Sarah Thornton, Laurie Boemker, Scott Mindel, Jeff Rockwood, Alex Ivanov

Employees: Steve Vaitones, Tommy Mazza

Guests: Michael Quinn in office, Michael Merrill on the phone

The meeting was called to order at 18:34 with 20 board members in attendance

President's Opening Remarks: Michael Quinn is here and Mike Merrill is on the phone, both will be on the Finance Committee. We will be going over a couple of budgets today.

Secretary's Report: January monthly board meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The signature transfer at Brookline Bank was done two weeks ago. Dave stated that many checks will be going out this week, especially urgent ones. Steve added that we are behind on our deadlines for getting out the checks.

Marketing: Tommy Mazza. January report made available as Google Doc. A Frame purchase completed. Ben Groleau (WMDP) (sub 4:00 mile) and NE65+ Men's 80+ Relay team nominated as AOM. Tommy got several seconds on Ben as AOM and selected him as January AOM.

Tommy alerted us that he is graduating in May and we'll need a replacement to do marketing.

Managing Director's Report: XC Dates are already approved for this year at Franklin Park, ahead of schedule of past years. City was very open to whatever we want. JO XC needs to be sorted out, we have a second JO XC site available.

Coaching: Katie Adams. The coaching head at National, Terry Crawford, has retired and no replacement has been announced. On our effort to get a Level II school, we were informed we are very unlikely to have this at Salem State, our only proposed site. For Level 1, We might have a school at Tufts in October. Discussed the XC Specialist course which would be association funded, needs to handle 100+ people, with indoor and outdoor access for drills, in May-June 2020 timeframe.

Officials: Laurie. National has fixed the background screening so people can renew now. An invoice from National for the last 1.5 years should be coming but don't hold your breath.

The budget is only \$1,000 vs \$1,600 last year. We have available grants for officials. Andy Barron received one. Specialty areas such as Electronic Distance Measurement and Lynx are the focus.

Moved: Motion to approve officials' budget. Moved, seconded, motion passes unanimously.

LDR Budget: Scott Mindel went through the budget in fine detail. New versus last year is consideration of a course measurement training course.

Moved: Approve the budget as proposed with additional \$250 on SM? Seconded. Passed.

Indoor Track: Jeff Rockwood. Chris noted that we are running the NE Champs as a meet where we are trying to make money. Jeff said that Harvard is increasing facility rental by \$1K. Our entry fees are still lowest around, \$20 first event, \$5 for second.

Jeff presented the budget as a Google Document.

Maggie ordered 300 white T-Shirts @ \$7/ cost from J&R Marketing, Providence, RI. This is a “generic branding shirt” to be used as a test to see what the response is. No dates on them.

Moved: Motioned to approve Indoor T&F budget. Moved, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Race Walk: Justin Kuo. Budget proposed is \$820. Want to include a race walk judging seminar as we only have 6 RW judges in New England now.

Moved: Motioned to approve Race Walk budget. Moved, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Youth: Alex Ivanov. He emailed budget over the weekend. It shows a net loss of \$500 but that doesn't include implied income from youth members signing up for USATF, each of which generates \$10/yr. The JO T&F meet is the key meet. T-shirts are important. New item and biggest potential expense is a Youth T&F series of 5 meets, including one each in NH & RI. A member can earn a jacket award for competing in 4 out of 5 meets. Feedback is to start with t-shirts instead of jackets. Alex is flexible on what the award ends up being.

Chris motions to approve Youth Track series with amendment that we modify it to choose the awards for the series once we see the participation numbers. Alex is fine with that change.

Moved: Motioned to approve entire Youth budget. Moved, seconded, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Dave Teszler sent out some thoughts on sponsorship just before the meeting. Chris & Maggie reviewed. Includes a sheet of all the things we can sell. But how do we pay people at the end of the day for their work getting sponsors?

Cross Country: Western Mass Distance Project (WMDP) and Greater Boston Track Club (GTBC) are fighting for the same date for initial XC meet of the 2019 season. Elm Bank location (GBTC) is getting difficult in terms of selecting dates compared to past years.

Look out for volunteer signup sheet for Feb 17 indoor champs meet via Google from Maggie.

We are looking for a replacement for Shaun Dever in helping work up NE Runner ads. Tommy will spend some time on this in Photoshop and reach out to NER ad person for help.

The meeting adjourned at 19:56.

2019 Board Meeting schedule: First Monday of each month except September, excluding July

March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 5, September 9