

USATF-NJ ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7:00pm

Location: Virtual

Zoom Registration list in lieu of roll call

Attendees were: Mansur Abdulnafe, Matthew Babin, Wayne Baker, Ivan Black, Madeline Bost, Debbie Brathwaite, Joe Compagni, Cynthia Cooke, Laura DeLea, Robert Di Mond, Patrick Donohue, Bruce Fabrikant, Pam Fales, Eva Fisher, Dave Friedman, Anthony Gardner, Norma Jones, Cora Koch, Edward Koch, Jason Lattimore, Scott Linnell, Tia Livingston, John McCormack, Kevin McKnight, Peter Molyneux, Michael Moschitta, Terence Mullane, Edward Neighbour, Priscilla Noel, Josiah Novack, Alberto Perez, Noah Perlis, Harry Pinor, William Pollinger, Roger Price, Christine Prorock-Rogers, Michael Renn, Christopher Rinaldi, Gary Rosenberg, Ron Salvio, Nirav Shah, Jennifer Simpson, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Rick Warren, and Mark Williams.

Pam Fales explained to the attendees that we need to take a vote and obtain 90% approval to allow us to meet virtually tonight. If we do not obtain 90% or higher approval, we will not be able to continue with a meeting. A motion was made, seconded and then an electronic vote was taken and passed with 100% approval of those present.

Next Pam explained the balanced voting spreadsheet that she drafted on their behalf and asked if there were any questions or concerns. There were none.

Review of the minutes

The minutes of the March 10, 2021 General Membership Meeting were approved.

Financial Report

The Financial Report given by Ed Neighbour is attached.

President's Report

Jennifer thanked those that made the 12k national championship a success – Pam Fales, Ed Neighbour, Chris Rinaldi, Laura DeLea, Debby Hall and Terry Mullane. The 12k broke the registration and participation records of all USATF masters long distance road running championships. We will need more volunteers next year to continue to make this event grow successfully.

Long time NJ official, Leon Bailey has passed away. His family set up a fund-raiser for USATF-NJ. We really appreciate this and will send something out to honor his memory and the family for what they are doing to continue his legacy to the sport.

We are hoping to get back to more normalcy in 2022 in terms of number of races. Jennifer asked everyone to consider volunteering for any of our events. We really do rely on volunteers to do most of our work. However, we seem to see the same people always coming out to help. A couple extra hands will go a long way.

Jennifer asked Pam to talk about the Annual Meeting and the elections we will have tonight. Pam mentioned that the Annual Meeting will be a hybrid Annual Meeting with some people being invited to be in Orlando in person, like the president of every association, the chairs and executive team of each committee and the athletes. All other delegates will attend virtually. The registration fee will be \$125 for all attendees, whether in-person or virtual, and it will not

increase as it has in the past as we get closer to the meeting. More information will be coming out from the National Office very soon. Jennifer added that due to the financial situation Ed has just reported, there will be no stipend offered to the delegates from the New Jersey Association. Pam also explained that COVID safety measures will be in place for the meeting. Attendees, including the athletes, will have single rooms (excluding couples); there will be social distancing and mask wearing during the meetings.

Ed Koch mentioned that it will be very important that NJ has a full delegation at the closing session of the Annual Meeting where it is expected that there will be voting on bylaw amendments unless a compromise is reached before then.

Pam next explained the delegate election taking place later in the meeting; how the ballot was created and asked if anyone else should be added to the list. After some discussion a couple people were added to the list.

Administrative Report

The Administrative Report given by Terry Mullane is attached. Terry concluded by thanking all that helped with the 12k at Sandy Hook. He also mentioned that there were four people who set (pending ratification) American records and New Jersey member, Nora Cary, set a (pending ratification) world record.

Sport Committee Reports:

Track and Field

The Track and Field committee report given by Dave Friedman is attached. Ivan Black provided a date correction for the national masters' indoor champs which will be March 18-20, 2022.

Racewalk

The Racewalk report given by Ron Salvio is attached.

Youth

Terry gave the Youth committee report. He mentioned that we had a great two-day invitational meet at Lincoln Park in Jersey City in July with 700 events. It was a great environment. We will be hosting a XC invitational this fall. Toms River let us know that they will only have High School meets in the bubble this winter so we cannot hold a meet there. Indoor nationals are expected to be in March at Ocean Breeze. Terry announced that Al Essilfie accepted a part time coaching position at Rutgers.

Long Distance Running

Ed Neighbour was having technical difficulties, so Terry reported on the recent LDR championships which had tremendous attendance. He also listed the upcoming championships. There will be an LDR committee meeting soon and the 2022 championship bidding process will also start up soon.

Officials Committee Report

Ed Koch gave the Officials committee report. He reported that Bill Pollinger was an official at the Olympic Trials. Josiah Novak, Ed Koch, Cora Koch and Cindy Cooke were officials at the Youth Nationals in Jacksonville. He noted that there were last minute COVID related issues with the meet which caused long lines and long waits and that there were 5 weather related delays. However, there were a number of notable New Jersey national champions. Ed also mentioned that Henry Menke was profiled in the national official newsletter this month. A virtual officials meeting will be held Monday, September 27th. It will be an informational meeting with no

voting expected. A virtual introductory clinic will be held in October. Ed noted that there will be two national championships on the same weekend in NY since the Youth Nationals will be the March 18-21st, the same weekend as the Master Indoor meet that Dave reported. The Youth National outdoor will be in late June or early July 2022 in Jacksonville, FL; the National Junior Olympics will be in Sacramento in late July. In December 2022, the National XC meet will be in College Station, Texas. The 2021 national XC meet will be an all comers meet.

Delegate Elections:

Bill Pollinger and Jason Lattimore agreed that a 3-person panel to count ballots would not be necessary since electronic balloting would automatically count the ballots for us. Pam reviewed the overall process of delegate elections. Potential delegates were provided with time to introduce themselves and explain why they wanted to be considered a delegate for the 2021 Annual Meeting. Jason made a motion to allow virtual voting, it was seconded and approved unanimously. The Survey Monkey link was then provided in the Zoom chat. The top 14 elected delegates are: Wayne Baker, Debbie Brathwaite, Laura Delea, David Friedman, Ed Koch, Jason Lattimore, Terry Mullane, Ed Neighbour, Bill Pollinger, Chris Rinaldi, Ron Salvio, Jennifer Simpson, Phyllis Smith-Livingston, Mark Williams.

If all of those elected do plan to attend the Annual Meeting, the lowest vote getter will need to be replaced with an International Athlete (IA) since each association must have at least one IA in attendance.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Proposed Bylaw updates

Jennifer, Jason and Pam worked together to propose bylaw changes that have been posted on the website for over 30 days. Jennifer and Jason described the types of proposed changes – typos, clarifications, current practices. A motion was made, seconded and approval was granted for all recommended bylaw changes.

Meeting Adjournment

With no further new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.