

USATF-NJ ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 7:03pm

Location: Virtual

Zoom Registration list in lieu of roll call

Attendees were:-Claudia Musco, Dave Friedman, Jennifer Simpson, Cindy Young, Kevin Mcknight, Eva Fisher, Christine Prorock-Rogers, Michael Hespos, Cindy Cooke, Dianne DeOliveira, Jason Lattimore, Sean Robinson, Laura DeLea, Edward Neighbour, Christopher Rinaldi, Josiah Novack, Tia Livingston, Terence Mullane, Ed Koch, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Michael Renn, Mansur Abdulnafe, Patrick Warren, Antwuanette Saunders, Walter Skrinski, Pam Fales and Scott Linnell

President's Welcome

President Jennifer Simpson thanked Ed Neighbour for all that he has done as Treasurer for USATF-NJ. Ed's position is term limited according to our current bylaws so we will need nominations for Treasurer later in the meeting. Our old bylaws did not have a term limit for Treasurer and Secretary and we may revisit that again as those positions take special training or background to perform them properly. Jennifer also mentioned the national committees are also having term limits discussions to satisfy USOPC requirements.

Review of the minutes

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2022 General Membership Meeting.

Pam Fales next explained the balanced voting spreadsheet that she drafted on the participants behalf based on their answers to the registration questions. She also explained that the athlete representation requirement recently increased to 33 1/3% and that over 50% of the attendees are athletes so we are covered through our current bylaws and the new 33 1/3% national requirement. Since there were no questions about the balanced voting spreadsheet, the drafted voting assignments carried forward into the meeting.

Financial Report

The Financial Report given by Ed Neighbour is attached.

Administrative Report

The Administrative Report given by Terry Mullane is attached.

Sport Committee Reports:

Long Distance Running

The LDR Report given by Ed Neighbour is attached.

Track and Field

The Track and Field committee report given by Dave Friedman is attached.

Race Walk

The Race Walk committee report was read by Michael Renn because Ron Salvio was unable to attend.

Youth

The Youth committee report was given by Terry Mullane. Terry mentioned the upcoming Youth Zoom meeting; that the Association Junior Olympic meet will be held in Plainfield; Region 2 will be

in Jamestown, NY and National will be held in Eugene. USATF-NJ is offering all-comers meetings again this year and hoping to get more high school athletes to participate. Ed Koch mentioned that for XC, there will not be a regional meet so all association athletes will advance to nationals in Kentucky. Ed also mentioned that the National Youth committee is studying the regions and considering that all associations in the state of New York may end up being on region so our Region 2 will reduce to 3 associations.

Officials Committee Report

Kevin McKnight, Officials Committee Chair, covered the officials report. He said the committee is growing by leaps and bounds. They are bringing on new officials and assigning them to meets/events along with a seasoned veteran to learn the ropes and keep them coming back. Kevin works close with Phyllis on assignments to make sure this happens for 2-3 meets. Kevin also mentioned the two evening clinics being held at the end of March and he put in a request for the officials stipend to be reviewed and increased. Phyllis mentioned that another association is hosting many Zoom clinics and that NJ has the highest attendance in those meetings. Josiah mentioned that NOC (National Officials Committee) announced the Young Officials Grants recipients and our own Tia Livingston and Christian Bradley were selected to receive grants that will offset their travel to national meets. He also mentioned that Henry Menke and Josiah were selected to work the outdoor Louisville meet.

Elections

Treasurer – as mentioned, Ed Neighbour is term limited for the position of Treasurer. No nominations were received from the floor so the position will remain open and will be filled by the board at their next meeting.

Secretary – Pam was reelected by acclamation

Vice President – Christine Prorock-Rodgers was nominated and elected by acclamation

President – Jennifer was nominated and reelected by acclamation

Additional Business

There was no additional business.

Meeting Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes taken by Pam Fales, Secretary, USATF-NJ



**Treasurer's Report
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I. Treasurer's Report 2023

- The Association's financial position stabilized in 2022.
 - i) Our Membership numbers are running about 5% above 2022 levels for the same period last year.
 - We ended the membership 'year' October 31st with 5,035 members and the End of year total in 2022 was 5300 members. About 2200A/3100Y
 - ii) The National increase in Membership dues saw Adult membership numbers spike in January (+30%) to avoid the increase.
 - iii) National is keeping all the additional money in the increase with NJ getting the same amount per membership as last year \$18 adult, \$10.50 youth
 - iv) Adult Memberships have dropped off since the increase. It will be a challenge to sustain or grow membership in the wake of the increase.
- We will receive a grant from National to help grow membership in 2023.
- Sanction revenue is growing about 30% above similar period in 2022.
 - i) 2023 Sanctions stand at 93.
 - ii) 2022 Sanctions were about 220 for the year.
- Our bank balance is about \$2000 above this time in 2022.
- Association held a Banquet in 2023 for the first time since 2020. We went to a Luncheon format. Our members who attended were mostly positive on the switch to a Sunday afternoon event.
- The Association is still looking to grow our Sponsorships and strengthen our relationship with Paul Miller Auto Group the sponsor of our LDR Grand Prix.
- This is my last report as the USATF NJ Treasurer.



