

**USA Track & Field - New England Association**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**Via Conference Call**  
**August 5, 2019**

**Present:** Chris Pasko, Stephen Peckiconis, Dave Lapierre, Mike Travers, Katie Adams, Alex Ivanov, Chris Wargo, Alex Engel, Amanda Watters, Scott Mindel, Larry Libow, Dave Teszler, Jeff Rockwood, Maggie Fox, Sarah Thornton, Justin Kuo

**Employees:** Steve Vaitones, Tommy Mazza

The meeting was called to order at 20:02 with a quorum of 12 board members on the phone. Shortly thereafter another four (4) members called in.

**Secretary's Report:** July meeting minutes were reviewed.

*Moved:* To approve July minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Annual Meeting Planning:** We discussed selecting the date for the meeting. The two candidates are the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays in September, which are 09/22 and 09/29/19. The NE Patriots play at 1pm on both dates. Initially, Chris and Steve proposed Sept 29. XC Chair Chris Wargo brought up that the 2<sup>nd</sup> GP series XC meet was on that date with a 1pm start in Westfield, MA, a two hour drive from the meeting location, which would make it extremely difficult for any competitors to have time between the two events unless the meeting start at or after 5pm. We also have a same-day conflict with the 6<sup>th</sup> LDR GP race on Sept 22 in Gloucester. However, that start is at 9am and it is only a 45 minute drive from the race. After much discussion, September 22, 2019 was set as the date for the Annual Meeting, with a 4:30pm start. Steve is looking for volunteers to help set up. Steve will reserve a 2 hour time slot at Brandeis University in Waltham, MA. Announcement will be posted on our website and Facebook page by August 21.

**Track Season recap:** Chris thinks the Holy Cross NE Championships meet is getting bigger and bigger and we need to leverage the Holy Cross facility and plan ahead to take advantage of the merits of the meet. He recommends that we nail down the same date and location for next year. Mike Travers reminded that Holy Cross is in a geographic sweet spot for New England, as well as convenient to New York and Connecticut.

**Athlete of the Month (AOM):** There was lots of email traffic within the board on July Athlete of the Month. Far and away the favored proposal is the Fabulous Five, five different women each born in a different decade, all with good results during the month.

*Motioned:* Do a multi-day July Fabulous Five post followed by an AOM announcement for Diane Hoffman. Motion seconded. Vote was 13 For, one (1) Opposed, and one (1) Abstained.

**Marketing:**

We are in the middle of our search for a marketing intern(s) to replace Tommy Mazza. There was discussion on whether to hire 1 or 2 persons. With two the job could be split into two defined parts, roughly Communications and Marketing. Tommy explained that there was not enough time for one person to handle all the source material. The action list for the position is greater than initially implied by the job description. Tommy stated that the growth in work in both areas was a positive sign. Dave Teszler prefers one person but would be happy with two if we got them. Chris

polled the board for input. At least 3 board members said they leaned toward more than 1 intern. Steve said that we may have to arrange to drive the interns to events in some cases, as they are college students. Chris summarized that the weight of arguments pushes for two over one.

Note: The person we offered the contract sponsorship position to last month declined the job.

*Motioned*: We make offers to both prospective interns, Alex and Will. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**President's update**: Chris went off the record to provide some insight to our board about the recent USATF Board of Directors meeting in Ames, Iowa.

**USATF Annual Meeting** in Reno, NV in December: Chris talked about preparations for the annual convention. Could be a more expensive meeting to attend than most recent years. Please book quickly if interested. We will work to come up with a fair amount for reimbursement, likely a bit higher than past years. Discussion opened to talk about details of attending the meeting in Reno. Travel time is lengthy, almost a full day of travel each way. Dave Lapierre mentioned we need to think about pre-reimbursement for those on a tight budget.

**Other Business**: Chris gave a big thank you to Tommy Mazza on his work as our marketing intern over the last 1.5 years. His hard work was greatly appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 21:08.

Remaining 2019 Board Meeting schedule. First Monday of each month, excluding July  
Upcoming meetings: **September 9**