

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

Present: Chris Pasko, Mike Travers, Justin Kuo, John Oleski, Jack Wozek, Dave Teszler, Tommy Mazza, Maggie Fox, Chris Wargo, Scott Mindel, Amanda Watters, Stephen Peckiconis, Bob Gidari
Phone: David Lapierre, Katie Adams, Larry Libow, Steve Viegas
Employee: Steve Vaitones
Guests: Intern Sean Ahearn

The meeting was called to order at 18:31 with a quorum of 17 board members, 13 in the office and 4 on the phone. Final total of voting members was 17

Open Discussion: Chris reviewed recent USATF board meeting in Dallas, hosted by new board member Dolf Berle. They covered Lananna arbitration, membership dues increase, and new website. Overall, he thought it was a very good session.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve last month's minutes. Approved.
Motioned: To approve October minutes. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Lapierre said that the last month has been busy. Focused on finalizing 2018 financial statements and Form 990 with the CPA and Stephen. Passed our Workmen's Comp audit. Dave noted it will be a busy month coming up with year-end prize awards generating lots of checks to write.

Managing Director's Report: Steve Vaitones sent his monthly report to the board as a PDF. Lots of XC events, timing, management, end of season work. NE XC champs and JO NE XC events in the next two weeks, as well as the large Mass Middle School XC meet. Last month's Mayor's Cup youth numbers were up to 499 but adult entries were lowest ever.

Marketing Report: New intern Sean Ahearn was introduced. His first event was Mayor's Cup XC where he took lots of great photos, his specialty. He will take over the graphics part of the intern role including Photoshop.

Athlete of the Month (AOM): Three nominees. Wadeline Jonathas, David Principe, Sr, and Chunhua Liu. Wadeline was selected based on her 400m and 4x400m performances at the World Championships in early October. She took 4th in the 400M and anchored the Women's 4x400M relay to the Gold medal. She grew up in Worcester and is now at the University of South Carolina.

Coaching: Katie Adams. Still working on XC Specialist class, USATF now considering fall date rather than the previously targeted June/July and Katie has a call with USATF on Wednesday to discuss. Chris Pasko will follow up with USATF if they insist on a fall date as we think that conflicts with the XC season. She heard an update on Learn by Do for 2020 and has continued to express our interest in the program. Level 1's dates are closer to being set. Katie declined a July 11 date. We are considering Springfield College as a location and Chris suggested July 18 as a good date.

Officials: New officials chair Bob Gidari reporting. We have confirmation that certifications in November 2019 are good for all of 2020. Kicking around option of Jan 2020 certification being good for five years instead of one year. Laurie is spearheading a convention proposal of a single test for all officials regardless of level basically a rules review. Then you can specify a specialty and take a further exam.

Cross Country: Chris Wargo says bus to XC Club Nationals is close to finalized, have five quotes. We will lose \$1,000-\$1,500 on the bus but saving many car trips for members and the environment. More teams are scoring in XC GP this year, we are awarding much more of the full slate of GP prizes in 2019 as compared to last two years.

Motioned: To authorize the XC Chair to execute a contract with Cavalier bus company and set a per ticket price of \$70/pp. Moved. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Amendment: Change wording of "XC Chair" to "XC Chair and Treasurer". This may ease making the deposit on the bus. The bus will leave Friday and return Sunday. Marketing will work on getting the word out about the bus transportation.

LDR: Scott reports that the committee has all the bids in for 2020 series. They are all compiled with one exception. Will work on the voting survey this week. Goal is to have the survey ready before Thanksgiving. Only one 5K race has bid. No races are termed out for 2020 but a couple will be for 2021 if selected for 2020.

Sponsorship: Dave Teszler is ready to interview two folks, scheduled within the next two weeks.

Track & Field: We still have no leads on a possible T&F chair. We will work on getting a President's Letter out via an email blast which will focus on our search for a T&F chair.

Annual Meeting: Everybody going is registered for the meeting and assigned to a preliminary delegate position. We had discussion on general rules and expectations for the meeting.

New Business: USATF-NE branded Polo shirts for new board members are available, see Maggie. We discussed new membership dues being proposed by USATF. Not sure yet whether they are going up mid-year or next November, nor by how much. Increased dues will increase NE's revenue and help offset our increased costs.

The meeting adjourned at 19:57.

2020 Board Meeting schedule. First Monday of each month except September, excluding July

January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, August 3, September 7.