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Association Report

2023 Grow To Impact Grant

- **5000.00 Approved**

2023 Association Grant Approved

- **2000.00 Maximum Approved**

2023 USATF Marketing Kit

- **500.00 Grant Approved**

2023 USATF Paul Miller Auto Group Sponsorship

2023 Annual Awards Luncheon Recap

- **2024 Awards Luncheon**
- **Tentative Date- Sunday, January 28, 2024**



General Meeting LDR Division Report March 8, 2023

I. LDR Committee meeting.

- LDR Spring Meeting is to be scheduled. Looking for Late April Early May Date
 - Determining if meeting will be in person vs zoom. Looking to return to in person meetings.
 - Elections for all LDR Committee positions.

II. Paul Miller Auto Group Grand Prix

- Working on building and expanding program in 2023.
- Keeping Team Declarations in advance of Championships as was done in 2022.

III. LDR 2023 Championships

- LDR Championship schedule is on USATF-NJ website LDR page.
- There are nine Road and two Cross Country Championship Races in 2023
- Kicking of Championships with Spring Distance Classic 15k All divisions Championship March 19, 2023.

IV. Cross Country Championships.

- USATFNJ 5k Cross Country Championships
- NJ Association will host all XC Championships in 2023.
- 5k Will be in August at Natirar.
- 8k Venue to be determined.

V. COED Team

- Expanding COED Team Challenge in 2023 to six events. Kicks off with Cherry Blossom 10k in April.
- There is prize money for club teams.
 - Best four of six events are scored.
 - Scoring based on plp finish percentage..
 - Clubs submit one team unlimited number minimum 3 Women and 3 men to score
- Details on website LDR Page.

VI. USATF NJ MUT

- The MUT Division is looking to expand our offerings in 2023. We will be using some of the Membership Growth Initiative funding to increase events and participation

The 2023 USATF-NJ track and field year started off with another dual meet with the New York Association at the Ocean Breeze facility on Staten Island on Saturday February 25th. While the meet went very smoothly the feedback from the athletes was that going forward they would like to find a facility in NJ to keep the meet more local.

We have a track and field committee zoom meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening March 29th, for those of you who have suggestions for the outdoor season.

The NJ outdoor season kicks off on Sunday June 11th with the State JO meet at Plainfield High School with the open and masters meet on Friday evening 6/23 and Saturday 6/14 at the Peddie School in Hightstown, we are working on the schedule of events for those 2 days and are looking to have another hammer and steeplechase night sometime in June also. Plans are also being made to have a couple of weeknight development meets at The Peddie School.

The Shore Athletic Club is planning this year's NJ International meet for Saturday June 17th at Monmouth University and we will have more details next month.

Plans are also being made to have the Jersey Striders and Shore AC All Comers Series this summer with more details to be shortly.

Race Walk Report 3/8/2023

Submitted by Ron Salvio, NJ Chair (salvio17@comcast.net) 609-758-5454

2022 was completed with the NJ Association once again the only one within USATF with the only full slate of 7 Association Championships in addition to hosting the USATF National Open, Masters and U-20 5k Race Walk Championships.

Our NJ Assoc. continued to perform within the highest ranks on the Open Championship circuit. The National Office bestowed the Henry Laskau U-20 Male Athlete award to our Ryan Allen. Six of our JO athletes were on the National Youth R/W Honor Roll. Two of our High School males were top 4 in both the National H.S. Invitational Champs.

2023 is off to a flying start with 4 of our walkers competing at the Milrose Games including the winner Sam Allen. We are once again slated for a full 7 Assoc. Championships. In addition to the Indoor and Outdoor T&F events we will conduct Assoc. Championships for the following:

10k 4/30/23 (Sun)

20k 5/13/23 (Sat) which will include the USATF National Masters 20k Champs

1Hour 7/29/23 (Sat)

5k 9/24/23 (Sun) which will include the USATF National Open, Masters & U-20 5k Champs

15k 10/14/23 (Sat)

All events to be contested at Harry Wright Lake Park in the Whiting section of Manchester Twp. NJ at 10:00 am, except for the 1 Hour at Manchester Twp. H.S. at 8:30 am.

We continue to pray for Olympian and former Race Walk Chair Elliott Denman and longtime R/W official Larry Kalb in their recoveries. We want to thank and acknowledge our race walk benefactors, dedicated officials and volunteers who without their hard work, dedication and passion for the sport of race walking our program could and would not exist.

Thank you all, Ron

USATF-NJ Youth Report
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Association Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships

- 6/11/23 14-Under Plainfield
- 6/23 & 6/24 15-18 Peddie School, Hightstown

Region 2 Track & Field Championships

- 7/6/23 Three Rivers / Niagara Associations

National Junior Olympic Championships

- 7/24 /23 Eugene, Oregon

Association Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships

11/5/23 Central Park, Morris Plains

- No Region 2 Cross Country Championships

Open & Masters Cross Country Championships

- 8/27/23 Natitar Park, Gladstone